



Stockingford Nursery School Newsletter December 2024



Headteachers Letter



It has been fantastic to see the children grow with their confidence, skills and knowledge during the term. We are teaching the children about inclusion and working together to value individual differences. Our current work on Christmas around the World has focused on learning about traditions from different cultures. Families and children seem to particularly be enjoying sampling a diverse range of festive foods.

A strength of our curriculum is supporting children to develop at their stage of development and taking into account their individual interests and style of learning through play based learning in our continuous provision. Adult led teaching with their key person has recently supported children to extend their knowledge about oral health and keeping safe.

If you have any questions, updates, need more information or are worrying about anything please don't hesitate to come and talk to us so we can support you. We also have a parents email to contact the teaching team: parents1041@welearn365.com

Wishing all our families a happy holiday and we will look forwards to creating many special, learning memories together with children and families in 2025.

Katherine King - Headteacher



Primary School Starters September 2025

The applications process opens on **1 November 2024**. You can apply for your child's Primary School place online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

The deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is **15 January 2025**.



**Don't forget the children finish
on Friday 20th December for the
Christmas holiday.
Nursery will re-open for
children on
Tuesday 7th January 2025.**



Weather Warning Emergency School Closures

[For the attention of all Parents & Carers](#)

Please be aware that in severe weather conditions, it may be necessary for the Nursery to close. If this situation does arise, we will alert you as listed below.

Also, if you have access to the internet, you can visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

This website provides continually updated information as it comes in from the schools.

The Nursery School will send an app message to parents if we need to close. We will also update our Nursery School website to share this information.

<https://www.stockingfordnurseryschool.co.uk/>



IMPORTANT



ATTENDANCE

NHS Guide for Parents on Illnesses and School Attendance


If you are unsure of your child's condition – you can use this handy NHS guide:



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please can Parents **contact the Nursery every day** their child is absent to let us know the reason why their child is not attending Nursery.

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

The role of Attendance Champions is to monitor and support families to improve attendance. Regular and punctual attendance is very important and we know from many studies that children who attend well do better in school. 

In Big Nursery Tina Shepherd and Katherine King are our Attendance Champions. In Little Nursery Jo Stubbs (Room Lead) and Katherine King (Headteacher and Lead DSL) are our Attendance Champions

Big Nursery
Attendance Champions.



Katherine King



Tina Shepherd

Little Nursery
Attendance Champions.



Katherine King



Jo Stubbs



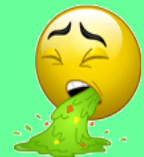
If your child is absent from Nursery

Regular attendance in Nursery is important to support your child's learning and sets up a good routine ready for starting school - however if your child is unwell then **please remember to let the Nursery know either:**



Myschoolapp
Telephone
Email

02476 383708
admin1041@welearn365.com



(please ensure you put your child's full name and the reason for their absence in the text)

They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Nursery.




Please could you make sure all your phone numbers are up to date if not please let the office know of any changes.

If you are going on holiday please fill in a holiday form at the Reception desk.





Nursery Notices

Big Nursery sessions are:

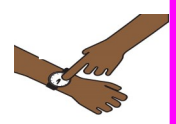
-  9.00am - 11.30am for the morning session.
-  12.40pm - 3.10pm for the afternoon session.
-  9.00am - 3.00pm for the 30 hour children



Little Nursery sessions are:

-  AM Session 8.45am - 11.45am
-  PM Session 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Please can you make sure you pick your child up on time, Nursery Staff need to clean between sessions and children can become a little upset if they are collected later. Thank you.



String bags

If children choose to use drawstring bags, they can be hung on your child's coat peg. If they choose to use a small backpack in Big Nursery they can be placed at the bottom of the coat trolley beneath their child's coat.

**Please can you ensure that your child brings a full change of clothes including socks (and nappy changing items and wipes if required).
Make sure all coats and clothing is named.**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We have a new child joining our Big Nursery class in January 2025 who has a number of allergies. He is not allowed to drink cow's milk or eat egg. We have to ensure that all foods offered to him are safe for him to eat. **He could have an anaphylactic reaction if he eats or has contact with cow's milk or egg.** He has medication in the form of adrenaline auto injectors to help him but sometimes he has needed to go to hospital.



We need your help to keep him safe and healthy. You can do this by:

- **NO WHOLE EGG PRODUCTS TO BE BROUGHT INTO BIG NURSERY** including hard boiled eggs, egg mayonnaise sandwiches or egg custards etc.
- **CHILDREN NOT TO BRING THEIR OWN FOOD OR DRINKS INTO BIG OR MIDDLE NURSERY EXCEPT LUNCH-BOXES** (unless agreed by teaching team)
- **If your child brings milk or milk products for their lunch these will be eaten in a controlled zone in the classroom.**
- Nursery will continue to provide milk and milk products at snack-time for other pupils in a designated eating zone.
- Talking to your child about them only eating their own food and not touching or swapping food with others.
- Encouraging your child to wash their hands with soap thoroughly before and every time after eating, so they don't get any crumbs/splashes on anything in the classroom
- Helping the teachers to talk to your child about allergies and how they can make the child feel. Here is a good link for adults to view Leo's Story; a very short video about a child's experience living with an allergy: <https://youtu.be/MqncMJY1rL0>
- Ensuring that you don't send cake or sweets into school for birthdays

Anaphylaxis UK has a huge range of resources to help you understand more about allergies and anaphylaxis and support you if you or your child has allergies.

AllergyWise is an online learning platform where you can register and undertake a range of courses about allergies and anaphylaxis.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's)

At Stockingford nursery School, our Designated Safeguarding Leads can also provide support and signpost to services.

Here are the team that can support you:

- Katherine King, , Headteacher - Designated safeguard Lead
- Sally Phillips, Teacher - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Tina Shepherd, Senior Early Years Educator - Named Designated Safeguard Lead.
- Jo Stubbs, Senior Early Years Educator - Named Designated Safeguard Lead



Katherine King



Sally Phillips



Tina Shepherd



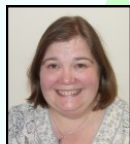
Jo Stubbs

*Under the Education Act 2002, schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer and discuss the need to make a referral to Children's Social Care if that is considered necessary. **This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm or cause undue delay.** The school will seek advice from Children's Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead carries out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acts in the best interests of all children.'*

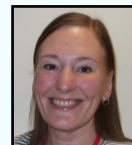
Well being corner

Welcome to our wellbeing corner which aims to provide support and ideas for keeping you and your child emotionally and mentally well. Each month this newsletter will offer tips, information and support for you and your child, so read through and have a go- you never know. Sometimes a small change can make a big difference! We are lucky in our Centre to have Mental Health First Aid staff who can offer a listening ear and if need be, guide you to finding the right support and services. Please ask if you would like any further information about Mental Health and Wellbeing. Never be afraid, worried or scared to ask for support! We are always here to offer a helping hand.

Mental Health First Aiders



Sally Phillips



Sara Ward

Looking after your own mental health

The NHS Every Mind Matters website have some useful information for anyone who feels they may need a little support or advice.

Parenting or caring for a child or young person can be tough. It's important to make sure you look after your own mental wellbeing, as this will help you support yourself and those you care about. Try to recognise and acknowledge when you're feeling low or overwhelmed. Struggling with something or experiencing your own mental health problems does not make you a bad parent or carer.

It's completely normal to be worried, scared or helpless during difficult times, and feeling this way is nothing to be ashamed of. Is there a friend, fellow parent or carer you trust enough to tell how you're feeling? Maybe there's family, friends or a colleague who could support you or allow you a break? There's plenty of help out there. You should never feel like you have to cope on your own. Young Minds has lots of support for parents, including a helpline and guidance around parenting with a mental illness. Mind has information and suggestions on how to manage parenting with a mental health problem.

Scope has advice on managing stress when caring for a disabled child.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>

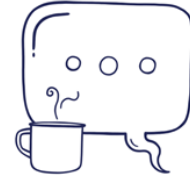
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Your wellbeing this Christmas

Be kind to yourself this festive season

Talk about your feelings

Sharing how you feel about Christmas with someone you trust may help them understand how best to support you during this time.



Take time for yourself

Christmas can feel quite daunting with various demands and expectations. Remember to take a break from it and do something that restores you.



Be who you are

You might feel pressured to buy presents, cook or entertain but you don't have to. Everyone has a right to be who they are and walk their own path.



Eat a balanced diet

Christmas can be a time of overindulging on food and alcohol but an excess of sugar or alcohol can have an effect on your mental health and wellbeing. Moderation is key.



Take a winter walk

Winter weather can make us stay at home and feel sluggish but getting outside for a walk will not only make you feel better but is a chance to connect with nature as well as others.



Do more of what you enjoy

You might join a local group, take up a new hobby or volunteer at a local charity. Whatever makes you feel happy and positive can boost your sense of wellbeing.



For further information please visit:

<https://mentalhealth-uk.org/christmas-and-your-mental-health/>



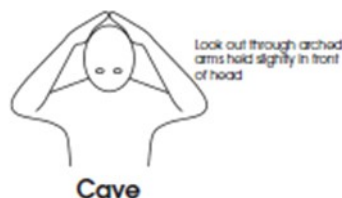
Makaton signs of the Month December

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



We are proud to say we are a
Makaton accredited School

We're Going on a Bear Hunt



Academic Year 2024-2025

Spring Term 2025

Teacher Training Day
Term starts:
Half term:
Term ends:
Teacher Training Day

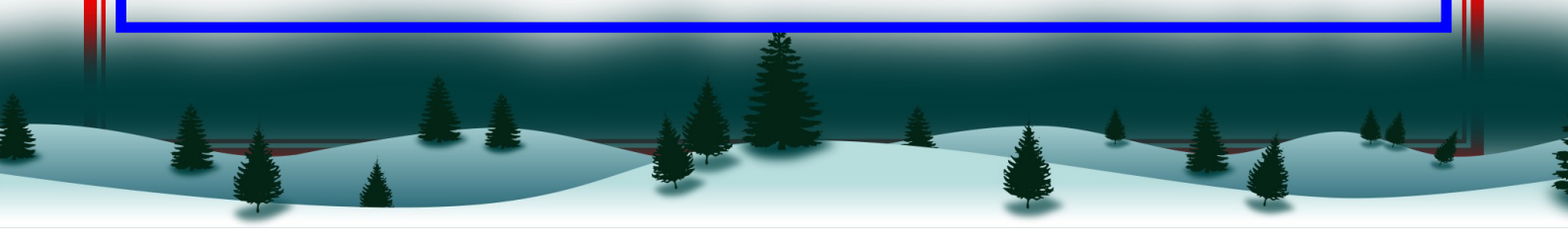
Monday 6th January 2025
Tuesday 7th January 2025
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025
Thursday 10th April 2025
Friday 11th April 2025



Summer Term 2025

Term starts:
May Day:
Teacher Training Day
Half term:
Induction Day:
Term ends:

Monday 28th April 2025
Monday 5th May 2025
Tuesday 6th May 2025
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025
Wednesday 2nd July 2025
Monday 21st July 2025



Stockingford Library

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**CHRISTMAS
OPENING HOURS**

TUESDAY
24TH DECEMBER
8.30 - 4PM

CLOSED

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER
THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER
FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER

MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER
8.30 - 5PM

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER
8.30 - 4PM

CLOSED
WEDNESDAY
1ST JANUARY 2025



NEW YEAR CRAFTS
at Stockingford Library

JOIN US ON
THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY FOR
FREE CRAFT ACTIVITIES

10AM - 11AM
11AM - 11.30AM RHYME TIME
3.30 - 4.30 LEGO

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.



Stockingford Library

FREE Lego Club

Are you bored after school on a
Thursday?

Why not come to Lego club!
Lots of bricks and a new theme every
week.

3.30 - 4.30pm

Learn, Build and Play

For children aged 4 and above with their grown-ups.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
(This activity is not suitable for younger children due to
small Lego parts)

St. Pauls Road Nuneaton CV10 8HW



**Rhyme
Time!**

For 0-2 year olds
FREE! and their carers

Join us for rhymes for 0-2 year olds
Come and join in with rhymes suitable for
a child from birth to toddler.

THURSDAYS
11am - 11:30am

You are warmly invited to choose some books
before you leave. We are so happy to welcome
you into our Library and we hope you will have
lots of fun with us.



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Advice

&

Support



Drop in for support and advice for all families in Warwickshire.
Monday - 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Stockingford Children and Family Centre

Family Support Worker
Duty Line Telephone
Number

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

01926 412412
9am - 4pm
Monday - Friday



The Early Help and Targeted Support Team

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Duty Line 01926 412412 - 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday

Drop In Sessions

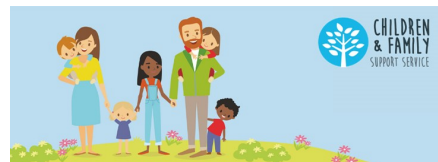
Free and every week

Monday 12.00-2.00pm	Stockingford Children and Family Centre St Pauls Road, Nuneaton CV10 8HW
Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm	St Michaels Children and Family Centre Hazel Grove, Bedworth CV12 9DA
Thursday 1.15-3.15pm	Camp Hill Children and Family Centre Hollystitches Road, Nuneaton CV10 9QA
Friday 12.00-2.00pm	Riversley Park Children and Family Centre Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5TY
Please note that times and dates may change during school holidays.	

Family Information Service (FIS)

We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare health and wellbeing



Phone: 01926 742274

Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

Parenting Information

Parenting Programmes and 2 Hour Workshops

Please visit the link below:

<http://childrenandfamilies.eventbrite.com>

