

Nursery Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 4th September 2026
to
Friday 23rd October 2026

Theme – Down the Farm

We would like to give a very warm welcome to all our families starting with us in Nursery!

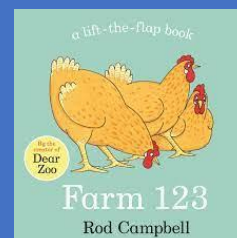
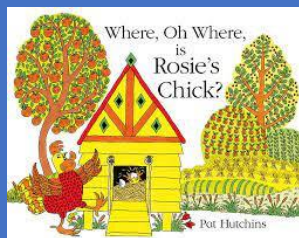
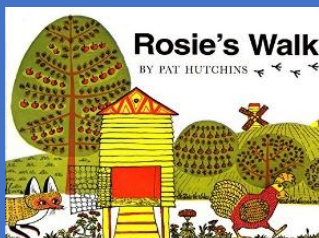
Your class teacher is Miss Ellis.

Your teaching assistants are Mrs Harkins, Miss Scaife, Mr Gibbons and Miss Gomez.

We are looking forward to settling your child into our Nursery and aim to provide a happy, nurturing and secure environment for all. You are the biggest influence in your child's life and nobody knows your child better than you. By working together as a team, we can all help your child through this important and exciting journey!

Our topics are designed to make learning fun and engaging. These will change each half-term and we always aim to incorporate children's interests in our learning opportunities.

This half term we will be reading:



What will we learn this half term?

Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

This half term we will be learning about farm animals and reading the story 'Rosie's Walk'. We will be learning a poem for National Poetry Day. We will be wearing yellow for Mental Health Day and we will be learning some new songs for our Harvest Festival.

Communication and Language

We will be getting to know the children and having lots of circle times and social snack times to develop the children's speaking and listening skills. When the children have settled we will be sharing news from the weekend on a Monday. This encourages the children to speak in front of their familiar group and listen to each other.



Literacy

When the children have settled, we will be looking at the book 'Rosie's Walk' as our topic story but we will also be sharing lots of other stories too. We will be encouraging the children to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories. The children will have lots of opportunities to mark make freely and with encouragement give meaning to their drawings.

In the next few weeks on a Friday your child will be given a library book from our school library. This will be changed on a weekly basis so please remember to return your book every week so your child can choose a new one. This is a lovely opportunity for you to share with your child.

Maths

Every day during the register carpet time we will be practising counting up to 10 to begin with. We will also be doing a 'rocket countdown', 10 to zero! And then BLAST OFF!!!

As part of our topic we will be sorting and counting farm animals and other objects.

We will also be developing the children's maths through the outdoors by collecting and counting natural objects. We will begin to start our maths program on 'White Rose Maths' using the interactive whiteboard.



Understanding the World

We will talk about our families and other people who are special as well as thinking about how we are special and unique!

We will be talking about animals that live on a farm and their features. We will explore all around our school on our welly walks and investigate lots of natural objects on the way!

We will also be retelling our stories outdoors!

We will be learning about seasons and doing lots of 'autumn' activities!



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be doing lots of lovely creative activities such as painting, drawing and using natural materials to create our self-portraits as well as pictures of farm animals.

We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and finding out the children's favourite songs and rhymes, as well as playing with our instruments.



Physical Development

We will be working on the children's fine motor skills by doing activities such as playdough, jigsaws, threading, sorting objects with tweezers and mark making. We will also begin to learn how to use scissors by holding them correctly and developing their control when cutting.

In Nursery we have constant access to outdoor provision so we will be enjoying the Autumn weather and going on some welly walks to play, explore and collect lots of Autumn coloured leaves, pine cones and conkers. Please feel free to bring any of these into nursery collected from any family walks. We will always be able to use them for different activities. Please provide your child with a pair of wellies that will stay in nursery. Please make sure they are labelled with your child's name.



Settling In

This half-term is all about supporting the children to settle into nursery and making new friends. We will begin to learn about all of our new nursery rules and routines. We will be learning that inside we have inside voices, kind and sharing hands and walking feet!

We understand what a big milestone it is for some of the children to leave their parents and carers and also how hard it is for you too!

Please be assured that they will be in good caring hands!

We will be encouraging the parents and carers to help the children hang up their coats, place their school bags in the box and water bottles in the provided boxes, before handing them to the nursery staff at the door.

During this half term we will get Tapestry up and running so please look out for this!

If your child is upset, they will usually settle quickly once their adult has left them. We will always telephone you if they do not settle quickly.

Lunch time and snacks

Snack we will be provided with various fruits and a drink of milk. Your child will bring their own labelled water bottle everyday and will need to be taken home and cleaned everyday. The children who are staying all day will bring their pack lunch. Please label your child's lunch box.

The staff who will be supporting your child at lunch time will be: Miss Gomez and Mr Gibbons. They will help your child with their food and lunchtime routines.

It is vital to let staff know of any allergies or intolerances.

Baseline Assessments

During the first few weeks we will be carrying out some child friendly assessments these will help us to plan learning and support for your child. These are all carried out during their play and are done in a fun way!

Thank you

If at any time you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to working with you during your child's first year at Aldwyn Primary School.

Kind regards

Miss Ellis and the Nursery Team