

SURBITON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL

AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER 2025

WELCOME

May I extend a very warm welcome to your child and family from all of us at Surbiton Hill Nursery. We are really excited to be starting this new year together with your whole family and watching your child as they grow and progress over this year.

Starting nursery is a big step and I know that you will have lots of questions, and possibly some worries too. I do hope that the home visit, meetings and conversations with staff have supported you. I am starting to get to know many of you and have enjoyed saying hello at drop off or pick up. I have also loved meeting your fantastic children who have started to settle into their class. We have been so pleased that many of the children are already so confident, making friends and playing so purposefully so early on in the new term.

This is our first newsletter of this academic year. Our newsletters will be sent home at the start of each term. They will hopefully keep you informed of events that are happening in the nursery and provide you with information about other activities that might interest you. Each newsletter will include a list of forthcoming dates. We will also remind you of key dates (for example, school closures). The newsletter will be sent via Tapestry and can be viewed on our website. Paper copies will be made available in the nursery if you prefer.



We have a school website <https://surbitonhillnursery.com> and this will also provide you with additional information about our school such as reporting absences, holidays, policies, etc.

For all absence, please call the office on 020 8390 2555 or email office@shn.kingston.sch.uk

We will shortly be offering you an appointment to meet with your child's Teacher. This will be an opportunity to talk about how your child has settled and to find out about the work that we do as a school to help progress your child's learning in nursery. We are interested to know how your child is progressing at home and the consultations give you an opportunity to ask questions and work with us in partnership. I do hope that you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

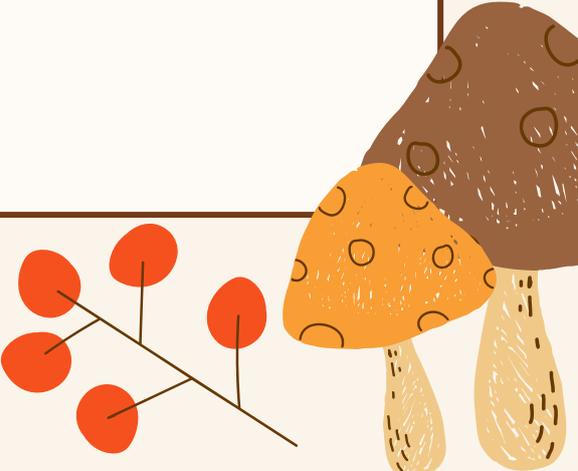
We welcome Hannah Tayler to the team as our new Senco.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Chelsey Ryan as she is moving away from the area. We wish Chelsey all the very best and thank her for her enormous contribution to the Surbiton Hill community.

Lastly, I would like to say that I hope you and your child will enjoy your time with us. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Esther



Our Curriculum and Outdoor Learning

We have developed our curriculum to create a highly ambitious, broad and inclusive curriculum.

We use a seasonal approach to learning, exploring the world around us to learn and develop the children's knowledge. We do this through our environment, both inside and outside, using authentic resources and providing a range of experiences to develop the children's understanding and encouraging curiosity in new ideas.

Our school follows approaches from Scandinavian countries, such as Sweden, to introduce nature to children. This term the children will be looking at the changing season of Autumn into Winter. Once the children are more settled, we will be taking small groups to Fishponds to learn about our local area. We welcome help from parents as volunteers. Please contact Jacqui if you are interested in helping.

If your child would like to bring in any items they have found linking to Autumn, such as pine cones and conkers, that would be much appreciated.

Natural Thinkers

We are now an accredited setting.

Natural Thinkers is a programme that supports our teachers and practitioners in connecting children with nature and enables us to bring all aspects of the curriculum outside with accessible activities.

Appropriate Clothing

The nursery is a workshop environment where we all get dirty. We are encouraging children to become independent in their self-help skills. All the materials we use are described as 'washable', but we do find that some colours come out of clothing more easily than others! The garden continues to be an important part of our learning environment and we plan opportunities inside and out throughout the winter months. Please could you dress your child in practical, warm and waterproof clothing so they can enjoy these activities.

Children are encouraged to look after their personal belongings, but clothes they take off are easily mislaid. Therefore, please name all clothes, especially hats, coats, scarves, sweatshirts, etc. We put any unnamed items that we find in the lost property basket by the office

“Every child, Every chance, Every day!”

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Curriculum Overview

At SHNS our curriculum is accessible for all of our children.
The same goal, different pathways

1

To become a confident learner - PSED

To understand others and be understood - C&L

2

3

To move with purpose while managing risks - PD

To enjoy stories and rhymes - Literacy

4

5

To be a mathematical problem solver - Maths

To explore and look after my world and the people in it - UTW

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7

To create an emotional response through my senses - EAD

To become resilient and persevere even when things are hard

8

EVERY CHILD WILL MAKE PROGRESS AND BECOME CURIOUS AND PURPOSEFUL LEARNERS.

EVERY CHILD WILL ENJOY A RICH AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT, WHERE ALL CHILDREN AND ALL FAMILIES FEEL INCLUDED, SECURE AND VALUED.

WE RECOGNISE THAT PLAY IS THE MOST POWERFUL MEDIUM FOR LEARNING IN THE EARLY YEARS AND TO PROVIDE RICH AND STIMULATING FIRST HAND EXPERIENCES.

EVERY CHILD WILL BE CELEBRATED AND OUR CURRICULUM WILL BUILD ON WHAT CHILDREN ALREADY KNOW AND CAN DO.

EVERY CHILD WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND DISPOSITION TO LEARN.

WE AIM TO ESTABLISH TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STAFF, PARENTS AND CARERS TO DEVELOP THE CHILD'S FULL POTENTIAL.

PARKING

Parking around the school is limited. The car parking area in Alpha Road has permits in place between 11am and 2pm every day. Middle Green Close is for residents parking only and there are regular parking attendants who check. As a matter of courtesy to our neighbours, may I remind you not to park in residents parking bays, or to block residents' cars when bringing or collecting children.

We are a "no idling" area and ask for all engines to be switched off when stationary.

TAPESTRY

Some of you have asked "How do we know what they have been doing all day?"

Very young children often can't remember all of the exciting things they have done each day as they have done so much!

We will be sharing our observations and photographs via Tapestry.

Please add your own photos too - the children love to share these with adults and their friends.

We also use Tapestry as a general communication tool about events happening at the nursery.

If you have not yet done so, please activate your account and speak to the office if you have any queries.

MOBILE PHONES



When in the school grounds, please do not use your mobile phone.

TOILETING

We remind children to use the toilet. However, accidents still do happen as they get engaged in many exciting activities and may leave it too late. This is not a problem for us and you do not need to worry if your child has accidents.

If this is recurrent for your child, your teacher will discuss with you ways that we can manage this together.

The ERIC website is very useful for tips and ideas on toileting, toilet training and all things toilet related.

Food and drink

Please bring a named water bottle daily. Water only please, no juice.

For snack time, please bring fruit (whole) or snacks, like crackers or breadsticks (whole packets only please).

We are a nut aware school - please do not bring nuts. Please ensure snacks are not eaten on site at pick up and drop off.

Special items

Please do not bring special items into the nursery. We cannot guarantee to keep any items safe.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Research shows that children with high attendance in nursery start primary school with better learning outcomes and high levels of school readiness.

Encouraging regular attendance provides structure and simple routines that help children's development. Bring your child to nursery on time every session.

Good attendance and punctuality establishes good habits from the start. Children settle more quickly into new settings and routines when arriving on time.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 8 th October	Photographer in school
Saturday 11 th October	Big Bulb Plant 10-11.30am All welcome
Week commencing 20 th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 24 th October	INSET DAY - Nursery closed to ALL children
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October	Half Term (School open for children on an Year Round contract only)
Monday 3 rd November	All children return

