



Gainsborough Nursery School

Our Autumn

Newsletter 2025



Dear Families,

It's hard to believe how quickly this first half term is flying by! The children have settling into school life with such enthusiasm, and it's been wonderful to see them growing in confidence, forming new friendships, and becoming familiar with their routines. This half term, our focus has been all about making relationships and settling in, getting to know new classrooms, new adults, and new friends. We know that every child is different, and it's perfectly normal for some to take a little longer to feel fully settled; our staff continue to support each child with care, patience, and understanding as they find their rhythm.

We're also delighted to welcome Lydia, our new full-time teacher in Blue Class. She has already settled in beautifully and feels very much part of our Nursery School family.

As always, I'm on the gate most mornings, please do come and say hello if you need anything or would just like a chat. It's a real pleasure to start the day connecting with our families and seeing the children arrive ready for another day of learning and discovery.

Laura Crawford
Head Of School





★ **Term dates for the year 2025/2026**



★ **Autumn Term 2025**

★ Last day of term 1 : Thursday 23rd October 2025

★ First day of term 2: Monday 3rd November 2025

★ Last day of term 2: 18th December 2025

★ Christmas party day: 19th December (details to follow—regular sessions do not run)

★ **Spring Term 2026**

★ First day of term 3: Tuesday 6th January 2026

★ Last day of term 3: Friday 13th February 2026

★ First day of term 4: Monday 23rd February 2026

★ Last day of term 4: Thursday 2nd April 2026

★ **Summer Term 2026**

★ First day of term 5: Tuesday 21st April 2026

★ Last day of term 5: Friday 22nd May 2026

★ First day of term 6: Monday 1st of June

★ Last day of term Tuesday 21st July 2026

★ Celebration day Wednesday 22nd July 2026 (normal sessions do not run)



Dates to remember this term...

Nursery Photographs: Thursday 16th October–

If your child is at nursery that day staff will take them for their photograph in their session. If your child doesn't attend that day but you still want a photograph you can arrive from 12 o'clock onwards to take your child for a photograph.

BBC Children In Need: Friday 14th November

Children are invited to come to Nursery wearing something spotty or brightly coloured. We will be collecting any spare coins at the main reception on that day should you wish to make a donation!



Arbor

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their patience and understanding as we have introduced the new Arbor system in school. We appreciate your support while staff and families get used to this new way of working. All parents should now have received an email inviting them to sign up to the Arbor Parent Portal. Once registered, you can also download the Arbor app, which allows you to send and receive messages directly with the school — helping us keep communication quicker and more efficient.



Car Park

We are very lucky to have a car park for parents to use. Please be considerate to others in the car park as it can get very busy at drop off and pick up times. We kindly ask that parents DO NOT park on the grass.



Little Reminders!

- ☺ Please remember to label **ALL** of your child's clothing, including coats, bags and shoes with their full name.
- ☺ Please ensure your child is wearing weather appropriate, warm clothing as it is getting colder and we do play outside for as much of the day as possible!
- ☺ If your child is toilet training, make sure they are wearing bottoms that they can pull up and down easily! Joggers are perfect instead of tights/leggings/ trousers with buttons etc.
- ☺ Can we please ask that you do not smoke anywhere in or around nursery. We are a non-smoking site.
- ☺ No dogs are allowed anywhere on nursery school grounds.
- ☺ Don't forget to let the office know by the start of the session if your child is not attending.
- ☺ Please ensure your child is collected on time at the end of their nursery session to enable us to keep to the correct staffing ratios.
- ☺ We have an increasing number of parents coming to drop off or collect their children whilst using mobile phones and sometimes on video calls. We politely remind all parents that the use of mobile phones is banned on school grounds. This helps us to keep everyone safe!

School places

** Applications for a Primary School Place - September 2026**

If your child was born between **1st September 2021** and **31st August 2022** you can apply for their Primary School place from

Please also be aware that the deadline for applying for a reception place in a primary school for September 2026 is **12:00 noon** on **15th January 2026**

Important things to remember when applying:

- You can apply for up to **three** different schools. You must rank the schools in order of preference. The first school should be the one you would most like your child to go to.
- If you apply after the closing date you are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

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Funding

Just a reminder that if you are claiming the 30-hour funding or using Tax-Free Childcare, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility **every 3 months**.

Parents can check whether they could be eligible for a range of government childcare offers, including 15 hours and 30hours free funding for 2 year old' & 30 hours free funding for 3-4 year old's via Childcare Choices at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or on the Childcare Calculator at www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator.

For a detailed guide to the 30 hours eligibility criteria, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>

Childcare
Choices



Messy Play!

We are learning all the time! Sometimes this means we will get a bit messy! We go outside whatever the weather, so we need warm clothes and coats that are ok to get dirty and wet!

The nursery uniform is designed to get messy so that favourite clothes don't get ruined! We have paint, water and other messy activities out everyday so wearing old clothes or uniform is a very good idea!!!

If you would like to bring your own wellies and waterproofs, please label them clearly with your child's name and they can be left at nursery to be used everyday!

