



Newsletter

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Welcome

We would like to welcome all the new children and families who have started at Blagdon this term and also welcome back to our children and families who are returning after the summer break. The children have settled really well into their new classrooms and they are becoming confident in their new environments already.

Contact Details

Please make sure that you make the office aware of any changes in your contact details. Could you also ensure that you have given the office your date of birth and National Insurance number.

Staff News

We are very proud to let you know that Amina has passed her Apprenticeship and is now a fully qualified Level 3 Early Years Practitioner. She is now working in Orchard.



Elaura is starting an Early Years Apprenticeship in Willows; good luck with your studies!

Jayne has started her Teacher Training this year; we wish her lots of luck in this new and exciting challenge.



Margaret will be joining us at the beginning of October; she has worked within the Federation for many years and has done some temporary work with us before. She will be working across all the rooms this year.

Toy Fund

We use Toy Fund to replace broken toys, buy cooking ingredients or to pay for little extras. Toy Fund is £1 a week and there is a money pot outside each classroom. Many Thanks for your support in this.



Dates for your diary

22nd October	Harvest Stay and Play
23rd October	Last day of Term 1
24th October	INSET day - Nursery CLOSED
HALF TERM - Nursery CLOSED 27th-31st October	
3rd November	First day of Term 2
14th November	Children in Need
19th December	Last day of Term 2

Illnesses

As we approach the winter months there will be an increase in coughs and colds; please ensure that you send your child in suitable clothing as we go outside in **ALL** weathers.

We will let you know if there are infectious illnesses in the nursery and advise you on the minimum exclusion times from nursery.



Spaces in January 2026

We currently have limited spaces available for 3-4 year olds in January. If you know anyone who might be interested please let them know that they can call us to arrange for a look around nursery and to register with us.

Mobile Phones

Please do not be offended if staff ask you to come of your phones when on the nursery site. Your child(ren) would prefer your undivided attention so they can tell you about their day, let you know how they are feeling or just show you how pleased they are to see you.



Many Thanks

Autumn

We will be exploring Autumn and the changes that happen in the world around us during this time of year. If you notice any Autumn leaves, conkers, acorns, etc. we would love you to bring them in so the children can explore them in their classrooms.

We will also be having an Harvest Stay and Play on Wednesday 22nd October, where you will be invited to come in to your child's classroom; there will be more details closer to the time. We will also be collecting foods for our local Food Banks for Harvest; again there will be more details closer to the time.



Reminders

- Please make sure you always close and **BOLT** the gates - please **DO NOT** prop open any gates or let anyone in that you don't recognise
- Session times -
 - 30 hour children** 9.00 - 3.45 Mon-Thurs
9.00 - 12.00 Fridays
 - Morning children** 9.00 - 12.00
 - Afternoon children** 12.45 - 3.45
- Fruit donations - a bag of fruit to share with all children in your child's class
- **NO** nuts or nut products onsite



Tapestry

Tapestry is our online learning journal. It allows you to log in securely to view photographs and observations of your child whilst they are at nursery. You can also add your own observations, which help to give us an insight into your child's experiences and skills outside of nursery.

If your child was at Blagdon last year your sign in will remain the same. If your child has just started at Blagdon you should already have your login details.

If you have changed your email or have not yet given us your email please pass it on to the office or your child's keyworker so we can ensure that you have access to Tapestry.



What to bring to nursery

Please can you try to remember the following items in your child's bag.

They can be left on children's pegs for the term

- Spare clothes - tops/bottoms
- Spare underwear - including socks
- Baby wipes and a plastic bag



Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for the weather as we go outside all year round.

Please don't forget,

- Waterproof coat
- Wellington boots
- Warm coat as it gets colder

PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN ALL ITEMS THAT THEY MIGHT TAKE OFF.

Breakfast Club

We currently have spaces in our Breakfast Club. It is available from 8am every morning for 30 hour and morning children. The children are able to have a breakfast of cereal, pancakes or toast. It costs £5.50 a session. For more information please contact Nicky

Please ask for a booking form to secure your place.



Focus Child Observations

Each child will have a Focus Child week where their keyworker will really focus on your child and support their targets.

To help us with this we will be sending our a questionnaire where you can share your thoughts and views on your child and what you are working on at home. We will then give you some feedback about the Focus week and how your child has got on.

Last Day of term is Thursday 23rd October

We return on Monday 3rd November

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