

Stockingford Nursery School

Newsletter January 2025



Headteachers Letter



We are incredibly proud of how well the new children have settled into our Nursery School and already began to gain confidence and build positive relationships together with our staff team and other children.

As a school we have a Governing Body that influences the school's strategic direction and for holding the headteacher and leadership team to account for the school's performance and the achievement and wellbeing of our pupils.

Our qualified teaching staff plan and drive forwards our quality of education. All staff have high aspirations for all individual children and we adapt teaching to enable all children to thrive and develop their skills and knowledge to their full potential.

Our last OFSTED inspection was on the 14th June 2022 where our overall outcome was outstanding. This report identified: 'A place of possibilities is how leaders describe their school. Highly skilled adults nurture, inspire and enable children to grow'.

Katherine King - Headteacher

Academic Year 2024-2025

Spring Term 2025



Half term: **Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025**
Term ends: **Thursday 10th April 2025**
Teacher Training Day **Friday 11th April 2025**

Summer Term 2025

Term starts: **Monday 28th April 2025**
May Day: **Monday 5th May 2025**
Teacher Training Day: **Tuesday 6th May 2025**
Half term: **Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025**
Induction Day: **Wednesday 2nd July 2025**
Term ends: **Monday 21st July 2025**

Weather Warning Emergency School Closures

For the attention of all Parents & Carers

Please be aware that in severe weather conditions, it may be necessary for the Nursery to close. If this situation does arise, we will alert you as listed below.

Also, if you have access to the internet, you can visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

This website provides continually updated information as it comes in from the schools.



IMPORTANT

The Nursery School will send an app message to parents if we need to close. We will also update our Nursery School website to share this information.

<https://www.stockingfordnurseryschool.co.uk/>

Parking

Parents please do not park in our car park, it is solely for the use of staff. Do not park across our neighbours driveways.

Thank you.



MySchoolApp

The Nursery School uses **MySchoolApp** to communicate with parents.



This is a free app that you need to register to before your child starts Nursery, so that we can start to send any communications to you ready for the start of the new school year. **Please see the Office for information on how to sign up.**

Food Bank Vouchers

Stockingford Nursery School can issue Food Bank Vouchers for families struggling with the cost of living crisis to use locally. Just pop to the Office or speak to a DSL for more information.

Absence Reporting

We have made reporting your child's absence easier.

Please try out our dedicated absence messaging service, by calling us on **02476 383708** and select

option 1 to leave us a message. Alternatively you can use



Poetry Competition

We are excited to be taking part in the 'All About Me' Literacy First Poem event. Please click on the link or speak to Mrs Smith to find out more.

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/eyfs/mfp25>



ATTENDANCE

NHS Guide for Parents on Illnesses and School Attendance

If you are unsure of your child's condition – you can use this handy NHS guide:



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please can Parents contact the Nursery every day their child is absent to let us know the reason why their child is not attending Nursery.

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

The role of Attendance Champions is to monitor and support families to improve attendance. Regular and punctual attendance is very important and we know from many studies that children who attend well do better in school.

In Big Nursery Tina Shepherd and Katherine King are our Attendance Champions.

In Little Nursery Jo Stubbs (Room Lead) and Katherine King (Headteacher and Lead DSL) are our Attendance Champions.

Big Nursery
Attendance Champions.



Katherine King



Tina Shepherd

Little Nursery
Attendance Champions.



Katherine King



Jo Stubbs

NURSERY - CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

We aim for **85%** attendance and last term attendance was:

Big Nursery children was **84%**

Little Nursery children was **77%**.



Our Attendance Champions will be robustly monitoring any individual children whose attendance is below 85%. By selecting our Local Authority Nursery School we are asking for your support to ensure that you support us with high expectations for establishing a good routine and regular attendance.

Research evidence has identified:

'Students with higher attendance rates consistently exhibited better grades and achieved greater levels of attainment'.

If your child is absent from Nursery

Regular attendance in Nursery is important to support your child's learning and sets up a good routine ready for starting school - however if your child is unwell then **please remember to let the Nursery know either:**



Myschoolapp
Telephone
Email

02476 383708
admin1041@welearn365.com

(please ensure you put your child's full name and the reason for their absence in the text)



They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Nursery.

Please could you make sure all your phone numbers are up to date if not please let the office know of any changes.

If you are going on holiday please fill in a holiday form at the Reception desk.

Nursery Notices

Big Nursery sessions are:

- ☞ 9.00am - 11.30am for the morning session.
- ☞ 12.40pm - 3.10pm for the afternoon session.
- ☞ 9.00am - 3.00pm for the 30 hour children



Little Nursery sessions are:

- ☞ AM Session 8.45am - 11.45am
- ☞ PM Session 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Please can you make sure you pick your child up on time, Nursery Staff need to clean between sessions and children can become a little upset if they are collected later. Thank you.



String bags

If children choose to use drawstring bags, they can be hung on your child's coat peg. If they choose to use a small backpack in Big Nursery they can be placed at the bottom of the coat trolley beneath their child's coat.

Please can you ensure that your child brings a full change of clothes including socks (and nappy changing items and wipes if required).

Make sure all coats and clothing is named.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE



Big Nursery - Anaphylaxis pupil. Please can we remind families to only bring food and drinks to our school in your child's packed lunchbox. We continue to request that **no eggs** are provided to keep a child with anaphylaxis safe in our care.



Donations

Both Nursery classes would appreciate donations of Nursery sized trousers or wellington boots to help us enjoy outdoor learning!

September places

In our Big Nursery we will have a number of 30-hour places available again for September. Please let our office staff know if you would like to be on our waiting list for a place. There will also be 15-hour places available again in both our Big and Little Nursery classes if you have friends or other children that you wish to register for a place.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's)

At Stockingford nursery School, our Designated Safeguarding Leads can also provide support and signpost to services.

Here are the team that can support you:

- Katherine King, , Headteacher - Designated safeguard Lead
- Sally Phillips, Teacher - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Tina Shepherd, Senior Early Years Educator - Named Designated Safeguard Lead.
- Jo Stubbs, Senior Early Years Educator - Named Designated Safeguard Lead



Katherine King



Sally Phillips



Tina Shepherd



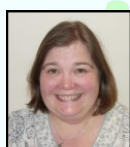
Jo Stubbs

*Under the Education Act 2002, schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer and discuss the need to make a referral to Children's Social Care if that is considered necessary. **This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm or cause undue delay.** The school will seek advice from Children's Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead carries out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acts in the best interests of all children.'*

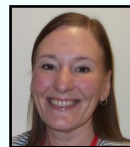
Well being corner

Welcome to our wellbeing corner which aims to provide support and ideas for keeping you and your child emotionally and mentally well. Each month this newsletter will offer tips, information and support for you and your child, so read through and have a go- you never know. Sometimes a small change can make a big difference! We are lucky in our Centre to have Mental Health First Aid staff who can offer a listening ear and if need be, guide you to finding the right support and services. Please ask if you would like any further information about Mental Health and Wellbeing. Never be afraid, worried or scared to ask for support! We are always here to offer a helping hand.

Mental Health First Aiders



Sally Phillips



Sara Ward

Looking after your own mental health

The NHS Every Mind Matters website have some useful information for anyone who feels they may need a little support or advice.

Parenting or caring for a child or young person can be tough. It's important to make sure you look after your own mental wellbeing, as this will help you support yourself and those you care about. Try to recognise and acknowledge when you're feeling low or overwhelmed. Struggling with something or experiencing your own mental health problems does not make you a bad parent or carer.

It's completely normal to be worried, scared or helpless during difficult times, and feeling this way is nothing to be ashamed of. Is there a friend, fellow parent or carer you trust enough to tell how you're feeling? Maybe there's family, friends or a colleague who could support you or allow you a break? There's plenty of help out there. You should never feel like you have to cope on your own. Young Minds has lots of support for parents, including a helpline and guidance around parenting with a mental illness. Mind has information and suggestions on how to manage parenting with a mental health problem.

Scope has advice on managing stress when caring for a disabled child.

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/?WT.src=search&WT.mc_id=EMMParentsSearch&gclid=EAlaIqobChMlrBLH8sjc6wIVw7HtCh07jQjWEAAYASAAEgIJTvD_BwE

Well being corner



Children's Wellbeing

Young children will look to adults to develop positive feelings about themselves and to begin to be curious about their emotions.

Here are some strategies to consider using.

https://www.reddit.com/r/coolguides/comments/eh690j/how_to_support_your_childs_mental_health/#lightbox

Try to focus on taking notice this time as one of the 'Five ways to well-being'

1. **Take notice**
2. Keep learning
3. Connect
4. Be active and be creative
5. Play

Reminding yourself to '**take notice**' can strengthen and broaden your awareness.

Studies have shown that being aware of what is taking place in the present directly enhances your well-being and savouring 'the moment' can help to reaffirm your life priorities.

Take some time to enjoy the moment and the environment around you. Here are a few ideas:

- Get a plant for your home or workspace
- Have a 'clear the clutter' day
- Take notice of how people are feeling or acting
- Take a different route on your journey to or from home, school work
- Visit a new place for lunch or coffee.

Makaton signs of the Month January

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



We are proud to say we are a
Makaton



Wash Hands



Hello



Goodbye



Help



Eat



Drink



Toilet

British Values

At nursery we promote and teach 'British values' to help everyone live in safe and welcoming communities where they feel that they belong.

These British values are:

- ⇒ **Democracy**
- ⇒ **Rule of law**
- ⇒ **Individual liberty**
- ⇒ **Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.**



These values are not unique to Britain, but are universal aspirations that help to promote equality. The British values are fundamental to helping children to develop tolerance and sensitivity to others and help to develop a fair and equal society.

NHS Better Health Start for Life

The NHS Better start for life have produced some great resources for parents and carers around different stages of language development. The resources are broken down into different ages and provide parents with tips and guidance on incorporating the learning of language skills into everyday life through fun activities.



[Early learning and development - Start for Life - NHS - NHS](#)

NHS Vaccines

Childhood Immunisations: Protecting Our Children and Communities

Warwickshire is currently experiencing high rates of flu, RSV, and COVID-19. Vaccines remain the most effective way to protect individuals from many serious and potentially deadly diseases. By vaccinating your children, you not only safeguard their health but also help protect others in their family and community. This includes those who cannot be vaccinated, such as babies too young for certain vaccines or individuals who are too unwell to receive them.



To learn more about the NHS childhood vaccination schedule and the protection it offers, visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Family Information Service Newsletter

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting.

You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies.



Please click on the link below for this weeks Newsletter which includes information about Home to school transport, Free cost of living workshop and Washing pod and capsules safety

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8827905?e=c6f4b2cd42>

What's happening at Stockingford Library



February

Half Term Activities in
Stockingford Library
Thursday
20th February 2025

join us for
Winter Crafts
10am - 11am
Rhyme Time
11am - 11:30am
Lego
3.30pm - 4.30pm



Stockingford Library

FREE Lego Club

Are you bored after school on a
Thursday?
Why not come to Lego club!
Lots of bricks and a new theme every
week.
3.30 - 4.30pm

Learn, Build and Play

For children aged 4 and above with their grown-ups.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
(This activity is not suitable for younger children due to
small Lego parts)

St. Pauls Road Nuneaton CV10 8HW



Rhyme Time!

For 0-2 year olds
FREE! and their carers



Join us for rhymes for 0-2 year olds
Come and join in with rhymes suitable for
a child from birth to toddler.

THURSDAYS

11am - 11:30am

You are warmly invited to choose some books
before you leave. We are so happy to welcome
you into our Library and we hope you will have
lots of fun with us.



Advice

&

Support



Drop in for support and advice
for all families in Warwickshire.
Monday - 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Stockingford Children and Family Centre

Family Support Worker
Duty Line Telephone
Number

For families, children
and young people 0-19
years old, or 0-25
years with additional
needs

01926 412412
9am - 4pm
Monday - Friday



The Early Help and
Targeted Support Team

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For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

Duty Line 01926 412412 - 9am – 4pm Monday – Friday

**Drop In
Sessions**

**Free and
every
week**

Monday 12.00-2.00pm

Stockingford Children and Family Centre
St Pauls Road, Nuneaton CV10 8HW

Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm

St Michaels Children and Family Centre
Hazel Grove, Bedworth CV12 9DA

Thursday 1.15-3.15pm

Camp Hill Children and Family Centre
Hollystitches Road, Nuneaton CV10 9QA

Friday 12.00-2.00pm

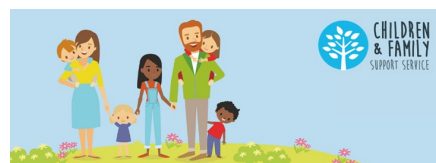
Riversley Park Children and Family Centre
Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5TY

Please note that times and dates may change during school holidays.

Family Information Service (FIS)

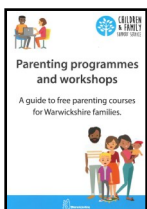
We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare health and wellbeing



Phone: 01926 742274

Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>



Parenting Information

Parenting Programmes and 2 Hour Workshops

Please visit the link below:

<http://childrenandfamilies.eventbrite.com>

