



Welcome
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Welcome to all our new and returning parents and children. We are looking forward to getting to know both you and your child. The staff are getting to know each child by joining them in their play. We are really pleased how well the children are settling in and we feel we are getting to know you all. We hope you feel at home with us too. In a couple of weeks the staff will put the first entry in your child's learning journey. This short entry will show what we are starting to learn about your child, their learning and where they are on their play journey and what we have noticed they are interested in through their play. Please feel free to add to your child's learning journey with photographs and comments about what you have noticed about your child's learning too.

The nursery here at Windsor caters for 2-3's (acorn) and 3-4 year olds (oak). We have a fantastic garden outside full of many rich learning opportunities which we all share. Why not check out our website for further information www.windsorcentre.com. Pop in your email on the welcome page then you will get an email each time we add new photographs and blog entries. Also look under the learning tab for ideas of how you can support your child's learning

Parents often ask how they can help their child's learning and development. Here are a few tips we find helpful (taken from www.early-education.org.uk)

- Try to see things from your child's point of view – understanding how children see the world will help you to help them as they learn
- Let children be children – a skilled 5 year old grows from a busy 4 year old, a curious 3 year old, a cuddled 2 year old, an adventurous 1 year old and a communicative baby
- Be a playful companion – you can enjoy childhood with the children as well
- Feelings matter – both the children's emotions and your own are part of any situation with young children. It is very helpful to be aware of your own mood and theirs when enjoying yourself with them and during difficult moments
- Don't expect to be perfect – Everyone does something they don't mean sometimes. Children can be forgiving as long as we are thoughtful most of the time and are ready to say sorry when we should

Listening to children, reading with them, going for a walk, sharing the jobs, playing outdoors pretending, having a giggle are all rich learning opportunities.



LIBRARY DAYS – We know that the love of books is vital in helping children to develop into competent readers. In order to support this we have a library system available within nursery. Each family group will have a day when they can choose and change their library books. Please return your child's book on that day each week. Look out for the guidance sheets about how to share books with your child.

Tuesday – Lynn Wednesday – Sharon
Thursday – Kay Friday – Rachel/Dal

RHYMES and STORIES– We shall be giving each child a set of rhymes which we are using in nursery that you can share with them. Learning rhymes significantly helps children develop their language, counting and memory skills. We shall send a new set home each half term. If you have special family rhymes you share with your child please let us know too and then we can share these with the other children. In nursery we will be sharing familiar stories too! Ask staff which ones the children are really enjoying in their family groups.

PARKING – The car park can get very busy. Please be kind and considerate with each other for the children’s sake. For health and safety reasons please park in the designated spaces only. If walking to the nursery please ensure that you use the pathway away from the cars and hold your child’s hand at all times.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – OAK ROOM

| DATES | EVENT |
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| Monday 14th & Friday 18th October | Nursery closed for training day – We are proud to be hosting a national training event here at Windsor about the importance of play and learning in the outdoors |
| Thursday 24th October Please bring a harvest gift during the week Tinned/ packet foods are particularly suitable – to be donated to a local foodbank | Harvest welcome to all our families. Please come along and share in our special circle time 11 am for morning families and 3pm for afternoon families. Harvest donations will be collected all week in the entrance |
| Friday 25th October | PARENTS CONSULTATIONS No normal nursery sessions on this day. Appointment times will be arranged with the key person. We will also have the dental unit for drop in appointments for your children based in the car park throughout the day. |
| Break up Friday 25th October return Monday 4th November | Half term holiday |

Any questions, ideas, suggestions or worries do not hesitate to speak to us here at Windsor. We hope your time with us will be very rewarding for everyone.

Thank you

Oak Team – 3’s – 4’s Windsor Nursery School