



# Warrington Road Nursery School Newsletter

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Spring Term 2

## Dates for your diary

Monday 13th April—School Reopens

Tuesday 20th April—SEND Parents Evening

Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May—Stay and Play Sessions

Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday  
School closed

Wednesday 20th May—Wellbeing Picnic

Friday 22nd May - Last day of term

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence this term and engaging in lots of fun learning experiences. Regular visits to our learning library are taking place and the children are developing a real love for stories and reading. Our older children have amazed me with the progress they are making in their phonics sessions, and I have also watched some lovely problem-solving work taking place in maths.

The children have enjoyed celebrations for World Book Day and a visit to Croxteth farm. They have all approached these events with such enthusiasm and I grateful for the continued support parents and carers show towards our additional curriculum events.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new children who have joined us this term, and we are pleased to say they are settling into school life very well and have been busy making friends and learning our routines.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated and hard-working staff team for their ongoing commitment to the school.

Wishing you all a fun Easter break!

Best Wishes

Liane Johnson (Executive Headteacher)

## 2 Year Olds

This half term the children have enjoyed celebrating and learning all about Chinese New Year, through sensory-rice activities. These included a focus on the colours red and gold, sensory trays with rice and small utensils and mark making equipment to create their own Chinese symbols. One of our families kindly brought in some traditional Chinese food for us to taste. We all enjoyed sharing and tasting new flavours and had great fun using chopsticks to pick up our food.

The children had a wonderful immersive trip to Croxteth Farm Park. They enjoyed seeing, hearing and touching the animals. It boosted their language skills through learning new vocabulary, and they had the opportunity to brush the horses and feed the animals.

The story focus for this half term has been 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. We have enjoyed sharing this together and the children had lots of sensory story play opportunities outside; they got to shiver through a swirling, whirling snow story and wade through swishy, swashy grass. Together, we developed lots of fun activities around our story.

## Photo Gallery



## 3 - 4 Year Olds

We have had a busy half term! We looked after chicks which arrived as 10 eggs, and we watched them hatch and grow into 10 fluffy chicks. We spoke to the children about the lifecycle of a chick and this linked directly into our topic 'What Happens On a Farm?'

It was also World Book Day this half-term and the children came dressed as their favourite characters from a book. They really enjoyed coming into nursery dressed up and even designed their own book covers. All staff came dressed up as characters too from the story 'What The Ladybird Heard'.

The children love to make playdough and have enjoyed talking about the textures and changes they saw when making the playdough. They voted on which colour they wanted to make and created flowers using coloured sticks as stems.

The children have also really enjoyed building with our wooden blocks. It was a great way to use their imaginative skills, as well as maths, language and problem solving. They have been working together to create structures and explore shapes, balancing and using different sizes.

We hope everybody has a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

### Photo Gallery



### Stay and Play Sessions

We have had a really positive response to our stay and play sessions this half term based on Maths.

We look forward to welcoming everybody again in the next half term.

### Attendance Hero of the half term!

To be entered into our half termly draw, you need to have at least one week of 100% attendance in that half term.

### WELL DONE LUCA!



### Governor Spotlight and Updates:

We have recently appointed a new board member, Matthew Meazza. Watch this space for their spotlight in the next newsletter!

We also have a new Vice Chair, Maxine Owen.

Thank you to all governors for their support to our school and our Federation.

### Charity Donation – Hop for the Haven!

We would like to thank all of our children for joining in with our Hope for the Haven challenge. As a Nursery School you raised **£1293.50!** We managed to raise **£2273.49** across the Federation. This will help Halton Haven Hospice to support patients and their families during worrying and challenging times. Thank you, as always for your wonderful help and support.

## Wraparound Care



Wrap around care is available 8am—5pm. If you would like a space, or to enquire about prices, please speak to Kirstie in the school office or email [reception@affns.co.uk](mailto:reception@affns.co.uk). Our nursery staff run these sessions, and the children have a varied breakfast and a variety of healthy snack options for after school. If you would like to see a menu, please contact the office, or view the website.

### 2 Year Old Funding

With new government guidelines, from April 2024, working parents may be able to receive 15 funded hours. To check eligibility please visit <https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk> and select Early Years For more information regarding places, please contact the school office.

### Attendance

It is very important for children to come to school every day, so they are not missing out on important learning and the exciting things we have planned. If your child is not well, please get in contact to let us know.



Green (97%+) is good attendance



Amber (91-96%) is cause for concern



Red (below 90%) is poor

### Snack Money for this half term is

Can we remind parents that snack is in addition to your child's nursery funding. Please pay for snacks for this current half term if you haven't already done so.

**Payments can be made:** Half Termly - £10.00 Termly - £20.00 Full Year—£60.00



### Payments

Can we ask that all payments (snack money, trip money etc) are paid into the nursery school bank account or through the School Spider app. Please ensure all payments are clearly identified with your child's name and details.



### Contacts

Telephone: 0151 424 4686

Email: [reception@affns.co.uk](mailto:reception@affns.co.uk)

Or alternatively, message us through the Spider Parent App

### Dropping off & Picking up Times

A reminder for all parents and family members to follow the drop off and pick up times. The purpose of this is so the groups are not continually disturbed during the session

#### Drop Off

9.00 am

12.45pm

#### Pick Up

12pm

3.45pm

### Privacy Notice

Please find the privacy notice relating to data protection on our noticeboard and website.

### Disabled Car Park Spaces

Please do not park in these spaces unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking here unless they can see badge displayed and you will be asked to move.



### Yellow Zig Zag Parking

Please do not park outside of nursery school on the yellow zigzags. These lines are for the safety of all the children.

