



St. Thomas a Becket Nursery School

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back:

We are back! Didn't summer go quickly? It is lovely to see you all and catch up on all of your news and see how much the little ones have grown and hear all about their summer. We also welcome our new families and new children, who are all settling in incredibly well. Well done all of you and we look forwards to getting to know you much better over the coming weeks.

What shall I wear?

As we are all enjoying this burst of late summer sunshine, please do remember to apply sun-cream to your child before they come in for the day and bring a sun hat if it is a warm day.

On the other hand, if the weather is inclement, please remember a coat and if we could have a spare pair of wellies at nursery this would be great. We will be taking some trips to our allotment with the children and we like to play outside, whatever the weather!



We will be getting wet and messy whilst having the most wonderful time during our day so please bring in a change of clothes and put the children in clothes that you don't mind them getting dirty in!

Nursery hours:

Children can come to Early Bird club from 8.30am for a small charge of £2.00, or from 8.45am for just £1.00. We hope this helps working parents get away before the majority of the school traffic. However, we have to be very strict about finishing at 3.00pm as this is when we are OFSTED registered until.

Please could we ask adults to pick up nursery children first before school siblings at the end of the day.

We cannot provide childcare after 3pm. If you find yourself waiting at the green gates with the school families at either end of the day, please go to the front of the queue, scroll until you find 'nursery', buzz and we can let you in.

Food and drink:

We would really appreciate it if you could label your children's lunch boxes and water bottles. Some children may have similar looking bags. Please provide a separate snack pot (named) or piece of cut up fruit (unless banana) and water bottle for your child. Grapes **must** be cut in half lengthways as they are a choking hazard to small children. Please remember, due to allergies, we are a nut free nursery so not to include snack or lunch items that contain nuts. If you need any advice on what provides a nutritional packed lunch for your child, please do ask us, we are happy to help and have ideas to share for even the most fussiest of eaters. We cannot store lunch boxes in a fridge so ensure lunches are kept at a safe temperature by use of ice packs in insulated lunch bags.

Milk is provided for the children whilst they are at nursery and we encourage all of the children to have some. This is a government initiative. If you don't want your child to have milk or they have an allergy please let us know.

The children's day at nursery:

Nursery use 'Tapestry' as their online diary to share children's learning and photos with families. We will be letting you know who your child's key worker is and sending you photos and comments about your child's day.

The Nursery Team

Gwen and Claire look after our 2-3 year olds.

Julie, Chloe, Shameem and Tasha look after our 3&4 year olds.

Amy looks after everybody and Clare looks after Amy!



Amy is also excited to announce the newest team member - Cooper the puppy! Cooper will be popping in from time to time to say hello to the children 😊

Do let us know if your child has any allergies to animals.

COVID and other sickness prevention:

We are still taking great care with hygiene practices. We our annual 'Deep Clean' in August and continue to encourage lots of extra handwashing with the children and practiced enhanced cleaning throughout the day. Staff COVID test twice weekly and we continue to ask any family whose child is displaying signs of COVID to keep them off nursery until they can confirm that they are clear of the virus. Please do keep an eye on the latest government information and follow the most up to date guidance if you go away to another country. Also, as a reminder, any child with a tummy bug should not return to nursery until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Partnership with families:

We are currently building a new website and will let you know when it is finished. We operate an 'open door' policy with our families. If you have any questions about anything at all, just ask! We are here to support you and we are very aware that you are your child's first teacher - we value your input into your child's care during their time with us. We look forward to a successful nursery year with you all.

With all good wishes, *Clare*, St Thomas a Becket Nursery Lead.

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