

# Netherton Park Nursery School Newsletter



**Spring half term 1      January 2026**

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays - we hope you all had a restful break.

What an interesting start to the term with the weather.

The weather is still uncertain over the coming days/weeks so please keep an eye on



## **SNOW and bad weather updates**



Myself and the staff worked hard to keep the Nursery School open and maintain safety for the children and families for the start of last week, however some days this is just not possible due to either staff not being able to get in or the fact that the park paths and local roads are just too dangerous.

I thank you for your full support in these situations that are out of our control. Please can you ensure you have your notifications on/or ensure you check Tapestry on a regular basis as this is our first point of communication if we need to get information to parents quickly with regards to messages, updates and any school closures.

If we do have to close the Nursery school due to snow or very bad weather then we will post information Tapestry and our Facebook page.

## **Tapestry observations**



Staff have asked that we remind you to 'like' and wherever possible comment on Tapestry observations - especially the ones that specifically relate to the learning and progress for your child.

Staff spend a lot of time ensuring these observations offer a good overview and reflect your child's learning journey to ensure you as parents/carers are aware of where your child is with their learning and their identified next steps.

Thank you to all of the families that join in with our Tapestry challenges and by uploading things your child takes part in at home - it really helps the staff gain an overview of your child outside of Nursery as well as being a great talking point to engage the children during their sessions.

## Safeguarding information

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child within our school please speak to one of our DSL's

**Designated Safeguarding Lead** - Alison Ward

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads** - Verony Elmer and Jackie Armstrong

### Attendance Autumn half term 2

(4/11/25 - 18/12/25)

Expectations are over **95%**

**Whole Nursery School attendance: 85%**

Acorn Morning group	86%
Acorn Afternoon group	80%
Becky group	88%
Kerry group	83%
Jo Afternoon group	81%
Hilary Morning group	79%
Hilary Afternoon group	76%
Katie group	93%
Sycamore	80%

### Attendance

As a maintained Nursery School we are expected to monitor attendance regularly and inform parents/carers where attendance is a concern. Attendance in our Nursery School is a major focus area for improvement and it was also highlighted to us by Ofsted as needing to improve.

***Our expectations as a Nursery School are 95% and above.***

Where attendance is **below 85%** letters detailing your child's attendance and/or punctuality will be sent home this week.

We do acknowledge that children have been poorly and the impact this has on attendance, however we are still expected to be addressing our attendance issue.

I have to report to Governors on a termly basis on the % of pupils with absence below 90% - last term this was **55%** of all pupils. This needs to be improved upon this term.

We want to support families to improve attendance - Jackie is available to discuss any difficulties you may be facing.

Also can we please remind all parents of our start times:  
8.40am and 12.30pm.

We have an increasing number of pupils arriving late each day. Please can we ask that you bring your child to nursery on time.

Thank you

### School Fund



A reminder to all parents that we ask for **£1 each week** which helps with the 'extra' activities such as cooking and play dough resources.

Staff will have a pot for you to put the money in. We **really** appreciate all donations.



### Parking

Another reminder (as people are still parking in the yellow box) that the Police are monitoring the parking around all Dudley Schools.

Please park considerately and **do not** block peoples driveways or park in **the yellow box junction** at the entrance to the staff carpark.

**A reminder that the use of mobile phones is not permitted on any part of the school site - this includes the main entrance and car park when dropping off and collecting children**

