



We can't wait to meet you all in Nursery!

Your Teacher will be Mrs Wooding

Here you will find all the Nursery information you need and pictures of your new classroom to look at with your child over the holidays.

We ask Parents/Carers to familiarise yourself with all the information and allow your child time to visit the photographs and talk about their new start in September.

If you have any questions, worries or would like more information contact:
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What Will I Need to bring to Nursery?



A bag you can carry yourself – backpacks are great for keeping hands free!



A spare change of clothes along with nappies and wipes if your child is still toilet training.

A coat and some wellies – if you can provide a pair of named wellies that can be left at Nursery this is really useful for when we play out in all weathers.



Please label all my belongings clearly with my name.

What I don't need:

- A water bottle – we encourage the use of open cups and jugs to pour for ourselves in Nursery. Juice will not be permitted.
- Snacks – we offer fruit and vegetables daily. In line with government healthy eating guidance we cannot offer alternative snacks.
- Shoes with laces – please be mindful that we may not be able to tie these yet 😊

What shall I wear for Nursery?

Your child will need a school uniform for Nursery.

This consists of:

- White shirt or polo shirt
- A blue jumper or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers/skirts
- Blue summer dresses/Shorts in Summer term
- Black school shoes – trainers are not permitted.

Branded Flash Ley uniform can be purchased at Crested School wear online.



Nursery have PE once a week so come to school in your PE kit on your PE day:

- A T-Shirt in your house colour
- Shorts/leggings or joggers
- Pumps or trainers



How can I be ready for Nursery?

Ask a grown-up to help you practise:

- following simple instructions, such as to collect or put away an object;
- asking simple questions and talking in sentences;
- kicking and catching a large ball;
- holding and using pencils, crayons or paintbrushes to make marks;
- moving in different ways, such as hopping, jumping and running;
- taking turns when playing games together;
- using a spoon to eat and a cup to drink;
- using the toilet and washing and drying your hands;
- putting on your coat and shoes;
- talking about stories you've read together;
- saying number names in order to five;
- playing counting and number games;
- talking about people who are special to you and special occasions for your family;
- talking about what you see in the world around you;
- creating sounds and singing songs;
- playing make-believe games by pretending.



Toilet Training for Nursery

It is our aim at Flash Ley to work in partnership with Parents & Carers to ensure all children are prepared to start Nursery. This includes toilet training. We kindly ask all children are toilet trained before starting Nursery. If your child is not toilet trained we will do this in partnership with you as soon as they begin. Parents and Carers of children who present no medical or additional needs, that do not support us in toilet training will need to change their child themselves in Nursery should they be wet or soiled during the session.

Here's how to get started:

1 Change nappies as soon as they are wet or soiled

This teaches your baby that it is healthy to be clean and dry. If you can, change their nappy in the bathroom to help them link it with wees and poos.

2 Introduce your child to a potty or toilet

by reading some of the great potty books available with your child, helping their favourite doll or toy have a 'turn' on it and then encouraging them to sit on it themselves.

3 Regular potty or toilet sitting practice

can begin once they have been introduced to the potty or toilet, building up to several times a day.

4 Encourage a healthy diet and fluid intake

Give your child a diet which includes fibre (e.g. fruit, vegetables and brown bread) to help to avoid constipation, which can make potty training harder.

5 Drink plenty of water

divided between 6-8 drinks spread evenly through the day. When introducing solids, offer water in a cup.

Top tips



Change nappies standing up on the floor (once your child can stand independently) in a bathroom and involve them in the process (e.g. flushing poo, washing hands, pushing trousers and pull-ups down and pulling back up).



Give regular nappy-free time. Try this after they have done a wee and poo so they can experience the feeling of being nappy free, without having an accident. Help them to put the nappy back on after half an hour to keep them clean and dry.



Talk about wee and poo in a matter-of-fact way.



There's plenty of expert advice available, including for families of children with SEND. Visit the Potty Training Guide website for useful links, resources, and tips from the clinicians at ERIC, The Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity.





What will my day be like at Nursery?

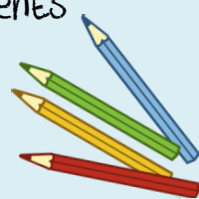
Our Nursery session is full of learning through play. We have short teaching inputs that incorporate communication and language, maths and social skills in between our child initiated play based learning. In Nursery we have a 'theme' each half term and explore carefully chosen stories and songs to support our learning.



Our Learning themes throughout the year are:

Here is an example of our Nursery day:

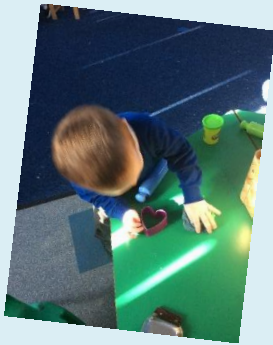
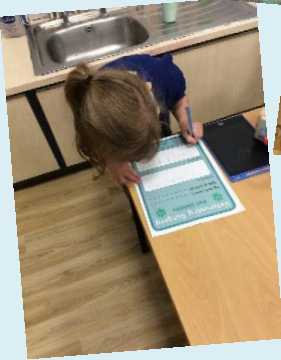
- Autumn A – Super Duper Me: All about me, my family and my home
- Autumn B – Let's Celebrate: Celebrations, traditions & festivals
- Spring A – Once Upon a Time: Fairy tales, language and storytelling
- Spring B – Down at the Bottom of the Garden: Spring, minibeasts, growing & nature
- Summer A – What a Wonderful World: My community, animals, space & oceans
- Summer B – Local Heroes: People who help us, travel, my community & my achievements



8.45	Registration/Maths Meeting
9.10	C&L—Drawing Club/Story Dough/Pen Disco
9.20	Outdoor Play
10.00	Whole Class Teach - Maths
10.15	Child Initiated Learning
11.00	Foundations for Phonics
11.15	Dough Disco/PSHE
11.30	Class Story
11.45	Home Time

What will I be doing at Nursery?

Working those gross motor skills
with bikes, balancing and lifting



We will be doing lots of mark
making indoors and outdoors to
support early writing development.
We will also be enjoying lots of
finger strengthening activities
such as play dough.

Exploring our natural world and
developing our language skills
through exploration and discussion.



Our early maths skills start
with lots of counting games.



We tell stories, sing songs
and role play to make sense
of the world around us



What is my classroom like?

We have a dedicated Nursery classroom and outdoor area. Our spaces promote calm, creativity and exploration.



What else is important to know?



If your child has any allergies, medical needs or dietary requirements please ensure this is shared before they begin.



We will invite you to sign up to our school communication platform J2E when your child starts.

We also use an online learning platform to document your child's learning journey called Evidence Me – Just provide an email address and we will regularly send you photographs of your child's learning in action.

Follow us on Facebook too!



We are an Operation Encompass School.

Safeguarding is paramount at Flash Ley.

This means we are automatically informed if there is a police presence at your home address.