



Nursery Newsletter



A Great Start!

Over the last few weeks, the children have all settled into Nursery really well. They have been busy exploring the setting and have already discovered some of their favourite places to play and learn. Staff have been introducing important routines and showing the children how to find, use and look after the resources within the classroom. This helps the children to develop their **independence** and begin to take responsibility for their own learning.

Staff are also carrying out a range of activities and observing the children during their play. This will help us to complete our **baseline assessments** and find out more about each child's individual starting points, interests and needs.



What Have We Been Learning?

This week, we have shared the story *Who Are You?*. We have used the story to encourage lots of talk about **ourselves, our likes and dislikes and what makes each of us special and unique**. The children have enjoyed getting to know each other and sharing their ideas and experiences. We have also been looking carefully at our different features and creating our own **self-portraits**.



Next Week – Our Families

Next week, our focus will be **families**. We will be talking about the different people who are special to us and encouraging the children to tell us **who lives in their house**.

We would love to create a display celebrating all of our different families. Please send a **family photograph** into school or email one to:

louise.mcdermott@sthelens.org.uk

We look forward to hearing the children talk about the special people in their lives.



Key Person

Each child has been allocated a **Key Person**.

Your child's Key Person has responsibility for monitoring their development across the **seven areas of learning**. They will get to know your child's individual interests, strengths and next steps.

Your child's Key Person will not be with them every minute of the day, as we encourage the children to develop positive relationships with **all members of the Foundation Stage team**. However, they will keep a watchful eye on your child's progress and support them through focused activities and interactions.

Your child's Key Person is:

Mrs McDermott

Please share any concerns, information, achievements or interests that you may have about your child with their Key Person. We value working closely with families and want you to be involved in your child's learning as much as possible.



Reminders



Foundation Stage Fund

Please remember our **£1 per week, per family Foundation Stage Fund**.

Your contributions help us to buy some of the extras that enhance the children's learning and experiences, such as **play dough, cooking ingredients, sensory materials and resources for our continuous provision**.

Thank you for your continued support.



Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a **separate, named water bottle** to use throughout the day.

Water only please – no juice or flavoured water.

Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on their bottle.



Please Label Everything!

Please make sure that **all of your child's belongings** are clearly labelled with their name – even their shoes!

This makes it much easier for us to return lost or misplaced items to the correct child.



Developing Independence

We are encouraging the children to become increasingly independent with their belongings and self-care skills.

Please encourage your child to **practise putting on their own coat at home**. We are teaching the children to use the **Flip Method**:



Have a go at practising the Flip Method at home!

Developing these simple everyday skills helps children to become more **confident and independent**.



Healthy & Safe Packed Lunches

Please see the attached information about Early Years food choking hazards.

It is really important that you check which foods may pose a choking risk and which foods need to be prepared or cut in a particular way, especially when preparing your child's packed lunch. We also ask that packed lunches are healthy and balanced. As a Healthy School, we actively promote healthy eating and encourage the children to make healthy choices



Thank You!

Thank you for all your support so far. The children have made a **fantastic start** and we are really pleased with how well they have settled into Nursery.

We are looking forward to lots more **learning, exploring and fun together!**

