



## Welcome to Fawcett Nursery

In Nursery we learn through lots of play and playful activities (for example, going on a listening walk, looking for shapes in the outdoor environment and making constructions). We have guided learning sessions with the adults throughout the day in small groups. We gather together to sing songs, play games and listen to stories. Each half term our learning begins with a topic as a starting point to engage and inspire the children. Within this is the opportunity for the children's own interests to develop and direct the course that the topic will take.

### Settling In

Nursery begins with a settling in period to ensure each child feels safe and secure in their new surroundings. Therefore we have a staggered entry over the first few weeks of term enabling adults and children time and space to get to know each other.

Each child is unique and takes on new challenges in a different way. If you feel your child is not yet ready for a full day or even a full session there is room for flexibility in the first few weeks so please speak to any member of staff to discuss how best to settle your child.

### Our Areas of Learning

In Nursery we follow the EYFS curriculum which is based around the following seven areas of learning:

Prime Areas:	Specific Areas:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personal, Social and Emotional Development</li><li>• Physical Development</li><li>• Communication and Language</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Literacy</li><li>• Mathematics</li><li>• Understanding the World</li><li>• Expressive Arts and Design</li></ul>

We also plan activities and resource our environment to encourage children to develop their own 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'. Beginning to develop these skills, such as perseverance, taking a risk, thinking critically and making links, will equip them as learners throughout school and beyond.

To find out more please take a look at the school website [www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk](http://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk). The following document is a useful guide to the EYFS curriculum:



You can find it here: <https://foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

## **Uniform and Clothing**

Nursery children are encouraged to wear school uniform. We have adjusted the uniform policy so it is better suited to wet/ messy play! The priority for Nursery children is for them to be comfortable so that they can access all learning opportunities. One of the primary objectives of a child's year in Nursery is that they become much more independent with their dressing and going to the toilet. Shoes should have Velcro fastenings rather than laces and trousers and skirts ideally should have elastic waists rather than tricky buttons and belts. Darker coloured tops are a preference over white as they are easier to keep clean. Although aprons are worn, clothes can still end up getting paint and other messy play resources on them. We therefore recommend the following items:

- Navy blue or dark blue plain t-shirt or polo shirt
- Dark (e.g. black, grey, navy) tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Shoes with Velcro or no fastenings (no shoelaces please)
- Navy jumper/ cardigan with or without the school logo

If you do choose to send them in uniform this can be ordered through our recommended supplier [www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk) or purchased at a local supermarket.

## **Important Information**

- **We will require parents to collect their children promptly at the end of sessions. Late fees will apply to the sum of £1 for every 1 min after a 5min late window.**
- Please complete the 'Summer Booklet' (with picture frames in your pack) with your child and return it to us in September.
- Morning session: **9a.m. – 12 o'clock**. Afternoon session: **12 o'clock – 3 p.m.**
- Nursery lunch time will take place from 12.10 – 12.40 p.m. All the full day and afternoon children will have lunch with us. You can pay for a hot lunch or send your child in with a packed lunch.
- Packed lunches – we are a **nut free** school so please do not include any products containing nuts. Lunches should be as healthy as possible with no chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks.
- We ask that children do not bring their own toys to Nursery as they can easily get lost and create sharing issues. If your child has a special toy/comforter that they need during their settling period they are welcome to bring this and store on their peg.
- Please check the school calendar on the federation website to keep up to date with Nursery events [www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk](http://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk)
- We also kindly ask that your child is potty trained before they start Nursery. If you have any worries about this please speak to the team. Please find further advice about this on the following websites:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/potty-training-tips/>  
<https://www.eric.org.uk/top-10-potty-training-tips>

**We look forward to getting to know you all in September!**

**The Nursery Team**

## Things to Bring to Nursery

- **A full change of spare clothes** - Please ensure each item is **named** and available at Nursery every day (these can be left in a bag on your child's peg)
- **A pair of welly boots** (again please label these with your child's name and leave at Nursery on the welly racks)
- **Extra layers** - e.g. jumpers/cardigans and hats, scarves, gloves (during the winter months)
- **A warm, waterproof coat**
- **A sunhat** (during the spring/summer months)
- **Fruit contribution** – We only get enough fruit for each child to have one piece per day therefore it would be great if you are able to bring some extra in for our communal fruit bowl e.g. a bag of apples. We will share more information in September.

**We take the children outside every day whatever the weather so please ensure they are appropriately dressed.**

### Provided by Nursery:

- **Snack** – a piece of fruit or vegetable (carrots, tomatoes, bananas, apples, tangerines and raisins)
- **Milk and water** (water provided in a named water bottle)
- **A book bag and water bottle**