NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and their families. The children are settling well and are enjoying exploring all the opportunities in their new learning environment. We encourage the children to be as independent as possible and to choose the resources they want to work with, and to put them away when they have finished with them. Please encourage your child's independence at home too, especially with putting on their coat and taking it off again.

There will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's Key Person for a settling in dialogue towards the end of September. Appointment dates have been sent to you on Arbor. Please make sure you book your appointment.

Thank you to all of you who have returned your child's Family Book in Nursery. It has been lovely to share these with the children. If you have not yet returned it, please do so and if you need us to print out photographs, please upload them on Tapestry or speak to your child's Key Person.

We look to have mixed weather over the next few weeks. Please ensure your child has a clearly named warm, waterproof coat in school, as we do go outside in all weathers.

Margaret Stocks

KEY DIARY DATES

16th September Nursery Curriculum/Forest School meeting for parents @ 9.15am and 2pm

Thursday 17th September Preschool Curriculum Information meeting for parents @ 9.15am

Thursday 17th September Nursery Curriculum/Forest School meeting for parents @ 7pm

Week commencing 28th September Parent Consultation in Nursery and Preschool

Tuesday 29th September Forest School starts for Nursery

HALF TERM – 26th-30th October

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CURRICULUM/FOREST SCHOOL MEETING

Please join us for a meeting next week (see diary dates) to find out about our curriculum here at Birchwood. For Nursery, there is also information about our Forest School sessions, which will start with our Forest School teacher Kate in a few weeks. Please make sure you sign up on our booking system via a link to that was emailed to you.

MOBILE PHONES

Birchwood Nursery and Preschool is a **no mobile phone zone** and this includes school grounds. Please put your mobile phone away before entering the school through the gate and do **NOT** use it anywhere on the school premises. This is part of our Safeguarding policy and we ask respectively that all parents follow this.

NAME YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES

Please ensure that you have named your child's clothing, particularly items that they are likely to take off. It makes it difficult for staff to locate and return items when they have no name inside them.

PARKING

Just a reminder that the car park is for **staff only**. Please park **responsibly** and with **consideration** to our neighbours on the local roads ensuring that you do **not block driveways** or infringe parking restrictions. We ask that you also respect our neighbours' gardens and do not let your children run into them on their way to or from school. We appreciate that parking is limited so, having dropped your child, please move your car as soon as possible to free up the place for other parents arriving. **I respectively ask that parents do not park in Birchway, as the space is very limited and there are zig zag lines on one side, which are illegal to park on.**

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Food and Allergies

Thank you to parents who have kept us informed about their child's allergies. Under new guidance from the DfE we now have a whole school Allergy Policy which will be published on our school website. Our senior leader responsible for Allergies in school is Caroline Neville. If your child has an allergy, please make an appointment to speak to her to ensure we have the relevant information recorded.

Please could you refrain from giving children food to eat until they have left the school grounds. We have a number of children with allergies and we have a duty of care to children whilst they are on the school site. Please can you also be aware that young children can easily choke if eating whilst walking, so ideally wait until you arrive home before giving them a healthy snack.

School Dinner Menu

Our school dinner menu is displayed on the parent board outside the main entrance. Here is a smaller version so you can see what your child is eating at lunchtime every day.

Dinner Menu Autumn (first half term) 2026

Week 1 (w/c 1st September, 21st September, 12th October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausages & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Cheesy Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Week 2 (7th September, 28th September, 19th October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Plant-based Sausages & Gravy	Mac n Cheese	Roast Beef with Gravy	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Week 3 (14th September, 5th October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy Pasta	Beef Burger	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Herby Tomato Pasta	Fish Fillet Fingers

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