



CIPPENHAM NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new children and families to the nursery and also the children and parent returning from last term. The staff have all been very impressed at how the children have settled in to school life and we will continue to work in partnership with you to provide the best start to their learning journey. Please keep an eye out on the notice boards and emails for events, courses and opportunities to get involved at nursery. Whether you are looking to gain a new skill, learn a language or would like to attend a parent's support class there is always something on offer!

PUNCTUALITY:



Please make every effort to arrive on time when dropping off and picking up your child so that he / she can take full advantage of the learning opportunities. Direct teaching takes place from 08:40am - 09:00am in the 3-4-year-old classes therefore persistent lateness will have an impact on how well your child learns. All late arrivals will be asked to wait until 9:00am and must sign in at the office before

being allowed into class so not to disturb the other children. If there are unforeseen circumstances that prevent you from arriving on time, please contact the office.

Just a reminder that the gate will open at 08:30am and close at 8.40am for the morning sessions, and opens again at 12:30pm and close at 12.40pm for the afternoon sessions.

ILLNESS:



Please report all absences before 08:45am and 12:45pm by calling the office on 01628 661 506, emailing office@cns.slough.sch.uk or leaving a message on the Eduspot app. Please always state your child's name, class and reason for absence to include symptoms, follow up will be taken for any absences logged as "unwell".

NO USE OF MOBILE PHONES:



The Nursery is a **NO PHONE ZONE**. Please greet your child with a SMILE, NOT A MOBILE. Ask them about their day and tell them about yours, supporting your child's speaking and listening skills.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: MONEY MONDAYS



Thank you to parents who have donated. Weekly contributions of £2 can be placed in the money box on Money Mondays with staff in the playground. May we remind parents who prefer to donate termly that a term's contribution is £24 and can be made at the Office. Your donations help towards resources for the children, e.g., fruit at snack time, educational visits and parties (farm etc).

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR:



Please ensure your children's clothes and shoes are clearly marked with their name.

This is important to avoid confusion as some children have identical coats/jackets etc. Please do not send children to Nursery in high heels or sandals. They are playing with garden equipment and climbing on apparatus and need well-fitting footwear that provides support.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION APP:



Thank you to those parents who have already downloaded the App; this is free to download and free to send messages each way. We would encourage all parents to do so, ready for our next communication. The App is called **Eduspot**. Once you have downloaded the App please log in with your email address to activate it.

Please also remember to download and set up your **Tapestry** account. Here you will find pictures and journals of your child's learning in Nursery. We also welcome feedback and love to hear and see what your child is exploring at home. Please pop in to see our friendly office staff if you need any help logging in.

MACMILLAN DAY:

On Thursday 25th September 2025 we hosted our annual Macmillan coffee day and cake sale to raise money for charity. We raised an amazing **£180.50**. Thank you for your continuing support!



HARVEST FESTIVAL



We will be celebrating Harvest Festival next week. This is a very special festival as we give thanks to the land for providing us with food, as well as the farmers. The children will be learning how to bake bread and have the opportunity to taste different types of bread during snack time. We will collect food and toiletry items for the families at Cippenham Nursery during Harvest time and any surplus will be donated to Slough Food Bank. With increasing living costs and the continuing effects of the global pandemic, many families struggle to provide the basic necessities. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Mrs Nisha Gill
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary: Please check the school website calendar for any changes

Next Health Visitor drop in Tuesday 28th October
Coffee morning/ afternoon and Language bag workshop 5 th November 2025
October half term: Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025
Term starts: Monday 3 rd November 2025
Individual school photos 7 th November 2025
Children in Need Fun day and fundraising – Wear something spotty for £1 Friday 14 th November 2025
End of term: Friday 19th December 2025 – Christmas Party times adjusted to: 8:30am – 10:30am and 11:00am – 1:00pm
Christmas Holidays: Monday 22th December – Friday 2 nd January 2026
Spring term starts: Monday 5th January 2026
End of term: Friday 13 th February 2026
February half term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20 th February 2026

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance, if you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Badhan – Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Gill, Mrs Li & Miss Reyes – Deputy Safeguarding Leads
Mr Hodges – Safeguarding Governor

Future newsletters will be available on the school website and emailed directly to the parent / carer.