



# Rye Park Nursery School



"Nurturing every child to fulfil their potential"

## September Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very warm welcome to Rye Park Nursery School, Autumn term 2025 and I would like to thank you for your support with our settling routine. Most of the children have settled quickly and are already learning new routines, enjoying the company of keyworkers and peers in play, whilst eagerly exploring what's on offer in their learning environments. For some children transition can take a little longer and we are happy to spend time getting this right from the start.

At our nursery we are extremely lucky to have such a highly experienced and knowledgeable staff team, led by teachers. Louise Turner is our new teacher joining the Wagtails group. She is an experienced teacher joining us from a local primary school. Hayley Cowan an Early Years Nursery Practitioner and Yazmin Kriek-Fagg additional Early Years Assistant have both joined the Wren team. Sadly next week we say goodbye to Maria from the Wren team as she embarks on a new adventure in Sicily. We all wish her well.

During this first half term our keyworkers quickly get to know your children and observe what interests and motivates them to learn. Through Tapestry we will start sharing some settling in photos with you and soon our focus weeks will start. We all look forward to working with you and being a part of your child's learning journey over the coming year.

Best wishes, Debbie Penwill

### Safeguarding Children

We take our role in safeguarding children extremely seriously at Rye park Nursery School and that includes promoting online safety. Monitoring content for young children can be tricky at times, we therefore advise you to ensure that the devices, games, apps and programmes that your children may view or have access to are appropriate for their age.

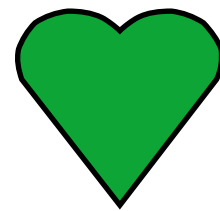
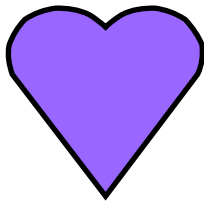
For further information and how to set parent controls follow this link.

[Parental controls | Childnet](#)

## A Sense of Belonging

This half term we focus a great deal on forming bonds with and between the children, ensuring they and you feel welcomed and gain a sense of belonging to our school. All of the children have a key group with a keyworker.

We ask you to support us this term by completing the 'All About Me' sheet for your child, share on your heart with 'hopes and wishes' for their coming year and providing a family photo (one that contains your child with other family members, this can be immediate or wider family the choice is yours). Photographs will be displayed within your child's group room. If you are unable to print you can share them on Tapestry and we will print for you. We share these with the children and scribe their words, you could help by noting who's who on the photo reverse or on Tapestry.



## Makaton Signs

At school we use Makaton signs alongside many spoken words. Signs and gestures support and strengthen the children's communication skills. We will share the signs with you as we introduce them. Each week we will be sharing signs with you too, our first signs are 'hello' and 'goodbye', followed by 'stop' next week.

We find teaching children the 'stop' sign early not only empowers them when faced with challenge and also encourages children to pause and take account of others; maybe to listen, watch, take turns, etc.

Staff consistently model signs to support children.

**Our sign of the week will be displayed on the front door and our basic signs can be found around the school and on our website**

Makaton Signs | Rye Park Nursery School

## Wellcomm Speech and Language Assessment

As part of our curriculum offer we assess all of our N2 children using the Wellcomm toolkit. N2 children are the children entering primary school next year.

Wellcomm is a speech and language toolkit that is designed to assess children's speech and language skills. Not how they talk but the language they use and the language and grammar they understand.

Cess Bone, our speech and language support, completes all of the Wellcomm assessments and follows up when required working with the children in small groups or individually. Results of the assessments will be shared with you and your child's keyworker to ensure the best start for your child.

### Friends of Rye Park Nursery School (FORPNS)

Our fundraising team does wonders for our school every year and is led by Belinda Tait. We are truly grateful to them, as their efforts and your support enables us to enrich the curriculum for the children with further resources and wonderful visits.

Our last event funded the Ark Farm visit in the summer term.

This term we will be planning our Christmas events such as the Hamper raffle and Santa's grotto. If you would like to be part of this or could offer support in anyway please come along to our next meeting.

**FORPNS fundraising meeting Friday 24th October at 1.30pm**



We have been busy adding new children and families to Tapestry. Please check the email that you provided for the link to activate your account.

For setting up your account support click on this link

<https://youtu.be/n7ROkDnb4l0>

Once activated you can download the Tapestry app to your mobile phone.

If you need any further help please ask or email the office.

Over the next few weeks keyworkers will share some settling in photographs with you.

From next week you will receive a weekly spotlight on learning, these may include a video and/or link to one of our core texts, rhymes or poems. This is to support you and your child to build on learning from school at home.

We hope you enjoy them.

### **Road Safety**

Please **hold** your child's hand when walking to school or in the carpark.

Help us to keep children safe by closing the gates to the car park and main entrance when you arrive and leave.

Thank you



### **Reminder**

Children need suitable clothing and spares for school (all labelled), including wellington boots. Classes do have spares if you prefer your child to borrow.

Please ask the office if you need a blue bag for your child's peg



### Healthy Eating

Thank you for supporting us on our healthy eating journey by providing your child with a healthy lunch and water bottles filled with water. Further information is available through the link and our school leaflet.

Eating well early years — First Steps Nutrition Trust



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### Primary School Admissions for September 2026 starters

Primary admissions open on the 3rd November 2025 and close on the 15th January 2026.

Applications can be made by following this link

[School admissions: How to apply - GOV.UK](#)

For further information on our local schools and tours. Visit the school's website or contact their school office.

### Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our termly coffee morning on Friday the 7th November 10-11.30am.



Come along and join us, we would love to hear more about your child's favourite stories and rhymes.

Children and babies are very welcome. Refreshments available.

### Stay and Play Sessions

Enjoyed by so many, that we are now introducing 2 per term. Come along on one of the dates between 4-5pm and enjoy playing with your child in our setting.

Monday 10th or Wednesday 12th November 4-5pm

### Calendar and Events for your Diary

October is Down Syndrome Awareness month

Individual children's photos - Wednesday 22nd October (sibling times to follow)

FORPNS meeting 1:30pm - Friday 24th October

HALF TERM - Monday 27th to Friday 31st October (school closed)

Coffee morning - Friday 7th November

Stay and Play sessions - Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November

National Nursery Rhyme week - Monday 10th to Friday 14th November

END OF TERM - Friday 19th December (times tbc)

FULL TERM DATES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

[Term Dates | Rye Park Nursery School](#)

