



Dates for your diary

Monday 1st September INSET

Tuesday 2nd September INSET

Thursday 3rd September – School Reopens

Friday 25th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th October – Photographer in

Monday 12th –16th October – Stay and Play week

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely end to the summer term with an emotional leavers' celebration, and a fabulous community summer fayre!

Thank you to all our parents and families who have supported us with donations and helping out with our events. We are so grateful for your ongoing commitment and dedication to our school.

We say goodbye to those starting their new adventure in reception class after the summer break and hope you keep shining like the bright stars that you all are. We will miss you!

We wish all our families a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming back those who are staying with us.

Best wishes and happy holidays 😊

Liane Johnson (Executive Headteacher)

2 Year Olds

This half term in the 2-year-old room, we have been exploring our core text, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story, retelling events, and making predictions about what might happen next. As part of our learning, we have used musical instruments to create and tap out the repeated “trip-trap” sound as the goats crossed the bridge.

We have also learned lots of new vocabulary and focused on understanding prepositional language, including words such as *over* and *under*. To bring the story to life, the children used their gross motor and problem-solving skills to build bridges outdoors for the Billy Goats Gruff to cross and places for the Troll to hide underneath. They loved acting out different roles from the story, developing their social, communication, and imaginative play skills.

We have explored our big question, “*How do we travel to Nursery?*” The children discussed their journeys and learned about different modes of transport, including cars, buses, bikes, prams, and walking. Using large blocks and loose parts, they designed and built their own vehicles while working together and sharing ideas. To extend our learning, we visited Delamere Forest, travelling by coach. We enjoyed the *Room on the Broom* trail, a ride on the witch’s broom, and lots of exciting outdoor activities linked to our curriculum.



This term has flown by as we explored our exciting topic, **“Where Do We Go on a Journey?”** The children loved learning about contrasting countries and climates through our outdoor environments, including a snowy polar log cabin, a safari, and a campsite. They packed rucksacks, prepared food, chose suitable clothing, and set off on imaginative adventures. Using our core book, *The Troll* by Julia Donaldson, we learned about fiction and non-fiction texts, book features, and text direction. We linked our learning to *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and pirates, enjoying pirate-themed role play, treasure hunts, ship building, fish cooking, and walking the plank! Our visit to Delamere Forest for the *Room on the Broom* Trail was a highlight. The children searched for the witch’s missing items, explored the play area, and enjoyed activities connected to their learning. In Maths, we continued developing counting, number recognition, and pattern-making skills, which the children confidently applied during free play.

We were also delighted to welcome Key Strings and our local librarian, who introduced the children to musical instruments and the Summer Reading Challenge.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. We wish our leavers every success, look forward to welcoming our returners back, and hope everyone enjoys a happy summer break. 😊

Photo Gallery



Stay and Play Sessions

There will be more stay and play sessions in the autumn term. See our ‘Dates for your Diary’ section.

We had a very successful couple of days for new starter stay and plays, welcoming our September starters in to meet the staff and giving them a chance to explore their new surroundings!

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.

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School Leavers and Summer Fayre!

We would like to thank all our parents/carers for joining us for a lovely farewell celebration of our school leavers and we wish them all the best of luck in their new schools!

Our summer fayre was a great success, thank you all for your donations, it would not have been possible without them! As a school we have raised **£671.57** to put towards new equipment and resources.

Staffing Updates

Jane Storey – Jane is leaving us this July, we would like to thank Jane, for all the years of care, dedication, and kindness you have given to the children and families at the nursery school. Wishing you every happiness and success in your next chapter—you will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Laura Fallon – Laura is retiring this July, we would like to say congratulations on your retirement, and thank you for the many years of dedication, care, and support you have given to the nursery school. Wishing you a happy, and well-deserved retirement filled with wonderful new adventures and precious memories. From September, Laura will be one of our School Governors and provide supply cover when needed so for those of you staying with us, you will see her around!

Charity Donation – MacMillan Coffee Morning

When we come back in September, we will be taking part in the MacMillan Coffee morning again.

The date for this is **Friday 25th September – 3pm**. We look forward to seeing lots of you there whilst we raise money for a wonderful cause.

Wraparound Care

Wrap around care is available 8am—5pm. If you would like a space, or to enquire about prices, please speak to Catherine or Lisa in the school office or email 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 and 30-hour funding

With new government guidelines, from April 2024, working parents may be able to receive 30 funded hours. To check eligibility please visit <https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk> or www.beststartinlife.gov.uk to check if you are eligible for funded hours. If you are – please contact the nursery office to enquire about availability of spaces.

New Update – Free School Meal Entitlement

Free School Meals are being introduced for Nursery School children who are eligible. If your child attends any full days at school and you receive Universal Credit, they may be entitled to have their lunch provided. To check your eligibility, please go to - or scan the QR code. **Don't forget to let us know if you are entitled and would like to access this provision.**



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 (95%+) is good attendance



Amber (91-94%) 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 4687

Email: sec@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.

