



Spring Term Newsletter 2026

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to all our children, parents and carers as we begin the Spring Term at West Walton Nursery School.

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and had a lovely time with your families. We are looking forward to an exciting term filled with new experiences, opportunities to learn, and lots of fun!

Our dedicated team have been busy preparing the nursery environment and planning experiences to support the children's learning and development throughout the term.

A New Term of Learning

The Spring Term is always an exciting time in Early Years. As the days gradually become lighter and we begin to see the first signs of spring, there are lots of opportunities for the children to explore the world around them.

Our curriculum will continue to follow the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**, with children's interests, ideas and individual stages of development at the heart of our planning.

Throughout the term, children will have opportunities to:

- Explore the changes we see in nature as spring approaches.
- Develop their communication and language skills through stories, songs and conversations.
- Develop their physical skills through indoor and outdoor play.
- Explore numbers, counting, patterns and mathematical concepts.
- Develop independence and confidence.
- Take part in creative activities and imaginative play.
- Develop friendships and learn how to work alongside others.
- Explore their local community and the wider world.

Stories, Rhymes & Books

We will continue to place a strong emphasis on developing a love of books and stories.

Reading with children every day has a huge impact on their language, communication and future learning. We encourage parents and carers to share books at home and talk about the pictures, characters and events in the story.

Please speak to a member of the team if you would like recommendations for books to share with your child.

Outdoor Learning

We believe that outdoor learning is an important part of the Early Years curriculum.

Our children have regular opportunities to access our outdoor environment, where they can develop their physical skills, explore nature and learn through hands-on experiences.

Please ensure your child comes to nursery dressed appropriately for the weather, including a suitable coat, hat and wellies when required.

Please also ensure that all clothing is clearly named.

Please Label Everything!

We ask that all children's clothing, coats, shoes, bags and personal belongings are clearly labelled with their name.

As children are encouraged to become increasingly independent, belongings can easily be misplaced or mixed up with another child's.

A simple name label makes it much easier for us to return items to their owners.

Lunches & Snacks

We encourage children to develop healthy eating habits and independence at mealtimes.

Please ensure that any food or drinks brought into nursery are clearly labelled where appropriate and meet our nursery's food and allergy requirements.

We will continue to talk with the children about healthy choices, trying new foods and the importance of drinking water.

Settling & Independence

As children grow in confidence, we encourage them to become increasingly independent.

This includes encouraging children to:

- Put on and take off their coats.
- Manage their own shoes and clothing.
- Wash and dry their hands.
- Use the toilet independently where developmentally appropriate.
- Tidy away resources.
- Make choices about their play.
- Talk to adults about their needs.

These small steps are important in developing children's confidence and preparing them for their next stage of learning.



Preparing for School

For our children who will be starting school in September, the Spring Term is an important part of their school-readiness journey.

We will continue to support children to develop the skills they need to feel confident and capable as they move on to school.

School readiness is about much more than recognising letters and numbers. We focus on children's independence, communication, emotional development, physical skills, confidence and ability to manage everyday routines.

We will work closely with parents and carers throughout the term to support this transition.



Keeping Your Details Up to Date

Please remember to let us know if any of your contact details or personal circumstances change.

It is particularly important that we have up-to-date:

- Telephone numbers
- Email addresses
- Home addresses
- Emergency contact details
- Details of people authorised to collect your child
- Medical or dietary information

Keeping these details up to date ensures that we can contact you quickly when necessary and maintain accurate records for your child.



Important Dates

Please keep an eye on **Tapestry newsletters and nursery communications** for important dates and events during the Spring Term.

World Book Day – 2nd March

Children are welcome to dress up as their **favourite book character** to celebrate World Book Day.

Stay and Play – 12th March, 9am–10.30am

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Stay and Play session.

Throughout the term, we will share reminders about **special activities, celebrations, visits and any changes to normal nursery arrangements**. Please check Tapestry regularly so you don't miss any important information.

Communication with Parents & Carers

We value our relationships with families and believe that strong communication between home and nursery is essential.

If you have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share with us, please speak to a member of the team.

Your child's key person is always happy to talk to you about your child's experiences, progress and development.

Thank You

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of **West Walton Nursery School**.

We are very proud of our nursery community and look forward to working together with you throughout the Spring Term.

We hope the children have a happy, exciting and successful term filled with **learning, laughter, exploration and new experiences**.

Here's to a wonderful Spring Term!

The West Walton Nursery School Team