

# Stockingford Nursery School Newsletter February 2025



## Headteachers Letter

### Dear Parents/Carers

We are continuing to support the staff team to develop their knowledge of the importance of quality interactions. All of our team have now accessed Time to Talk training. Our Time to Talk Champions have also recently accessed Tier 3 in practice training. They are also experienced at assessing pupils using the Wellcomm screen tool to see if further interventions or a SALT referral is required. At the Warwickshire Time to Talk Conference our Champions shared their LEGRO story interventions with others and inspired them with their teaching ideas.

Makaton is also used as a tool to support communication and language. We will be building on communication next week during early literacy focused work for World Book Day celebrations as we work together in partnership with the library for story telling.



Katherine King - Headteacher



## Academic Year 2024-2025

### Spring Term 2025



World Book Day

Term ends:

Teacher Training Day

Thursday 6th March 2025

Thursday 10th April 2025

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Summer Term 2025

Term starts:

May Day:

Teacher Training Day

Half term:

Induction Day:

Term ends:

Monday 28th April 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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**



If you wish to talk to a teacher or your child's key worker, please let us know at transition times or leave a message with Reception and we can arrange this at the beginning or end of teaching sessions.



# 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



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**

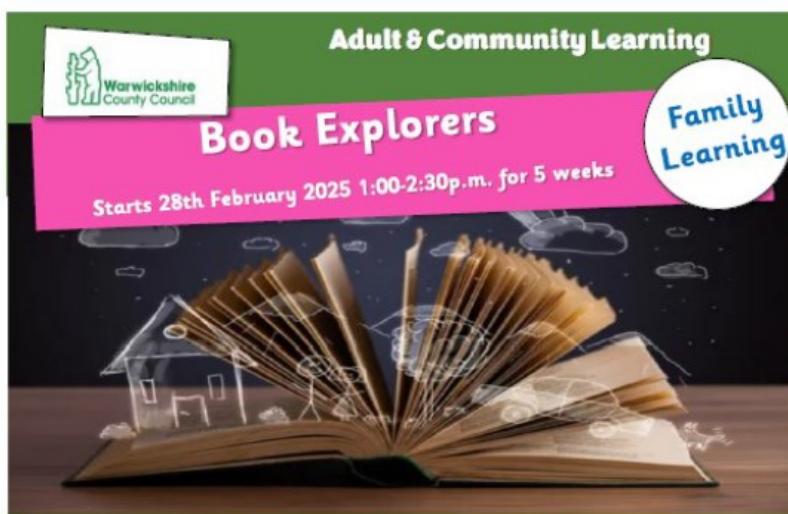
Please can you make sure you pick your child up on time, Nursery Staff need to clean between sessions and children can become a little upset if they are collected later. Thank you.



## 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.**



Parent only session for information and paperwork 28th February, then bring your children with you for the next 4 weeks

- Fun, free sessions for big nursery children and their parents, themed around a different book each week.
- Singing, stories, drawing and mark making.

Sign up at the front desk.

Adults must complete an enrolment form for funding purposes

### 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

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the **Warwickshire Children and Families Family Connect** immediately by calling **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch **out of usual office hours**, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately by calling **01926 886922**.

If you think that **a child is at immediate risk**, contact the Police immediately by calling **999**.

## 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.



Sally Phillips



Sara Ward

### Mental Health First Aiders

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.tsref=search&WT.mc\\_id=EMMParentsSearch&gclid=EA1aIQobChM1rbLH8sjc6wIVw7HtCh07jQiWEAAYASAAEgIJTvD\\_BwE](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/?WT.tsref=search&WT.mc_id=EMMParentsSearch&gclid=EA1aIQobChM1rbLH8sjc6wIVw7HtCh07jQiWEAAYASAAEgIJTvD_BwE)

# Well being corner

When you feel your child needs just a little bit more support with their wellbeing

## Play outside together

Take time to explore, discover, climb and run or create obstacle course for one another. Make dens outdoors. Could you all have a picnic in the den?

## Use emotional language

We need to help children understand their feelings and using emotional language will help give them the vocabulary they need to understand their own feelings, as well as other people's. Even when children are babies we can start talking about their feelings. For example, when a baby is crying to be fed, we can say: "It's okay, I know you are feeling hungry. I am going to feed you now."

When a toddler is crying because their parent has left them at nursery, we can say: "I can see that you are really sad that Mummy has gone. She will be back later but I am here for you now."

## Stop rushing

We are often very busy but we need to help children find the time to rest and experience moments of stillness. Find time to lay back together and relax or daydream? You can also use yoga and mindfulness with young children.

## Being creative

Give children the space to be creative and join in the process with them. Find times to sing and dance with them. Give children the opportunity to experiment with a wide range of materials and mark-making tools. Creativity should be about enjoying the activity and not about having a finished product.

## Join in

Children have a passion for learning and discovering. They need adults around them who want to learn and explore with them. Be a co-explorer and adventurer with your child. Children are great at becoming fascinated by something – this might be the snail and sticks you see on the road as you are walking to the shops, or it might be a keen interest in dinosaurs.

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/happy-children-%E2%80%94-taking-care-young-peoples-wellbeing>



## Makaton signs of the Month February

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



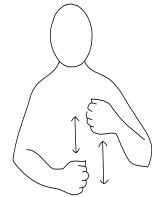
We are proud to say we are a  
Makaton accredited School



Apple



Water



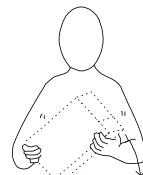
Milk



Orange



Banana



Cereal



Cheese



## British Values - Democracy

Democracy is where everyone is treated equally and has equal rights. At Nursery we support children with their personal, social and emotional development by giving them opportunities to develop their self-confidence and self-awareness. Children are encouraged to express their views and value the opinions and ideas of others. Through 'In the Moment Planning' we encourage children to make choices and decisions about their learning and what they would like to explore. Teaching supports taking turns, sharing, collaborating and making decisions together. Adults also give children opportunities to develop enquiring minds by encouraging them to ask questions and to talk about their feelings.



# What's happening at Stockingford Library



## Stockingford Library Lego Club

**FREE** 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



## World Book Day

### Thursday 6th March

Come to nursery dressed as a favourite book character, or in your favourite clothes.

Second-hand book sale at the start and end of morning and afternoon nursery sessions.

Please support your Nursery to raise money for outdoor play equipment.



 **Rhyme Time!**  
For 0-2 year olds and their carers **FREE!**

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.

 Bookstart  Warwickshire County Council  LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

# Advice

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# 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  
**01926 412412**  
9am -4pm  
Monday -Friday

For families, children  
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**Drop In  
Sessions**  
**Free and  
every  
week**

<b>Monday 12.00-2.00pm</b>	<b>Stockingford Children and Family Centre</b> St Pauls Road, Nuneaton CV10 8HW
<b>Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm</b>	<b>St Michaels Children and Family Centre</b> Hazel Grove, Bedworth CV12 9DA
<b>Thursday 1.15-3.15pm</b>	<b>Camp Hill Children and Family Centre</b> Hollystitches Road, Nuneaton CV10 9QA
<b>Friday 12.00-2.00pm</b>	<b>Riversley Park Children and Family Centre</b> Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5TY

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

## Family Information Service (FIS)

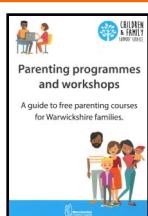
We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- 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>

