



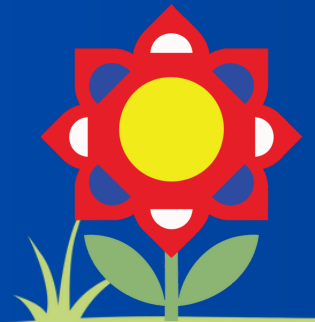
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Bertie Bees

at Stockingford Academy

Nursery information





Welcome to Bertie Bees at Stockingford Academy.

Dear Parents

We would like to take opportunity to welcome you to Stockingford's new Nursey; Bertie Bees. This booklet is designed to introduce you to our Nursery and provide essential information as your child embarks on their educational journey with us.

Our Learning Environment

Our Nursey is organised into two areas alongside an outdoor space where children can feel happy, safe, secure and thrive. This layout aims to offer a variety of engaging activities that can support all children's learning needs.

Our commitment to giving your child the best start in life.

Our Nursery is committed to creating a warm, nurturing, engaging environment that will allow children to explore, learn and grow. We believe that a quality, caring early education establishes the foundation for children's academic and life-long journey filled with curiosity, creativity and academic success. Here at Stockingford Academy's Nursery – Bertie Bees – we emphasise a play-based, Child-centered approach that promotes both intellectual and emotional development. Our committed teachers and staff will work closely with families to build a supportive learning community that nurtures each and every child's unique potential. We hope that this Parent Handbook serves as a guide to help you understand our school policies, daily routines and expectations. We encourage you to read this handbook thoroughly, as it offers valuable insights on how we can work together to create a positive and enriching experience for your child.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We eagerly anticipate an exciting and joyful learning journey alongside you and your child.

Warm Regards
Mr Woods
Headteacher



Our school vision and values



We are busy bees. Our school is our hive. Every bee is unique and valued. Where everyone works together, the hive thrives. We are bold. We are brave. Learning is a constant buzz of excitement. Like a family of bees, we empower each other. We all fly high.

Our Motto is:
Nurturing Hearts Inspiring Minds Shaping Futures

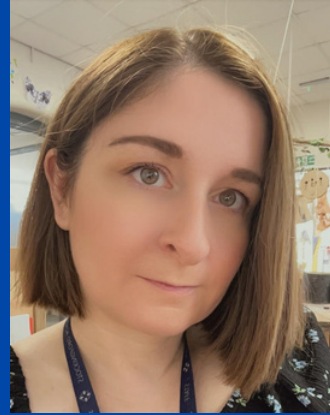




Meet the team



Mrs Earl
EYFS Lead and
Reception Teacher



Mrs Harrold
Nursery Teacher



Ms Chiles
Teaching Assistant





Starting Nursery

How will we get to know you?

Home Visit



As part of our transition period we will be coming to visit you and your grown-up at home. We feel this helps to ensure that when you come into school you are comfortable with the staff and have had an opportunity to meet with them before in a familiar setting. It is also an opportunity for your grown-ups to share any concerns or questions with a member of our team. These visits ensure that you have the best start to school and will be beneficial for our home school partnerships. These visits will take place during the first few days of the term you start and you will be contacted by the school with your time slot. Grown-ups this will be with you as soon as possible.

Starting Nursery

We understand that starting Nursery can be a major event for both you and your child.

The EYFS team aim to make this transition as stress free as possible and will offer children a staggered start to school life, with part time sessions to begin with. You will receive a letter with information regarding dates and times for your child's personalised settling in timetable and start date.

DON'T WORRY if your child becomes upset, we are used to dealing with this situation. Children usually stop crying quickly and we will always aim to phone you later in the session





Nursery day at Bertie Bees

The school day starts for children in Nursery at 8.30am.



Children will be encouraged to independently complete their 'morning jobs' ready to be registered promptly at 8:45am.

The day will finish for the children who attend for 15hrs at 11:30am and for those children staying for 30hrs at 2:30pm or 3:30pm* with an additional cost*.

The Nursery Day



Everyday we take part in a gross or fine motor activity such as dough disco, write dance or yoga!



During the morning (and afternoon for 30hrs children) we will have a group session. In these groups we will be developing our Read, Write Inc phonics, maths or listening and communication skills!



We then take part in the most important part of the day! We play! We extend our previous learning and with the support of the adults within the classroom learn about new things! We also go outside in ALL weathers. The children will wear water proofs over their coats/uniform.



Our morning ends with a story before home time at 11:30am. Children who will be attending for 30hrs will have lunch at 11:50am in our classroom.





Lunch time at Nursery

You can choose to bring a pack lunch or have a school dinner. You will have a special dinner supervisor who will look after you at lunch time. They will help you to carry your plate, chop up your food and help you with where to go when you are finished.

Information for your grown-ups



If you would like your child to have a school dinner, it will cost £2.30 per day. You will be able to choose what you child would like for lunch once we have you all set up on Arbor.

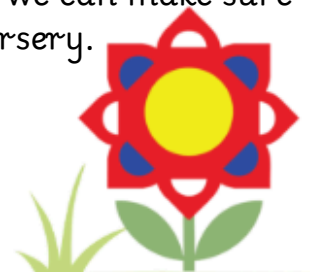
Every day you will be able to choose either a vegetarian option, a meat option, a jacket potato or sandwich. If your child decided to have a packed lunch you must ensure that there are no nuts. We are a nut free school.

We know that for lots of children and parents that school dinners can be a source of worry and anxiety. We will support you in any way that we can to ease these worries and will also be there to support your child eating their lunch for the first few weeks that they are at school.

Any messages that we get from the dinner staff will be passed on to you so you can have a clear picture of what your child has eaten that day. Grown-ups, it is so important that you let us know if your child has any food allergies so we can make sure that they are always safe in Nursery.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Chicken Goujons	Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Beef Pasta Bolognese	Fish of the Day
VEGETARIAN COURSE	Fish of the Day	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Roast Yorkshire pudding and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Vegetable Fingers
VEGETABLE	Baked Beans	Baked Beans	Peas and Carrots	Swede	Baked Beans
SIDES	Wedges	Savory Potatoes	Roasted Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Chips
DESSERT	Pineapple Slices, or Fresh Fruit Or Jelly	Cookies of the Day, or Fresh Fruit Or Jelly	Ice Cream, or Fresh Fruit Or Jelly	Rice Pudding, or Fresh Fruit Or Jelly	Ice Cream, or Fresh Fruit Or Jelly

Jacket Potato and sandwiches offered Daily





What if I get hungry or thirsty?



We have fruit, milk and water available all the time throughout the day and you can help yourself. We will ask you not to eat too many bits of fruit or drink too much milk because their needs to be enough for everyone.



We ask that each day, all children bring in their own named water bottle from home. Water bottles will then be taken home with their belongings to be washed ready for the next day. In school, we discuss water being a healthy drink. We will discuss with the children about good oral hygiene and the effects of having lots of fizzy drinks and so request that bottles are filled with water only. Water bottles will be accessible throughout the day and if needed can be filled up with fresh cold water.





What do I wear to Nursery?



Girls: Blue Sweatshirt or cardigan

Blue Polo Shirt

Grey skirt / pinafore / trousers / leggings

Blue and white checked summer dress - check or stripe

Black sensible shoes (no laces)

Boys: Blue Sweatshirt

Blue Polo Shirt

Grey trousers / shorts / jogging bottoms

Black sensible shoes (no laces)



We want you to be as independent as you can in Nursery.

To help you do this we would love you to have a pair of shoes that you can put on and off and do up yourself. Velcro straps are a great choice! We would also like you to have a named pair of wellington boots that you can leave at Nursery and wear every day when we play and explore outside. We go outside everyday even when it is raining and if you don't have wellies at school, you will not be able to jump in puddles!

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of naming everything. It is far easier to locate a missing jumper in the classroom if it is named! Also remember to put a name label in shoes and wellies as many children often have similar ones.



What do I need to bring to Nursery?



Lots of the fun activities you will be able to explore are very messy. We do have aprons for you to wear but it's sometimes hard to stay clean when you are having fun. Please can you bring a named bag with some spare clothes in which included a change of underwear and socks, a top, some bottoms and a jumper or cardigan. These can be your home clothes not school uniform.

Please can you bring your bag to Nursery every day, you will be able to hang it up on your peg just in case we need it. We play outside in the outdoor area every day. In winter you will need to wear a coat, gloves and a woolly hat. In the summer you will need to wear a sun hat and clothes that keep your neck and shoulders covered.

What should I leave at home?

You don't need to bring any of your own toys to Nursery. We have plenty of fun things to play with here and we don't want your toys to get accidentally lost or broken.





How will my grown-ups know about the all the fun I have in Nursery?

The adults in Nursery will record the amazing learning you do on an online Learning Journal called Tapestry. Your grown-ups will be given a secure log in which will enable them to access Tapestry and see all the fun you have had in Nursery. Your grown-ups will also be able to add their own photos or comments about the adventures and achievements you have outside school, we can't wait to see them.

Staff observe each child at play because it helps us to understand and support their individual wellbeing and development. We really get to know the children as unique people with special skills, interests and ideas. The more we understand about your special child, the better we can support them in the way that is right for them. We hope that we can work together to build this Learning Journal as a record of your child's Early Years. Once you have completed your Tapestry Online User Agreement you will be emailed with a log on. You will then be able to access your child's learning journal whenever you would like to. Separate accounts can also be created for grandparents or parents living away from home or overseas. We strongly encourage you to contribute and look through your child's Journal on a regular basis. We also encourage you to talk with your child about their Learning Journal and feel free to add special events or other things of significance for your child. If you have any questions about Tapestry or need any support accessing your account, please speak to a member of the Nursery team

We also use Class Dojo to share school news and events and this can also be used to message directly to the Nursery Teacher. These messages will be aimed to be replied to between 8:30-5:00 Monday to Friday.





Will my grown-up be able to come and share some fun with me in Nursery?

Stay and Play

We love it when your grown-ups come into Nursery. We invite them in lots to look at all of the amazing things you have been up to and to share some special fun. We also run special workshops so your grown-ups understand how they can help you with your learning at home.

Special events

Every year we dress up for 'World Book Day' in March, either in a costume of your favourite story or in our pajama's. It can be special book you share with a grown-up at home or a grandparent that you can bring in and share with your friends.

Newsletter

Every week, we will send out a newsletter. This is so your grown-ups know about all the exciting things that you have been learning and also what you will be learning about during the next week. On the newsletter, we will also put any important reminders and dates that you need to know.





What happens if I am poorly?

You will probably get a cold at some point when you are in Nursery, and we are happy to have you here on those days. We always have a big box of tissues ready to wipe noses, but if you are really poorly, we ask that you stay at home until you feel better. If you become poorly whilst at Nursery, we will contact your grownups and arrange for them to come and collect you.

INFECTION PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY IF THEY HAVE:

1. A high temperature - If your child develops a temperature please keep them off until their temperature has returned to normal.
2. Sickness - Please keep your child at home for at least 48 hours following their final episode of sickness.
3. Diarrhoea - Please keep your child at home for at least 48 hours following their final episode of diarrhoea.
4. Infectious illness eg chicken-pox, mumps, German measles etc
5. Untreated Headlice

Studybugs 

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office by 9:00 am
Tel: 024 76382277. Alternatively, if your child is ill, you can use the Study Bugs app which you will have access to from September.

It is important that we can always contact parents in cases of emergency. Please inform school immediately if your telephone number changes.





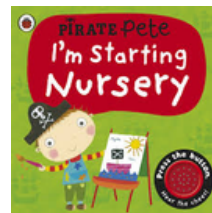
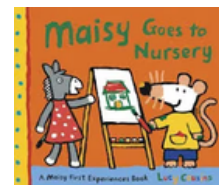
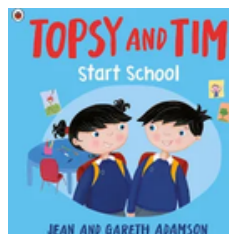
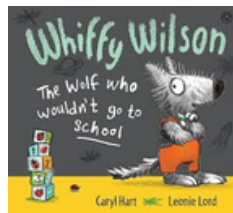
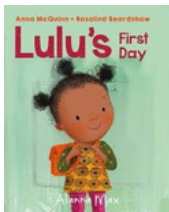
Parent Partnership

There are also lots of other things that you can do to support your child with the transition to Nursery.

Here are a few ideas...

- Talk to them and listen to them
- Sing songs and Nursery rhymes together
- Play games with them – practise taking turns
 - Read books to them
 - Visit your local library.
- Teach them to take care of books – how do you turn pages carefully?
- Count regularly E.g. How many buttons on this dress?
How many cups on the table?
- Recognise different sizes E.g. Large/small Thick/thin
- Talk about shapes and colours. E.g. Sort and match objects.
- Give your child the opportunity to write and draw and scribble using pens, crayons, felt tips and pencils.
 - Practise self-care skills
 - ~ Go to the toilet and wash and dry hands?
 - ~ Put on/take off coats?
 - ~ Put on/take off shoes?
 - ~ Hold and use scissors?

There are some fantastic books and resources that you can use with your child to begin talking about starting school.





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Thank you for reading our Nursery booklet. We hope it has given you all the information you will need before your child starts.
If there is anything else you need to know, please do not hesitate to ask.

We cannot wait to meet you!

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