Nursery

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Messages

Welcome to the Autumn Term

The Nursery day

Morning session
8:45am-11:45am

Afternoon session
12:30pm-3:30pm

Contact Details

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Please include both Nursery Teachers in your emails to ensure you have the quickest response. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

Bedtime Reading launch
Thursday 1st October 2026
Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to Nursery to celebrate our Bedtime Reading scheme

End of term
Thursday 22nd October 2026

Independence

We are encouraging children to become independent when putting their coats and shoes on. Please help practsie these skills at home.

IMPORTANT

Please ensure ALL belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name, including all items of uniform, their coat, water bottle, bag, shoes and wellies.

Upcoming events

We hope you had a lovely summer and made lots of special memories with your family and friends. We are excited to be welcoming lots of new friends to Griffin Nursery in the coming weeks. We know our current Nursery children will be very friendly and make their new friends feel welcome!

This half term, our topic is "My Family and I'. We will be looking at lots of different aspects of family life including routines, growth and changes. If you haven't already, please send a family photograph to jade.walker@vennacademy.org -we would love to display it in our home corner role play area. Thank you!

Autumn 1 My Family and I

Literacy- *We will be developing 'pre-writing' skills using various resources, such as shallow sand, paint, water and large chalks on the floor. We will be talking and mark making about ourselves, our likes and dislikes and our families. Additionally, chn will be encouraged children to make marks as part of their play.*

Maths- *In maths we will focus on the number 1; finding out 'what is one?' and ask 'what is how many?'. We will develop our knowledge of size and look for the simple 2D shape, circle, in our environment. We will sort and match natural objects by similarities.*

Expressive Arts and Design- *Children can enjoy painting, drawing and singing nursery rhymes on a daily basis. During Art Week, we will explore features of a face and create a self portrait using natural objects.*

Understanding the World- *We will listen to stories about families and share photos of our own families with each other. We will talk about how people grow and how things have changed compared to when our grandparents were children.*

Physical Development- *Children will develop both gross and fine motor skills such as climbing, balancing, large mark making, manipulating play dough, drawing, writing and snipping in both the indoor and outdoor areas of Nursery.*

PSED- *In our Jigsaw sessions we will be focusing on 'Being Me in My World'. We will be talking about feeling happy and sad and how we can work together and be kind to others.*