

Autumn Term 2

Ditton Nursery School

Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

6th Jan	Nursery Opens
15th Jan	Primary school application deadline
28th Jan	Dentist visiting
29th Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations
7th Feb	NSPCC Number Day
14th Feb	Nursery closes for half-term
24th Feb	Nursery re-opens

School show rounds are taking place **every Thursday morning** for all prospective families. Please book in with the school office

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a fun countdown to the Christmas break, and the staff and children have enjoyed lots of lovely activities together. It's great to see how the children are developing their confidence and joining in with events such as our trip to Delamare Forest and our Christmas sing-a-long. We are very proud of them! We wish all our families a restful and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing everyone again in 2025!

Best Wishes,

Liane Johnson (Executive Headteacher)

2 Year Olds

We have had a fantastic and busy autumn term, filled with opportunities to explore, create, and embrace the changing seasons. As the autumn leaves began to fall, the children enjoyed observing their shapes, colours, and textures, collecting a variety of autumn treasures. They even had fun making and playing with *autumnal jelly*, sparking curiosity through sensory play.

The excitement continued with Bonfire Night, where we used flicking paint techniques to create colourful, firework-inspired artwork. It was a fun and messy way to bring the dazzling night sky into our creative play.

We were delighted to welcome a visit from the librarian, who shared wonderful stories with the children and encouraged parents to discover the benefits of joining the library. This was followed by *Odd Sock Day*, where we celebrated individuality with our mismatched socks, and *Children in Need*, where everyone dressed up for a spotty day of fun.



3-4 Year Olds

The arrival of winter brought snow and ice, which the children explored with great excitement. They painted ice blocks and experimented with colours using powder paint and food colouring, creating beautiful patterns and learning about how colours mix. We also enjoyed a heartwarming story-sharing session with children from Ditton Primary School, building connections through a shared love of books.

A highlight of the term was our magical trip to *Delamere Forest*. The children took part in festive forest activities, made their own Christmas tree decorations, and toasted marshmallows, enjoying the wonders of nature in the crisp winter air.

We ended the term in true Christmas spirit, starting with a *Christmas Craft Stay and Play* session where parents joined us to get creative. Together, we decorated Christmas trees, built festive structures using materials like cable reels and cardboard boxes, and finished with a joyful *Christmas Sing-along*, where families came together to celebrate with music and cheer.

It has been a wonderful term, filled with laughter, exploration, and creativity. Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait for more adventures in the next term!



Stay and Play Sessions

We had a really positive response to our stay and play sessions.

You will have another opportunity in the spring term to stay with your child and see what they are doing in nursery. You can play alongside them, observe the way that staff talk to them, as well as seeing how independent they are. More details to follow on School Spider.

Uniform.

We offer a school uniform which is available at the school office.

Navy Sweatshirt: £11 Blue Polo T-Shirt: £10

Social Media

If you would like to find out what is happening in Nursery every week, please check out our Facebook pages for lots of photographs and exciting updates.

Wrap Care

Wrap care is closed during the Christmas break.

Wrap Care during the holiday is from 8– 6pm daily.

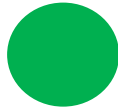
This is offered to all our children and costs can be found on our school website.

2 Year Old Funding

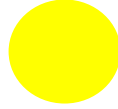
With new government guidelines, from April 2024, working parents may be able to receive 15 funded hours. To check eligibility please visit www.childcarechoices.org.uk
For more information regarding places, please contact the school office.

Attendance

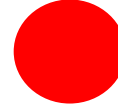
It is really important for children to come to school every day so they are not missing out on important learning and the exciting things we have planned. If your child is not well please get in contact to let us know.



Green (97%+)
is good attendance



Amber (91-96%)
is a cause for concern



Red (below 90%)
is poor

Snack money for this half-term is £10.00.

Can we remind parents that snack is in addition to your child's nursery funding so can you please also pay snack for this current half term if you haven't already done so.

Payments can be made: Half Termly - £10.00 Termly - £20.00



Payments

Can we ask that all payments (snack money, trip money etc) are paid into the nursery school bank account or through the School Spider app. Please ensure all payments are clearly identified with your child's name and details.



Full year - £60.00

Contacts

- Tel: 01514244686 Option 1
- Email: reception@affns.co.uk
- WhatsApp 07310 051855

Dropping off & Picking up of children

Can we just remind all parents and family members to follow the drop off and pick up times. The purpose of this is so the groups are not continually disturbed during the session

Drop Off

9.00 am

12.45pm

Pick Up

12pm

3.45pm

Privacy Notice

Please find the privacy notice relating to data protection on our noticeboard and website.



Disabled Car Park Spaces

Please do not park in these spaces unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking here unless they can see badge displayed and you will be asked to move.



Yellow Zig Zags – Parking

Can we ask that parents do not park outside of nursery school on the yellow zig-zags. These lines are here for a reason – the safety of all the children.

