



*Together
we play,
learn and
succeed*

Working Together for a Successful Start

Did you know that attending Nursery regularly helps children feel happy, confident and ready to learn? ♥



By making sure your child attends Nursery regularly you will help them to:



Build positive relationships with adults and friends.



Develop language, communication and confidence.



Access exciting play and learning opportunities.



Become familiar with daily routines and expectations.



Feel secure, settled and ready to learn.



What you can do



Talk positively about Nursery.



Share books, stories and songs together.



Establish a consistent morning routine.



Prepare coats, bags and spare clothes the night before.



Encourage independence wherever possible.



Speak to us if you have any worries – we are here to help.



Attend regularly and arrive on time.



Being absent from Nursery can:



Make it harder to settle into routines.



Interrupt friendships and relationships.



Mean children miss important learning experiences.



Affect confidence and independence.



Every Day Builds Confidence



Young children learn through repetition, routine and relationships.

Regular attendance helps them feel safe, secure and ready to explore, play and learn.



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Welcome to Nursery



2026–2027

Together we learn, play and succeed.



Learn
Through Play



Love of
Stories



Explore
Our World



Grow in
Confidence



We are delighted to welcome you and your child
to Nursery at Dorridge Primary School.

We look forward to sharing an exciting year of
learning, discovery, friendship and fun.



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2026-2027



Senior Management Team

Providing leadership,
guidance and support
across the school.



Director of Primary Education

Supporting school
improvement and ensuring
the highest standards
for all children.



Admin Team

Your first point of contact
for attendance,
communication and
day-to-day queries.



Inclusion Team

Supporting children
with SEND, EAL,
wellbeing and
additional needs.

You'll meet many members of staff during your child's time at Dorridge.
We all work together to support every child to thrive.

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Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads in school:

Mrs Thelwell, Mrs Hales, Mrs Mannion,
Mrs Morrey, Mrs Pugh, Ms Robbins,
Mrs Davies and Mrs Mayers.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play.

At Dorridge we consider, at all times,
what is in the best interests of the child.



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Safer Schools is our communication app
designed to help keep you informed and
involved in your child's school journey.



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- 1 Download the app for free
from the Google Play Store
or App Store.
- 2 Enter the name of
our school here.
- 3 Then tap 'Continue'.
- 4 This is where you enter
your 'Entry Code'.
Our school code is
6903
- 5 This will then give you access
to the content within the app.



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Attendance Matters



Every day counts in Nursery



Be On Time

A calm start helps children settle, feel secure and ready to play and learn.



Be Here Every Day

Regular attendance helps children build friendships, confidence, routines and a love of learning.



Every Day Counts

Even small absences can make it harder to settle, make friends and join in.



Holidays during term time are not normally authorised.

96%+
Attendance

Giving children the best opportunity to thrive.

Reporting an Absence



Arbor Parent App

Please log all absences and illness via the Arbor Parent App.

It's quick, easy and helps us keep accurate records.



Arbor

Requesting Leave of Absence



Use the school Leave of Absence Form available from the school office.



If Your Child is Unwell



Please log all illness and absence via the Arbor Parent App.

**48
HRS**

For sickness and diarrhoea, children must be 48 hours clear before returning to Nursery.



Further advice on other medical conditions is available on our website.

Need Support?



We're here to help.

If attendance becomes difficult for any reason, please speak to us early so we can work together to support your child and family.



CSAWS
IMPROVING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
IMPROVING OUTCOMES.



Friendships

Building positive relationships



Communication

Developing language and confidence



Play

Learning through fun and exploration



Independence

Building skills for now and the future



Confidence

Feeling secure, happy and ready to learn



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ParentPay & School Fund



Supporting children's learning and experiences throughout the year



ParentPay

ParentPay allows families to:

- ✓ Pay for trips and visits
- ✓ Pay for clubs and activities
- ✓ Make secure online payments
- ✓ Access school payment information



Login details will be
provided in September.



School Fund

£30
per child

£50
per family



Voluntary contribution

Why Does School Fund Matter?

Your contribution helps provide the extras that make school special and enrich children's learning experiences.



Creative Resources

Art materials and
classroom equipment



Books & Reading

New books and
literacy resources



Theatre & Visitors

Special performances
and enrichment
experiences



Outdoor Learning

Enhancements to our
learning environments



Memorable Experiences

The extras that help
bring learning to life



Every Contribution Makes A Difference



As school budgets continue to face increasing pressures, School Fund contributions help us provide many of the additional opportunities and experiences that make Reception such a special year.



Every donation, no matter the size,
directly benefits our children.



Thank You For Your Support

Together we help create wonderful opportunities for every child.



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Uniform

- ✓ School Uniform
- ✓ Send coats EVERYDAY and
- ✓ Book bag with school logo*
- ✓ PE kit to be kept in school all year.
- ✓ **Please ensure that names are in EVERYTHING!!!**

All Uniform items can be purchased at Palmers or Monkhouse.



Also a second hand uniform shop is also run by our PTA.
(Scan the QR code to email a uniform request)



Helps children feel proud
and part of our school
community



Encourages organisation
and readiness
for learning



Ensures safety and
easy identification
on school trips



Promotes equality
and a sense of
belonging



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School Start Times



First Day

All Nursery Children will start on

Monday 7th September



Stay and Play Session

Friday 4th September

9:30am – 11:30am

Sign up with Mrs Mansfield tonight



8:40am prompt start

It is very important for us to fit in the 3 hours of teaching each day and helps children to settle quickly and happily when they arrive.

Please make sure you must drop off your Nursery child first.



Children will be met at the door by a member of the Nursery team.
If you are unsure about anything, please just let us know – we are here to help!



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Drop Off and Pick Up



Please make sure you drop off and pick up your children promptly.

NP Children

(Nursery/Darby's Gate)



8:40am Prompt drop off
Please drop off at Nursery/Darby's Gate.
No slow start.



11:40am Pick up (Morning session)
Please collect from Nursery/Darby's Gate.



2:40pm Pick up (Part-day session)
Please collect from Nursery/Darby's Gate.



3:15pm Pick up (Full day)
Please collect from Nursery/Darby's Gate.

ND Children

(Nursery Playground Entrance)



8:40am Prompt drop off
Please drop off at the Nursery
playground entrance.



11:40am Pick up (Morning session)
Please collect from the Nursery playground
entrance (access via the path behind the
Key Stage 1 car park).



2:40pm Pick up (Part-day session)
Please collect from the Nursery playground
entrance (access via the path behind the
Key Stage 1 car park).



3:15pm Pick up (Full day)
Please collect from the Nursery
playground entrance.



Always drop off your Nursery child first – this gives you 10 minutes
to drop off any other children you have at school.



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Parents as Partners



There are lots of ways to get involved in life at Dorridge Primary School.



PTA

**Supporting our
school community**

Our fantastic PTA organises events throughout the year, helping to raise valuable funds for resources, experiences and special opportunities for all children.



Parent Council

Your voice matters

The Parent Council provides an opportunity for parents and staff to work together, share ideas and help shape school life.



School Governors

**Helping shape
the future**

Our governing body works alongside school leaders to support the school's vision, ensure accountability and maintain high standards.



Volunteering

Giving your time

Whether you can offer an hour a term or more regular support, we'd love to hear from you.



Interested in helping?

Scan the QR code to register your interest in volunteering at Dorridge Primary School.



Every contribution makes a difference

There are many ways to support our school community. Whether you join a committee, volunteer your time, attend events or simply support your child's learning at home, you are an important part of our school community.



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Friends of Dorridge (PTA)

Bringing our school community together 



School Events

We organise fun events throughout the year, including fairs, discos and special celebrations for our school community.



Fundraising

We raise essential funds to provide resources, experiences and opportunities that enrich our children's learning and school life.



Community

We bring families, children and staff together and create lasting connections within our school community.



Making a Difference

Every event, big or small, helps make a positive difference to all the children at Dorridge Primary School.



Want to get involved?

Whether you can help regularly or just occasionally, the PTA would love to hear from you.



Coffee mornings



School fairs



Christmas events



Leavers celebrations



And much more!

"Many hands make light work – every little bit of help makes a big difference."



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Tonight's Meeting



What we'll cover this evening



Meet the Nursery Team

Get to know the adults who will support your child every day.



Life in Nursery

Find out what a typical day looks like and how children learn through play.



Our Nursery Curriculum

An introduction to the Early Years Foundation Stage and how we support children's development.



Learning Together

Discover practical ways you can support your child's learning and independence at home.



Questions & Next Steps

Everything you need to know to help your child settle confidently into Nursery.



We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Nursery at Dorridge Primary School. We look forward to working in partnership with you to help your child learn, grow and thrive in a happy, safe and nurturing environment.



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Meet the Nursery Team

Together we work, play and learn alongside your child every day. ♥

Nursery D (ND)



Mrs Mannion
Class Teacher
Assistant Headteacher
& EYFS Lead



Mrs Walker
Class Teacher



Mrs Harris
Teaching & Learning
Support Assistant



Miss Deakin
Teaching & Learning
Support Assistant
(Mon–Wed)



Mrs Morrison
Teaching & Learning
Support Assistant
(Wed–Fri)



Mrs Greensall
Teaching & Learning
Support Assistant
(mornings)



Miss Graves
Teaching & Learning
Support Assistant

Nursery P (NP)



Miss Gill
Class Teacher



Mrs Cartwright
Teaching & Learning
Support Assistant



Mrs Haines
Teaching & Learning
Support Assistant

Our Nursery Team



Nursery D is taught by Mrs Mannion and Mrs Walker, who job-share the class teacher role. Mrs Mannion is also Assistant Headteacher and EYFS Lead.

The Nursery D team also includes:

- Mrs Harris
- Miss Deakin (Mon–Wed)
- Mrs Morrison (Wed–Fri)
- Mrs Greensall (mornings)
- Miss Graves

Nursery P is taught by Miss Gill.

The Nursery P team also includes:

- Mrs Cartwright
- Mrs Haines



Although children belong to either Nursery D or Nursery P, we work together as one Nursery team to provide a caring, nurturing and consistent environment where every child can play, learn and thrive. ♥



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Why it matters



Builds the
foundations for
future learning



Supports children's
development across
all areas



Encourages
curiosity, confidence
and independence



Prepares children
for a successful
journey ahead

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?



The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.



It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.



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The 7 Areas of Learning



Everything we do in Reception is built around these seven areas.

PRIME AREAS These are the foundations for all learning.



Communication
& Language



Physical
Development



Personal, Social
& Emotional
Development



SPECIFIC AREAS These develop as children grow in confidence and independence.

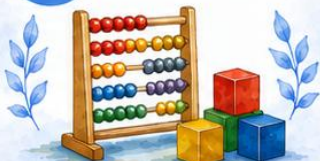


Literacy



123

Mathematics



Understanding
the World



Expressive Arts
& Design



Family



Child



School

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Communication & Language



Listening • Understanding • Speaking

Talk is at the heart of everything we do in Nursery. ♥



Listening & Understanding

- ♥ Listening to stories and rhymes
- ♥ Following simple instructions
- ♥ Joining in with songs and actions
- ♥ Developing attention and concentration



Speaking

- ♥ Sharing ideas and experiences
- ♥ Asking for help and expressing needs
- ♥ Learning and using new words
- ♥ Building confidence to talk with others



Learning Through Talk

- ♥ Taking turns in conversations
- ♥ Learning through play with friends
- ♥ Exploring new vocabulary every day
- ♥ Talking about what they see, do and discover



How You Can Help at Home



- ♥ Talk together throughout the day.



- ♥ Read stories, sing songs and enjoy nursery rhymes.



- ♥ Give your child time to answer questions.



- ♥ Introduce and explain new words.



- ♥ Encourage your child to talk about their play and experiences.



- ♥ Listen carefully and show interest in what they have to say.



The more children hear language, the more confident communicators they become.





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Physical Development

Moving • Growing • Exploring



Active bodies help children learn, explore and thrive. ♥



Gross Motor Skills

- ♥ Running, jumping and climbing
- ♥ Balance and coordination
- ♥ Outdoor exploration and play
- ♥ Building strength and stamina



Fine Motor Skills

- ♥ Pencil control
- ♥ Dough Disco and finger strengthening
- ♥ Using tools safely
- ♥ Mark making and early writing



Independence & Self-Care

- ♥ Putting on coats and wellies
- ♥ Managing belongings
- ♥ Toileting and handwashing
- ♥ Healthy routines and independence



How You Can Help at Home



Encourage active play every day.



Practise using child-safe scissors.



Draw, colour and mark make together.



Encourage independence with dressing.



Use knives, forks and cups independently.



Physical development builds the foundations for *confidence, independence and future learning.* ♥





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Personal, Social & Emotional Development



Feeling • Belonging • Growing



Happy children become confident learners. ♥



Self-Regulation

- ♥ Recognising feelings
- ♥ Learning to wait and take turns
- ♥ Developing concentration
- ♥ Beginning to manage emotions



Managing Self

- ♥ Following routines
- ♥ Becoming increasingly independent
- ♥ Looking after belongings
- ♥ Building confidence to try new things



Building Relationships

- ♥ Making friendships
- ♥ Sharing and taking turns
- ♥ Playing cooperatively
- ♥ Showing kindness and care for others



*How You Can
Help at Home*



Talk about
feelings
together.



Share stories
and discuss
characters'
emotions.



Play games
that involve
taking turns.



Praise effort,
perseverance
and kindness.



Encourage
independence
with dressing
and self-care.



Encourage
children to do
simple tasks
for themselves.



Children thrive when they feel safe, valued and connected.



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Literacy

Stories



Sounds



Mark Making

Every child can become a confident communicator, reader and writer. ♥



Comprehension

- ♥ Sharing stories every day
- ♥ Talking about pictures and characters
- ♥ Building vocabulary through books
- ♥ Understanding and discussing stories



Word Reading

- ♥ Daily Essential Letters and Sounds sessions
- ♥ Learning and recognising letter sounds
- ♥ Joining in with rhymes and repeated phrases
- ♥ Beginning to hear sounds in words
- ♥ Developing a love of books and reading



Writing

- ♥ Mark making with purpose
- ♥ Developing pencil control
- ♥ Giving meaning to marks and drawings
- ♥ Building hand strength and coordination
- ♥ Beginning to recognise and write some letters



*How You Can
Help at Home*



Read together
every day.



Talk about
stories and
pictures.



Sing nursery
rhymes and
songs.



Notice letters
and signs in
the environment.



Encourage
drawing and
mark making.



Celebrate every
attempt at
communication
and writing.

*Every mark, every story and every conversation is a step
towards becoming a reader and writer. ♥*

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Mathematics

Numbers • Patterns • Problem Solving

Maths is about noticing, exploring and making sense of the world around us.



1
2 3

Numbers

- Counting with confidence
- Recognising numbers
- Subitising small quantities
- Comparing amounts
- Beginning addition and subtraction



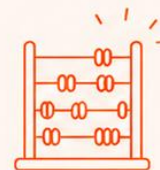
Patterns

- Spotting patterns
- Understanding sequences
- Exploring shape and space
- Measuring and comparing
- Making connections in maths



Problem Solving

- Practical resources
- Games and investigations
- Problem solving
- Real-life maths opportunities
- Talking about mathematical thinking



How You Can
Help at Home



Count
everyday
objects



Play
board
games



Compare
quantities while
shopping

1
2 3

Look for
numbers in the
environment



Complete puzzles
and pattern
activities



Read counting
and number
stories together.



Children develop a deep understanding of number through play, exploration and meaningful experiences.



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Understanding of the World



Discovering



Exploring



Understanding



Children learn about the world around them through curiosity, exploration and first-hand experiences.



Past & Present

- ♥ Talking about family experiences
- ♥ Celebrating birthdays and special events
- ♥ Understanding daily routines
- ♥ Sharing memories and stories
- ♥ Noticing changes over time



People, Culture & Communities

- ♥ Learning about different families
- ♥ Celebrating festivals and traditions
- ♥ Exploring similarities and differences
- ♥ Learning about our local community
- ♥ Developing respect and kindness towards others



The Natural World

- ♥ Exploring seasons and weather
- ♥ Caring for plants and animals
- ♥ Investigating materials and objects
- ♥ Observing changes in nature
- ♥ Asking questions and finding out more



How You Can Help at Home

- ✓ Visit parks, woods and outdoor spaces
- ✓ Talk about family experiences and memories
- ✓ Celebrate special events and traditions
- ✓ Encourage curiosity and questions
- ✓ Explore nature together
- ✓ Read information books and non-fiction texts



Every day is an opportunity to discover, explore and wonder.





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Our Nursery
Team nurture
curiosity, creativity
and confidence
through play.



Creating with Materials

- ♥ Exploring paint, clay, collage and junk modelling
- ♥ Using different materials and textures
- ♥ Joining, shaping and constructing
- ♥ Developing ideas through play
- ♥ Sharing creations with others



Being Imaginative & Expressive

- ♥ Role play and storytelling
- ♥ Singing nursery rhymes and songs
- ♥ Exploring music and movement
- ♥ Playing instruments
- ♥ Pretending, imagining and creating stories



Expressing Ideas and Feelings

- ♥ Mark making and drawing
- ♥ Exploring colour, shape and pattern
- ♥ Talking about creations
- ♥ Expressing thoughts and feelings through play
- ♥ Building confidence to share ideas



How You Can Help at Home

- ♥ Provide opportunities to draw, paint and create
- ♥ Sing songs and nursery rhymes together
- ♥ Encourage role play and dressing up
- ♥ Celebrate and talk about your child's creations
- ♥ Explore different materials and textures
- ♥ Share stories that inspire imagination



Explore art
materials of different
colours and textures.



Sing songs and
listen to music
together.



Enjoy pretend
play and making
up stories.



Build, create and
construct using
different resources.



Take photos of
creations and talk
about them.



Praise effort,
creativity and
imagination.



Creativity helps children imagine, explore and make sense of their world.



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A Typical Day in Nursery

We **Play**, **Explore** and **Learn** Together



Welcome & Settling In

Children arrive, self-register and settle into their learning through play.



Dough Disco & Funky Fingers

Developing the strength and coordination needed for early mark making and writing.



Concept Cat & Phonics

Building vocabulary, listening skills and early sound awareness through stories, songs and games.



Teacher-Led Learning

Small group activities linked to our curriculum and current learning themes.



Continuous Provision

Exploring, investigating and learning through play both indoors and outdoors.



Snack & Social Time

Developing independence, communication skills and healthy habits.



Story Time & Singing

Sharing stories, rhymes and songs to develop language and a love of books.



Home Time / Afternoon Learning

Children either go home or continue their afternoon session with further opportunities for play and learning.

Learning Through Play



Indoor & Outdoor Exploration



Happy, Confident Learners



*Every Day
Includes...*



Making
Friends



Talking and
Listening



Creative
Experiences



Stories and
Rhymes



Outdoor
Learning



Building
Independence

*In Nursery, children learn best through play,
exploration and positive relationships.*



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Dough Gym & Funky Fingers



Building strong hands for writing success!



**Squash
& Squeeze**



**Cut &
Create**



**Build &
Construct**



**Thread &
Weave**



**Draw &
Mark Make**



**Pinch &
Pick Up**



**Strong
Hands**

- ♥ Grip
- ♥ Strength
- ♥ Control



**Fine Motor
Skills**

- ♥ Coordination
- ♥ Dexterity
- ♥ Precision



**Ready to
Write**

- ♥ Pencil control
- ♥ Letter formation
- ♥ Independence



Playing
with Lego



Using
playdough

You can help at home by:



Cutting and
sticking



Threading
beads



Drawing and
colouring



Practising
buttons and zips



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Teaching Sessions



Small moments of learning with a big impact.

Our teaching sessions are short, practical, engaging and carefully planned to develop children's knowledge, skills and vocabulary.



Always linked to
a *Rich Text* ♥

Every teaching session is inspired by a high-quality Rich Text. This provides the stimulus for our planning, helps build vocabulary and brings our learning to life!

This week's example:
The Colour Monster
by Anna Llenas



The Quality and Intention Behind Our Teaching Sessions ♥



*Purposeful
and Planned*

Every session has a clear purpose and links to children's learning and development.



*High Quality
Experiences*

We provide rich, hands-on experiences that are engaging, meaningful and stimulating.



*Building Knowledge
and Vocabulary*

We introduce and build new vocabulary and help children make connections in their learning.



*Developing Skills
and Confidence*

We support children to practise, improve and become more confident in their skills.



*Inclusive and
Supportive*

Our sessions are adapted to meet the needs of all children so everyone can succeed.



*Joyful and
Motivating*

We create a positive, nurturing environment where children are motivated to learn and have fun.

♥ Intentional teaching, strong relationships and high expectations help every child thrive. ♥

What Guides Our Teaching? ♥



Our Concepts

Our learning is built around the big ideas of:
Celebration • Self-Awareness • Community • Exploration •
Responsibility • Creativity • Imagination • Growth



EYFS Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, covering all seven areas of learning and development.



Development Matters

Our teaching is informed by Development Matters guidance, helping us understand how children learn and progress.



*Children's Interests
& Next Steps*

We carefully observe children and plan experiences that build on their interests, strengths and individual needs.



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The Importance of Continuous Provision

Learning through play, exploration and discovery.



Continuous provision is at the heart of our Nursery.

Our rich, inviting environments are carefully planned to support every child to explore, practise, make choices and build their learning every day.



Investigation



Water Play



Small World



Construction



Mark Making



Role Play



Outdoor Exploration

★ Continuous Provision Helps Children to... ★



**Build Independence
& Confidence**

- ♥ Choose resources
- ♥ Make decisions
- ♥ Solve problems
- ♥ Develop resilience



**Develop Curiosity
& Exploration**

- ♥ Investigate
- ♥ Ask questions
- ♥ Explore interests
- ♥ Discover new ideas



**Communicate
& Collaborate**

- ♥ Play alongside others
- ♥ Share ideas
- ♥ Take turns
- ♥ Build friendships



**Apply & Embed
Learning**

- ♥ Practise skills from teaching sessions
- ♥ Revisit vocabulary
- ♥ Make connections
- ♥ Embed knowledge through play



**Follow Children's
Interests**

- ♥ Responsive planning
- ♥ Extend fascinations
- ♥ Motivate learning
- ♥ Develop engagement



**Feel Successful
& Motivated**

- ♥ Experience challenge
- ♥ Celebrate achievement
- ♥ Develop a love of learning
- ♥ Become confident learners

♥ How You Can Help at Home ♥



**Allow time
for open-ended play**

Let your child lead and explore.



**Follow your
child's interests**

Talk about what they love and enjoy.



**Encourage
independence**

Let them try things for themselves.



**Talk about
experiences
together**

Share and listen to their ideas.



**Explore
outdoors**

Notice, wonder and discover.



**Read stories
together**

Inspire imagination and language.



Every moment, every choice, every experience supports a child's learning and development.





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Our Nursery
Team nurture
curiosity, creativity
and confidence
through play.



Phonics



Listening • Talking • Playing with Sounds

At Dorridge Nursery we use Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)
to develop strong foundations for communication, reading and writing.



Daily ELS phonics sessions



Listening to sounds around us



Songs, rhymes and rhythm



Introducing individual letter sounds



Sharing stories and books



Using sounds in our play and learning

ELS

Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)

- ♥ Daily phonics sessions
- ♥ Listening and attention activities
- ♥ Learning through songs, stories and games
- ♥ Building confidence with language



Phase 1 Foundations



- ♥ Environmental sounds
- ♥ Instrumental sounds
- ♥ Body percussion
- ♥ Rhythm and rhyme
- ♥ Alliteration
- ♥ Voice sounds
- ♥ Oral blending and segmenting



abc

Beginning to Learn Sounds



- ♥ Introducing individual letter sounds
- ♥ Recognising some graphemes
- ♥ Linking sounds to pictures and objects
- ♥ Using sounds during play and learning



Share stories every day



Sing nursery rhymes together



Listen for sounds around you



Play listening games



Practise sounds sent home



Encourage sound talk during play



Celebrate effort and participation



Strong readers begin with listening, talking and playing with sounds.





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Story Time & Home Time



..... Ending our day together



Love of Books

- ♥ Daily stories and rhymes
- ♥ Choosing favourite books
- ♥ Enjoying reading together



Language & Vocabulary

- ♥ Learning new vocabulary
- ♥ Talking about stories
- ♥ Asking and answering questions



Imagination & Storytelling

- ♥ Retelling stories
- ♥ Acting out characters
- ♥ Storytelling through play



Why Story Time Matters

Story time is one of the most important parts of our day. Through stories, rhymes and discussion, children develop vocabulary, imagination, communication skills and a lifelong love of reading.



Story Time



Collecting
Belongings



Celebrating
Success



Home-School
Communication



Home Time



Before children go home, we celebrate achievements, share important information and reflect on the day's learning.



..... Every day ends with stories, smiles and shared successes.





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Welly Walks & Outdoor Exploration



..... ♥ Discovering, investigating and learning through real experiences. ♥



Exploring Our World

- ♥ Looking closely at plants and animals
- ♥ Observing seasonal changes
- ♥ Asking questions and finding answers
- ♥ Developing curiosity about nature



Investigating & Discovering

- ♥ Using simple tools and equipment
- ♥ Following children's interests
- ♥ Solving problems together
- ♥ Learning through first-hand experiences



Building Confidence & Independence

- ♥ Taking safe risks
- ♥ Developing resilience
- ♥ Working together with friends
- ♥ Exploring new environments



How You Can Help at Home

- ♥ Go on local nature walks
- ♥ Talk about changes in the weather
- ♥ Look for signs of the seasons
- ♥ Encourage children to ask questions
- ♥ Explore parks, woods and open spaces



..... Every walk is an opportunity to discover something new.





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Lunch Time



..... Developing independence, confidence and social skills every day.



Healthy Choices

- ♥ Freshly prepared meals each day
- ♥ Vegetarian options available
- ♥ Salad and fruit choices daily
- ♥ Balanced and nutritious menu



Learning New Skills

- ♥ Carrying trays safely
- ♥ Choosing food independently
- ♥ Using cutlery confidently
- ♥ Clearing away after eating



Time With Friends

- ♥ Sitting and chatting together
- ♥ Developing good manners
- ♥ Learning lunchtime routines
- ♥ Building friendships across school



How You Can Help at Home

- ♥ Encourage independence at mealtimes
- ♥ Practise using a knife and fork
- ♥ Talk positively about school lunches
- ♥ Encourage children to try new foods



Lunch time is an important part of the school day where children develop confidence, independence and friendships.





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Free Flow Learning



..... ♥ Learning inside and outside throughout the day ♥



Following Interests

- ♥ Children choose where to learn
- ♥ Learning follows curiosity
- ♥ Opportunities to revisit experiences



Active Learning

- ♥ Climbing, balancing and moving
- ♥ Developing confidence and independence
- ♥ Learning through real experiences



Exploration & Discovery

- ♥ Investigating the natural world
- ♥ Problem solving through play
- ♥ Developing creativity and imagination



Indoor
Learning



Choosing
Resources



Outdoor
Exploration



Sharing
Ideas



New
Discoveries



♥ Children learn best when they can follow their curiosity and explore the world around them. ♥



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Free Flow Snack



..... ♥ *Developing independence, confidence and conversation* ♥



Independence

- ♥ Choosing when to have snack
- ♥ Pouring drinks
- ♥ Tidying away independently



Healthy Choices

- ♥ Learning about healthy foods
- ♥ Developing self-care skills
- ♥ Understanding routines



Communication & Social Skills

- ♥ Taking turns
- ♥ Talking with friends
- ♥ Building confidence in conversation



Wash
Hands



Choose
Snack



Pour
Milk



Pour
Drink



Chat
Together



Tidy
Away



Snack time is about much more than food – it helps children develop independence, confidence and social skills.





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We love keeping you informed and involved in your child's Nursery journey. Here are the ways we share updates and celebrate every special moment.



Keeping You Updated

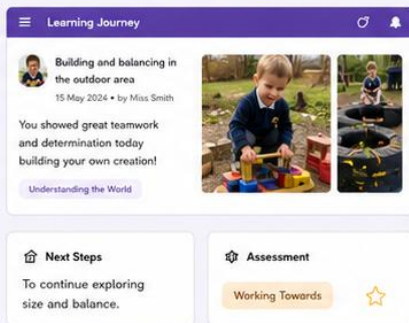
Sharing your child's learning journey and celebrating achievements together.



Evidence Me
Learning Observations



Your Child's Learning Journey
Photos, observations
and assessments



ClassDojo



Class Dojo
Home-School
Communication



Evidence Me
Learning Observations

- See photographs of your child's learning.
- Celebrate achievements and milestones.
- View special moments from Nursery.
- Understand how your child is progressing.



Class Dojo
Home-school communication

- Important announcements.
- Reminders and updates.
- Quick messages from Nursery.
- Celebration of achievements.



Working Together
Partnership with families

- Keep notifications switched on.
- Check updates regularly.
- Celebrate learning together.
- Share in your child's successes.



**How You Can
Help at Home**

- ✓ Check Evidence Me regularly.
- ✓ Read Class Dojo announcements.
- ✓ Talk to your child about their learning.
- ✓ Celebrate achievements together.
- ✓ Contact us if you have any questions.



Working together to support every child's learning journey.





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FootieBugs

Learning, moving and having fun!



Increase
confidence



Improves concentration
and listening skills



Improve social
interaction



Improve
behaviour



Develops coordination
and physical skills



Most importantly...
it's fun!



What is FootieBugs?

- ♥ Weekly PE sessions led by FootieBugs coaches
- ♥ Fun, engaging and age appropriate
- ♥ Builds skills through games and activities



What will my child learn?

- ♥ Teamwork and respect
- ♥ Listening and taking turns
- ♥ Resilience and determination
- ♥ Ball skills, control and coordination
- ♥ Healthy habits and active lifestyles



What do children need?

- ♥ PE kit on their FootieBugs day
- ♥ Trainers
- ♥ A positive attitude and a smile!



How FootieBugs helps your child



Boosts confidence
and self-esteem



Builds friendships
and teamwork



Improves focus
and learning



Supports wellbeing
and happiness



Encourages a
lifelong love of
physical activity



Children learn best
when they are active,
happy and confident!



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School Readiness for Nursery



Working together to give every child
the very **best start**.

What is school readiness?

School readiness is not about being able to
read, write or count before starting school.



It is about children feeling:

- ✓ Confident
- ✓ Independent
- ✓ Curious
- ✓ Ready to explore and play
- ✓ Happy to be part of school life



Five key areas



*Personal, Social &
Emotional Development*

- ♥ Managing feelings
- ♥ Taking turns
- ♥ Building friendships
- ♥ Growing confidence



*Communication
& Language*

- ♥ Listening carefully
- ♥ Following instructions
- ♥ Speaking confidently
- ♥ Sharing ideas



*Physical
Development*

- ♥ Using scissors
- ♥ Being active
- ♥ Managing self-care
- ♥ Developing coordination



*Thinking
& Learning*

- ♥ Being curious
- ♥ Exploring and investigating
- ♥ Having a go
- ♥ Solving simple problems



Independence

- ♥ Toileting
- ♥ Dressing
- ♥ Looking after belongings
- ♥ Choosing and making decisions



Family



Child



School



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Helping Your Child Thrive in Nursery



*Small steps at home can make a big difference
to your child's confidence and independence.*



Independence

- ♥ Putting on and taking off a coat
- ♥ Managing shoes and wellies
- ♥ Carrying their own belongings
- ♥ Having a go before asking for help



Toileting

- ♥ Using the toilet independently
- ♥ Managing clothing as independently as possible
- ♥ Washing and drying hands
- ♥ Telling an adult if they need help



Communication

- ♥ Listening to simple instructions
- ♥ Asking for help when needed
- ♥ Sharing wants, needs and interests
- ♥ Joining in with conversations



Social & Emotional Skills

- ♥ Taking turns
- ♥ Playing alongside others
- ♥ Sharing resources
- ♥ Beginning to manage feelings



How You Can Help at Home

- ♥ Encourage children to put on their own coat
- ♥ Practise using the toilet independently
- ♥ Read and talk together every day
- ♥ Encourage tidying away toys
- ♥ Allow time for children to try things themselves



*We do **not** expect children to do these things perfectly.*
We work together with families to help every child grow in confidence,
independence and happiness.





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Settling In Together



*Every child settles at their own pace, and
we're here to support them every step of the way.*



Getting the Groups Right

- ♥ Children will be placed into a colour group when they start Nursery.
- ♥ During the first few weeks, staff spend time getting to know every child.
- ♥ We may move children between groups as we learn more about friendships, confidence and individual needs.
- ♥ This helps us create groups where every child can thrive.



Getting to Know Each Other

- ♥ We spend time building relationships with every child.
- ♥ We learn about their interests, personalities and strengths.
- ♥ Children begin to make friendships and feel part of our Nursery family.
- ♥ We work closely with parents to support a positive start.



Safe, Secure and Happy

- ♥ Settling in looks different for every child.
- ♥ Some children settle immediately, while others take a little longer.
- ♥ We provide reassurance, comfort and consistency.
- ♥ Our priority is that children feel safe, valued and happy.



Trust Us... We've Got This!

- ♥ Our experienced team has supported hundreds of children starting Nursery.
- ♥ We understand that the first few weeks can be emotional for families too.
- ♥ We will keep you informed and work together every step of the way.
- ♥ Before long, your child will be arriving with confidence and a smile.

How You Can Help



Talk positively
about Nursery



Keep good
routines for
sleep and
mornings



Allow plenty of
time for
independence



Share any worries
or concerns
with staff



Trust the
process and
celebrate small
successes



*The first few weeks are about building **relationships, confidence and belonging.**
Together, we'll help your child have the very best start to their Nursery journey.*





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*Together
we play,
learn and
succeed*



And Finally...



We can't wait to welcome your child to Nursery. ♥



We look forward to **working in partnership** with you and your family.



Every child starts their Nursery journey with **different experiences, strengths and interests**.



Together we will help your child become **confident, independent** and ready to **thrive**.



If you ever have any **questions or concerns**, please come and talk to us.
We are always happy to help.



We are **incredibly proud** of our Nursery team and can't wait to share the year ahead with you.

*Every child.
Every day.
Every chance
to shine.*



The
Nursery
Team



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