

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our Early Years team, I would like to welcome you all to a new academic year and thank you for choosing our setting and for entrusting your child to our care. We endeavour to do our utmost to provide the best start for your child. We have many exciting activities and learning opportunities planned for the children and we look forward to growing a strong relationship with you over the next year. This half term is an opportunity for the children to get to know one another and learn to work as a team. This newsletter is a chance for you to find out what your child will be learning over the next half term and therefore be able to work with us and consolidate the learning at home. We have an open door policy at Bluebell Nursery and Tilston school. Therefore, if you have any worries or concerns no matter how small, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of the staff. We are happy to help

Mrs Edwards and the EYFS Team



Ourselves, Families and Homes



Our topic this half term will focus on finding out about who we are and learn about our families and homes and those of others

In Literacy, we will be listening to rhymes and stories, encouraging children to make comments on what they have heard and to participate in small group and class discussions.

We will be Exploring a wide range of print through labels, signs, menus and lists

We will be looking at the importance of print and how it has meaning and different purposes. How it can be read from left to right and top to bottom. We will also be looking at the different parts of a book and page sequencing.

In writing we will be making sure that children are able to add marks and give them some meaning on their drawings. Also make marks to stand for their name.

All the children will take part in Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle, and Dough Disco, programmes to support early writing and Handwriting.

Specific stories

All kinds of Families

All Kinds of People

My Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh

Peace at Last – Jill Murphy

Its Okay To Be Different

Goldilocks and the Three Bears-
Lauren Child

Home by Carson Ellis

Whatever Next – Jill Murphy

Lullabyhullabaloo - Mick Inkpen

Maths

In our setting we follow the White Rose Scheme for mathematics. This half term we will be covering:

Comparing number

Early pattern making

Shape, Space and Measure

Early counting and subitising

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with materials:

Draw portraits of themselves and each other

Use vegetables to print pictures and patterns

Observational drawings of vegetables

Draw pictures of their families and homes

Junk modelling and mark making

• **Being imaginative and Expressive**

Sing well known nursery rhymes and songs

Perform a song for Harvest festival

Recount stories with others during role play and small world play

Create a role play home corner of the present and then of the past

Charanga music scheme- Theme – Me!

Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills

Outdoor opportunities to develop strength, balance and coordination on equipment
PE – First PE/ Multi skills

Fine Motor Skills

Daily Squiggle while you Wiggle sessions to develop muscle strength and coordination for writing

Daily Dough Disco activities.

Finger gym activities threading, snipping, use of tweezers, pinching

Letter formation movements using large tools , ribbons, felt pens and pencils

Dressing and undressing for PE

Opportunities for using knives for spreading, chopping and cutting

Understanding of the World

Past and Present

Listen to adults and compare life in the past to the present.

Compare household objects of the past with those of the present

People, Culture and Communities

Participating in daily whole school and class worship.

Participating in Diwali celebrations,

Explore family life in other countries compared to family life in UK

Look at houses and homes around the world

The Natural World

Participate in outdoor learning- learn about the natural woodland environment

We follow the White Rose Scheme for Science. This half term we will be covering the theme – Me and My Small World exploring the features of animals including humans. We will be looking at our senses and talking about a variety of fruits and vegetables that we can eat.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-Regulation

Understand and talk about a range of emotions that we feel.

Discuss how characters maybe feeling through stories and rhymes that we read.

Encourage children to put up hands when wanting to talk to an adult.

Managing Self

Introduce and understand class rules and class dojos

Develop a sense of responsibility through introducing different monitors in the classroom

Introduce routines such as washing hands, snack time, lunchtime

Model correct handwashing at snack and lunchtimes

Begin to undress and dress themselves before and after PE and when dressing up

Introducing safety rules for Handling blocks, scissors, hammers, chairs

Building relationships

Model turn taking through games, group discussions and role play

Opportunities to develop friendships through show and tell, group games and discussions

Library Time

Come and read a book with your child and help them to choose a library book to take home. This will happen every Thursday afternoon starting 24th September at 2.45pm- 3.15pm. Toddlers, childminders, grannies and grandads all welcome. Your child will have the opportunity of taking a book home to read with you. Please make time to read with your child. A record card will be placed in the book bag for you to add comments to. These books will be changed every Thursday afternoon.

Home/School Contact

Please remember to keep sending your photos and comments to add to your child's learning journey using our Evidence Me software.

We will send you photos and comments of what we have been doing in class too. Also please keep a look out on the school website for weekly updates on the children's learning.

Information on Evidence Me will be shared at the Meet the Teacher meeting.

Special Activities and Events in School

There will be times when you are asked if your child can bring in something from home to share in class. This will be done through an email on school spider or Evidence chat. Please check your email regularly so that you do not miss the message. We do not wish for your child to miss put out on anything.

P.E. and Outdoor Learning

PE this term will take place on Monday and Wednesdays. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school for those days. Nursery children who attend on those days **will** need a PE kit or come to Nursery in suitable clothes on that day

Outdoor learning will take place on the mornings of Wednesday 11th and 18th

November. Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing their school sweatshirt on top and a pair of warm trousers eg, jogging bottoms on those days. Nursery children who attend on a Wednesday will need to come to school dressed in suitable clothes for outdoors.

Stay and Play Sessions

We are delighted to invite you all to our stay and play sessions. You will have the opportunity of bringing your child to school and staying for the morning to play with your child as they learn. It will also give you time to get to know other parents and we will even supply tea, coffee and biscuits! These sessions will take place once a month. Toddlers are welcome. Please make note of the dates and times below:

Monday 28th Sept – 8.55am- 11.00am

Tuesday 20th October – 8.55am-11.00am

Wednesday 25th November – 8.55am – 11.00 am

Thursday 17th December- 8.55 am – 11.00am

