



Starting Nursery



Our Nursery runs from 9am-3pm, Monday to Friday, term time.

Term Dates 2024/2025



Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February
HALF TERM

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April
(Non-Pupil Day – Friday 21st March)

EASTER HOLIDAYS



Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 5th September – Friday 25th October
HALF TERM

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December
(Non-Pupil Day – Monday 2nd December)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May
HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June- Friday 18th July

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



WHAT DO I NEED FOR NURSERY?

Having the right equipment for school can be very important to a young child. Here is a small list of items your child will need in school.

- **Bag** – A bag that will hang neatly on a peg with a change of clothes in (and nappies if needed).
- **Coat, hat & gloves or sunhat & sun cream.**
- **Wellies, waterproofs for Forest School.**

LUNCHTIMES AND BREAK TIME SNACKS

Fruit at Snack time

All the children have a morning snack break. During this time all children in Foundation Stage Unit will be provided with a healthy snack and a drink of milk or water.

Lunchtime

Lunch time is 11:45 – 12:15.

Parents have the option of their child having a school dinner that is cooked on site or to bring a packed lunch. School lunches are £2.50 and need to be booked and paid for via Parentpay.



The children are guided through dinner time by Nursery staff so a friendly face is always around. They eat their lunch in the school hall with older children. Playtimes take place on the field or playground depending on the weather. Nursery staff are available to support the children during this time.



SETTLING IN

When first starting nursery children can get upset very easily. These are some of the things that can make settling in a little bit harder:

- **Lateness** – both dropping off and picking up
- **Using the toilet** - ensure there is a change of clothes, including underwear in their bag.
- **Changes in home life** - who's picking them up etc (please keep the staff informed)
- **Leaving parents** – clear goodbye.



Whatever happens, we are only a phone call away – and ready to reassure if you feel upset too! Please speak to our Nursery team about helping your child to settle in.



WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW...

Throughout your child's time at Nursery, it is important that teachers and parents and carers communicate and talk about any concerns or problems that might affect your child. Here are a few things that are important for us to know:

- If your child is feeling under the weather or has any symptoms.
- If you are potty training and how we can support your child.
- Any changes to usual family routines.
- Any accomplishments, achievements and family celebrations.

MEDICAL MATTERS

If your child is prescribed medication by your family doctor, is well enough to return to school but needs to take the medication during the school day, please complete a 'administration of medicines' form (available from the school office). Please leave this and the medication at the school office.

Inhalers and epipens should be passed to nursery staff who will store them in a safe but accessible place.



WHAT CAN I DO TO SUPPORT MY CHILD?

Here are just a few things which you can do to help your child to get ready for starting nursery.

- Sharing stories
- Singing rhymes
- Counting up steps
- Counting and touching things
- Eating at a table is a good thing
- Dressing and undressing
- Using a knife and fork



HELPING YOUR CHILD ONCE THEY'RE IN NURSERY

There are many ways you can support your child once they are in Nursery.

- Reading with them every day.
- Counting with them.
- Attending parent workshops and meetings.
- Sitting quietly for short lengths of time to share a story.
- Talking with them about what they have been doing in Nursery and what they have enjoyed and why.
- Playing games with them such as snakes and ladders.
- Helping them to gather resources that the teacher might request (e.g. items for an Autumn display).
- Labelling all clothes / belongings.
- **Talking to the nursery staff regularly.**
- **Sharing and contributing to Learning Journals.**

FINANCE

Invoices are issued half-termly for hours that are not funded by Devon County Council (currently £5.00ph). All 3 and 4 year olds are funded for 15 hours a week from the **term after their 3rd birthday** and you can apply for 15 hours of funding for 2 year olds / 30 hours of funding for 3 & 4 year olds via HMRC. Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out more.



ONLINE COMMUNICATION

- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/blackawton-primary-school>
- School Website: <http://www.blackawtonprimary.org.uk>
- Online Learning Journal- TAPESTRY www.eylj.org

All children in Foundation Stage have an online learning journal which is accessed using a secure username and password. It is an opportunity for both school and home to contribute to their child's learning.



TERMINOLOGY

Many of the words that we use at school may have changed since you were at school. Here are some of the more frequently used ones that you may hear:

Foundation Stage – Education of children aged 2 to 5 years.

Early Years Profile- assessment document for the Early Years children.

Reception Class – your child's first class at primary school.

Key Stage 1 – Infants (5 – 7 years).

Key Stage 2 – Juniors (7 – 11 years).

Phonics – Read, Write Inc.

Literacy – English.

Numeracy – Maths.

ICT – Using new technology particularly computers.

Design Technology – Craft, Sewing, etc.

PERSONNEL

It is always useful to know who's who in nursery. Here are a few of the people you will hear about:



Sarah Scott
Foundation Stage Teacher



Jo Mitchell
Nursery
Supervisor



Gina
Springer



Teagan
Green

We hope that this gives you useful information to give you and your child a smooth transition into school. If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01803 712363.