



Welcome to Christ Church Nursery!

We are so excited for you and your family to join our nursery. In this booklet you will see some photos of our lovely classroom, pictures of your teachers, and find useful information about what to expect on your first day. Here at Christ Church we call our nursery 'The Hive' - a place which is full of "busy bees" who are always working hard and having fun by playing, learning and exploring together.

It is such an exciting time for parents and children starting nursery for the first time! This is a new adventure that can be a little daunting at times for children and parents so please do not hesitate to speak with us about any concerns, worries or questions you may have. We are here to help and make sure your child has the best start to their school life.



Adults in The Hive

Our teacher is Miss Hallam



In the mornings, Mrs Bruce
is our brilliant TA



Every afternoon, Mrs
Braithwaite joins our fun



Mrs Tyson also comes to
teach us during the week



Important Faces

Mrs Richardson is our
Headteacher and Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Burn is our SENDCO
(Special Educational Needs
and Disability Co-Ordinator)



Our Assistant Headteachers are
Mrs Jackson and Miss Cobb



Our Office Staff

Mrs Howson and Mrs Sutterby



Office Manager



Admin Assistant



Our Hive!



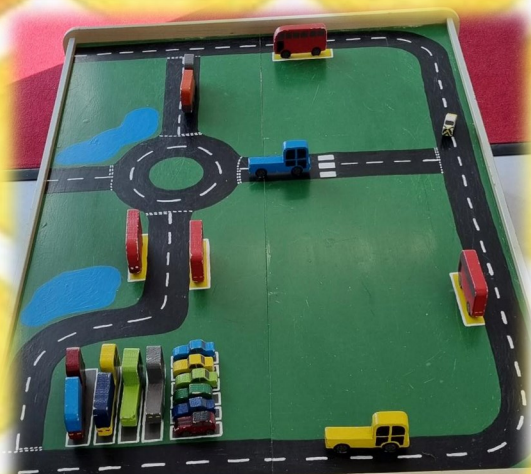
This is our lovely carpet space where lots of whole class activities take place, such as story time and Maths. You might also find us singing, dancing, signing Makaton or playing games here. Every morning we sit on a star and take the register to see how many children are with us in The Hive.



Our Hive!



Home Corner



Car Table



Small World



Our Hive!

Toilets



Lunch Hall



Nursery Gate



Please use the side nursery gate if you are collecting your child at 11:45am or 12:30pm. If your child arrives for an afternoon session at 12:30pm please come to the nursery gate.

School Gate

Please use the school gate if you drop your child off in the morning or pick them up at the end of the day. Our morning session starts at **8:45am** (the school gate opens from 8:40am). The afternoon session and school day finishes at **3:30pm** (the gates are open from 3:15pm).



Our Outdoors!



Our Continuous Provision



Our Routine!

This is what a typical day looks like in The Hive. We are always busy learning so sometimes we can go off timetable if we have something special planned, a surprise or the children lead our learning in an exciting way. We are very flexible in The Hive and love to learn.

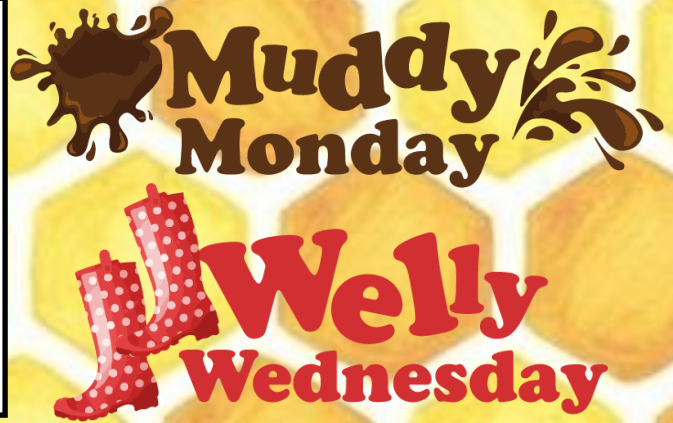
8:40 - 8:55	School gates are open. 8:45 morning session starts Welcoming children into the classroom.	
8:55 - 9:15	Register Time Lunch Register/ Daily Calendar/ Well-being check-in / Topic discussion / Makaton signing	
9:15 - 10:15	Busy Bee Time! Observations/ Adult-led activities / Focus groups	
10:15 - 10:30	Tidy-up Time Toilet and washing hands	
10:30 - 10:45	Phonics/ Literacy Phonological awareness activities / Listening and Attention Games / Read, Write, Inc.	
10:45 - 11:00	Snack Time Story / Socialisation / Question Time- getting to know you / Listening to Music	
11:00 - 11:30	Outdoor Learning Observations/ adult-initiated and child-initiated games and activities	
11:30 - 11:45	Focus activity - Changes daily between Phonics, Literacy, and Maths. Singing and Dancing - Toilet and washing hands /Getting ready for home time or lunchtime.	
11:45	Open gate - morning only children are collected Passing on messages to parents for morning children	
11:45 - 12:30	Lunch Time	
12:30	Open gate - some children collected / dropped off for afternoon session Passing on messages to parents / Greeting afternoon children	
12:30 - 12:45	Register / Phonics Makaton signing / Revisit daily calendar- has the weather changed?	
12:45 - 1:45	Busy Bee Time! Observations/ Adult-led activities / Focus groups	
1:45 - 2:00	Tidy-up Time Toilet and washing hands	
2:00 - 2:15	Snack Time Story / Socialisation / Question Time- getting to know you / Listening to Music	
2:15-2:30	Focus activity Changes daily between Phonics, Literacy, and Maths	
2:30-3:00	Outdoor Learning Observations/ adult-initiated and child-initiated games and activities	
3:00-3:15	Whole Class Story Getting ready for home time.	Sharing Time ClassDojo and Tapestry
3:15-3:30	Home time - 3:30 Nursery session ends Singing or dancing	

Our Learning!

We have lots of fun activities and learning planned across the year which we cannot wait to share with you! The first few weeks of the school year are extra special as we are settling into our new routines and building special relationships with other children and our teachers. Whatever it is, we enjoy rolling up our sleeves and getting stuck in! You may find us counting sticks and stones we have collected, making mud pies outdoors, creating beautiful pictures with our art resources, or singing songs at the top of our lungs! There is never a quiet moment in The Hive!

Muddy Mondays & Welly Wednesdays

Outdoor Learning is essential and plays a key part in supporting children's development in Early Years. Every alternate Monday and Wednesday, we spend lots of time outdoors. We might be splashing in muddy puddles or going on a nature walk across the school field. We will give you more information about our Muddy Mondays and Welly Wednesdays once your child is settled.



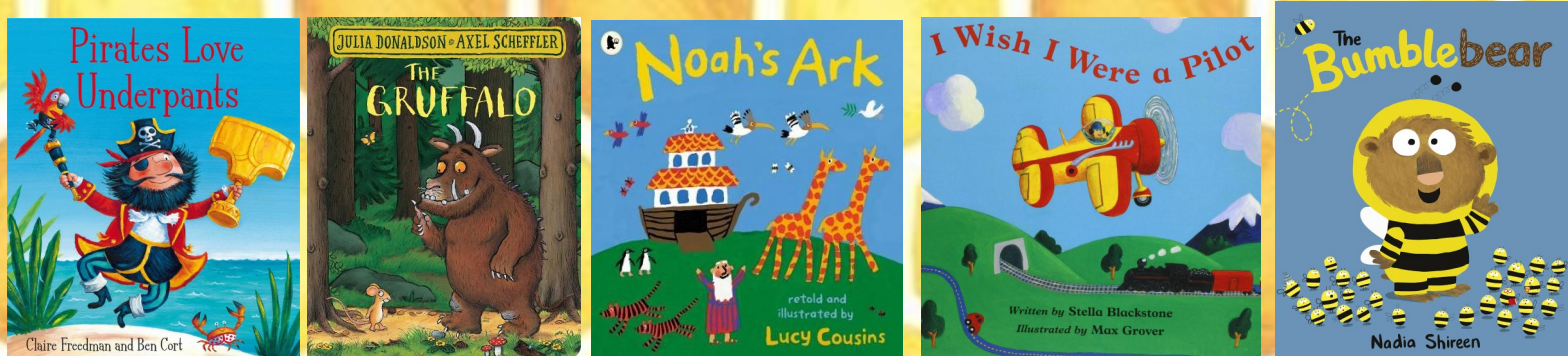
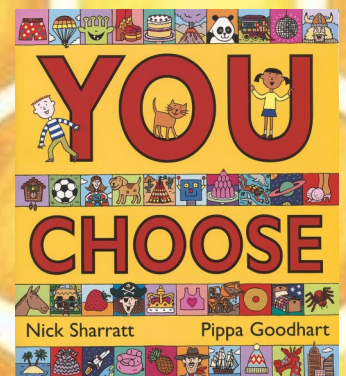
Communication and Language

In nursery we really value and nurture the development of children's speech, language and communication. We love using Makaton signs and symbols throughout our school day and you will often find us singing along to our favourite songs whilst using lots of Makaton. Every Monday, we have a Makaton 'Sign of the Week' to learn and practice with our teachers and friends. During each topic, we learn new signs for our core vocabulary and encourage the children to use Makaton in their play and learning.



Sharing a story!

Reading to your child at home and listening to stories at school is so important for young children. It is an expectation for parents and carers that you encourage a love of reading and share a story with your child at home. Once your child is settled in The Hive, we will send home 'Sharing Books' for you to read together.



Communication



ClassDojo

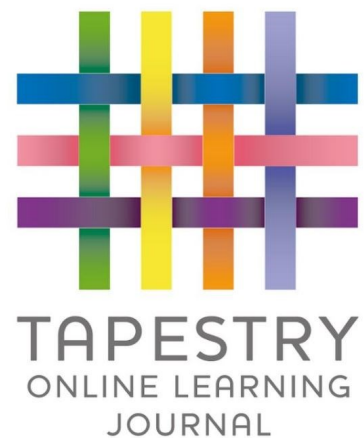
ClassDojo is a wonderful platform for schools and parents to communicate with each other. The Hive staff will use ClassDojo to post photos and share videos of all the fantastic things your child gets up to at Nursery! There will be termly updates on our class page full of useful information and dates for the diary.

As a parent you will also be able to see our whole school story which has information about other events and activities taking place in the whole school. You can use ClassDojo to send messages straight to your class teacher if you ever need to contact us.

Please keep an eye out for an email invitation which will be sent to you once your child starts with us.

Tapestry is an online learning journal that The Hive uses alongside ClassDojo. It is specific to Early Years so you might see your child's teachers linking their posts and your child's photos to assessment checkpoints. As a parent you can use Tapestry at home to post your own photos, videos and comments.

We set weekly 'Tapestry Challenges' for you to complete at home with your child. These are helpful ways you can support your child with their learning and development. One week it might be drawing a brilliant picture, the next it could be taking photos of what you can find on a nature walk! In 'Show and Tell' we enjoy sharing your photos and videos from home as it gives children the opportunity to talk about themselves and their family with their friends and teachers.

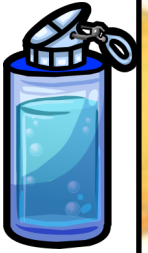


Say hello to our class teddy named Buzz!

Buzz enjoys going home with different children. Your child will get a turn to take Buzz home with them, if you have a special event coming up please let us know. It is completely up to you how you spend your time with Buzz. Some families eat meals together, complete crafting activities, go on a walk or have a fun adventure out and about. We ask that you take some photos of Buzz on his visit and post them to Tapestry so we can share them as a class and your child can tell us about their time together.

REMINDERS AND NOTES

- Your child should **bring a named water bottle with them everyday**. This can be brought in on a Monday and stay in school until the end of the week when it needs to be taken home and cleaned.
- Please could you **pack a spare pair of clothes** in your child's bag so if they get wet or dirty they can be changed.
- It is an expectation that **children are toilet trained before starting our nursery**. We are happy to discuss this with you before your child's start date and offer you some support if needed.
- Please ensure your **child brings a coat with them everyday**, preferably a raincoat as this means we can still have lots of fun outdoors in all weathers!



- Wearing School Uniform is optional for nursery aged children. If your child does not wear school uniform please remember to send them in practical clothing so they can learn, play and explore at ease. Please note we do lots of messy activities at nursery and although we are always mindful of children's clothing they are always encouraged to get stuck in.

- **Label, label, label—clothes, bags, and water bottles.**

- **No jewellery is allowed.** Children with pierced ears should only wear small stud earrings please.
- We have plenty of lovely resources at Nursery so we ask that **personal items stay at home**. Any items and/or toys from home which are brought into school might get lost or broken.



Toothbrushing

As a nursery, we take part in the Brushing Buddies initiative. We encourage and support children to brush their teeth and aim to do this throughout the school week.



Tidy Up Prizes

To encourage children to tidy up after playing, we give out prizes. If your child is our tidy up super star they might come home with a little reward.



Children's Centre

We work closely with the local children's centre service which is located on Bowbridge Road in Hawtonville. If you ever need any extra support (e.g. with sleep, routines, behaviour, diet, and/or toileting) please let us know as they are such a helpful service to use.





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