

Welcome to Windmill Daycare

September –
October 2021

A warm welcome to Windmill Daycare

Dates for your Diary

Training Days

Tuesday 4th January
2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Wednesday 27th July
2022

Early closures for Training, Daycare will close at 4pm.

Wednesday 6th October

Wednesday 3rd
November

Wednesday 1st

We are so proud of how well all of our children have settled into Nursery. We would like to say a big welcome back to all our children and a big welcome to all our new children and families who are just starting with us. They children have had so much fun exploring all of their new learning environments, seeing their friends and making new friends in their rooms.

A huge thank you for all of your patience and support with the settling in process, especially at drop off and pick up times. It is so lovely to see so many familiar and new faces and we look forward to the year ahead and your child's time with us here.

Just a few reminders, and information about procedures and housekeeping that you may find useful.

Nursery **opens at 8am and closes at 6pm**, there is **no access by car** onto the school grounds from Parents/Carers between the hours of **7.30am and 4pm** unless you are a parent of a child with SEN. After 4pm Parents/Carers may drive into the grounds, slowly and safely and must park in a bay and not along the fenced area or in the turning circle.

Now that Parents/Carers are being welcomed back inside we ask that you **keep mobile phones inside your pocket or bag** when in the Nursery play areas, both indoors and outdoors. This is to comply with our safeguarding policy as most mobile phones now have cameras and recording devices installed.

50 Things to do before you are 5 Challenges

Over the next few weeks, we will be uploading challenges to Tapestry. There will be ideas of activities that you can do with your child at home, to support with developing many important skills.

Reading and Story Time

We will be starting to send home a Library book with your child, to share and enjoy together.

These are to be returned each week on a Monday or your child's first day back after the weekend if they do not attend every day.

This is a great opportunity to talk to your child about what they can see in the illustrations or even create their own story too! You could talk about the characters, setting and what happened at the beginning,

Little voices and Healthy Living

Little voices singing sessions have recommenced for the children in the Sunflower room. The sessions take place every Wednesday 9.00am until 9.30am and 1.00pm until 1.30pm. This is a fun session that is provided by In Harmony part of Opera North.

Each week the children will be learning about a different aspect of healthy living. Such as physical health and exercise, healthy eating and dental routines.

Tapestry – EYFS Screen Break!

All parents Tapestry accounts will be active by the end of next week.

However, we have decided that we are going to have a period of time that is going to be devoted to face-to-face and real life experiences, instead of virtual.

We will be spending lots of time talking to the children and working on their social skills and building trusting relationships within the classroom.

Therefore, you will see minimal input from nursery over the next few weeks on Tapestry other than home challenges or wow moments

Staff

We have some new members of staff starting with us this term, we hope you will welcome them. They are looking forward to getting to know all our families and children. Tracy will be working in the baby room, Satnam will be working in our Tulip room and Sam will be based in the Daffodil room. We also have Ellie who will be working in the Sunflower room. We would also like to welcome Joanna to our team. Joanna is the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) leader she is stepping in while Rosie is on Maternity Leave.



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Tracy

Ellie

Sam

Satnam

Joanna

Friends of Windmill

Windmill Daycare is proud to have strong links with our community and values all our families. We are looking at starting a conversation group called Friends of Windmill. This will be an opportunity for Parents/Carers to share ideas, thoughts, and feedback about our Daycare provision. These sessions will be held once every half term. It will be an informal group discussion with teas and coffee and will help us to understand what we are doing well and what we could improve on for you and your children.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday 28th October at 10.30am. If you would like to be part of this please

contact [Satnam](#) or [Joanna](#) in the office.

Events

We are so thrilled to be able to invite Parent/Carers into Nursery to join in and be part of events and experiences with their children. We have lots planned for this term!

National Grandparents day -3rd October 2021

The children will be making cards and pictures to give to Grandparents. If children's Grandparents would like to collect them from Nursery that day, it would be lovely to meet them and take a photo together at Nursery.

World Singing day Thursday 21st October 2021

Parents/Carers are invited to join us at 11.00am or at 3.00pm to come for a sing a -long with your child. The children will be learning some new Autumn songs to share with you.

Halloween Monday 1st November 2021

Face Book

Did you know that we have a face book page?

Please follow us at Windmill Daycare-musicfederation

News and messages will be shared on Facebook as well as updates on what the children have enjoyed doing.