

Autumn Term - September 2025



Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to East Ayton Nursery! I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year. We have a very exciting year ahead and I am delighted to be working with you! I hope the information in this newsletter will help with your child's transition into our nursery school.

Nursery Times

Our nursery day starts at **9:00am**, however, staff are usually at the gate at 8:55am to give you the opportunity to pass on any messages or ask any questions you may have before the children enter nursery.

If your child is only with us for the AM session, pick up time is at **12:00pm**. We please ask that you ring the white door bell (located on the wooden fencing), as this is the start of our lunchtime, so staff members may not be aware of you arriving at the gate. You are **not required** to bring a lunchbox for your child if they are being picked up at this time.

Our end of the day is at **3:15pm**. Please stand as close to the nursery entrance as possible, as staff will not send any child out of nursery until their grown-up is visible. We also ask that you do not stand near the parked cars, as this is a working road despite the school pick-up time.

If you have someone unknown to nursery picking up your child, **please inform staff on the morning**, as we cannot release children to unknown adults without verbal permission from the primary caregiver.

Learning Opportunities

Here at East Ayton Nursery, we believe that play is a key learning opportunity that provides communication, social, emotional and physical development. Alongside this, we offer a carefully curated curriculum that aligns with both our main school Early Years curriculum and the Development Matters framework.

Our topic this half-term is **Marvellous Me!** This will give your child the opportunity to discuss their families, local area, what makes them happy, and, of course, themselves! We will link this topic to our play, crafting, phonics and communication skills.

Each day we will engage in a phonics activity and a maths activity. These will vary from games to roleplay to construction to nursery rhymes, etc. They are always catered to link with the curriculum, however, most importantly they are catered to engage the children in a love of learning.

We do not send out homework, however, we do send a library book home for you and your child to enjoy at your leisure.



PE

Our PE days this half-term will be a **Tuesday morning and a Thursday afternoon**. On these days your child is welcome to come in a plain white polo shirt, either dark leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and comfortable shoes, preferably trainers. Your child can stay in these clothes all day, so there is no need to bring an additional change of clothes or purchase a PE bag.

Forest School

Behind nursery we are very lucky to have our very own Forest School. We will take many learning opportunities here, with our key days being either **Tuesday or Friday**. As this may change week to week, we ask that if you are able, could your child please bring a pair of wellies that can be left in the nursery. They will be sent home at the end of every half-term, or when requested. We do have spare pairs, but we don't have a large variety of sizes. We will provide a puddle suit to keep your children as dry as possible.

Class Dojo

Hopefully, you will have received an invitation to join our nursery Class Dojo (if you haven't, please let me know ASAP). This is our main source of information and sharing within the nursery. With many children only attending certain days, this is the best way to make sure everyone has the same information at the same time. Any events, key dates, or general information will be sent via Class Dojo, so please keep your notifications on and check the app often.

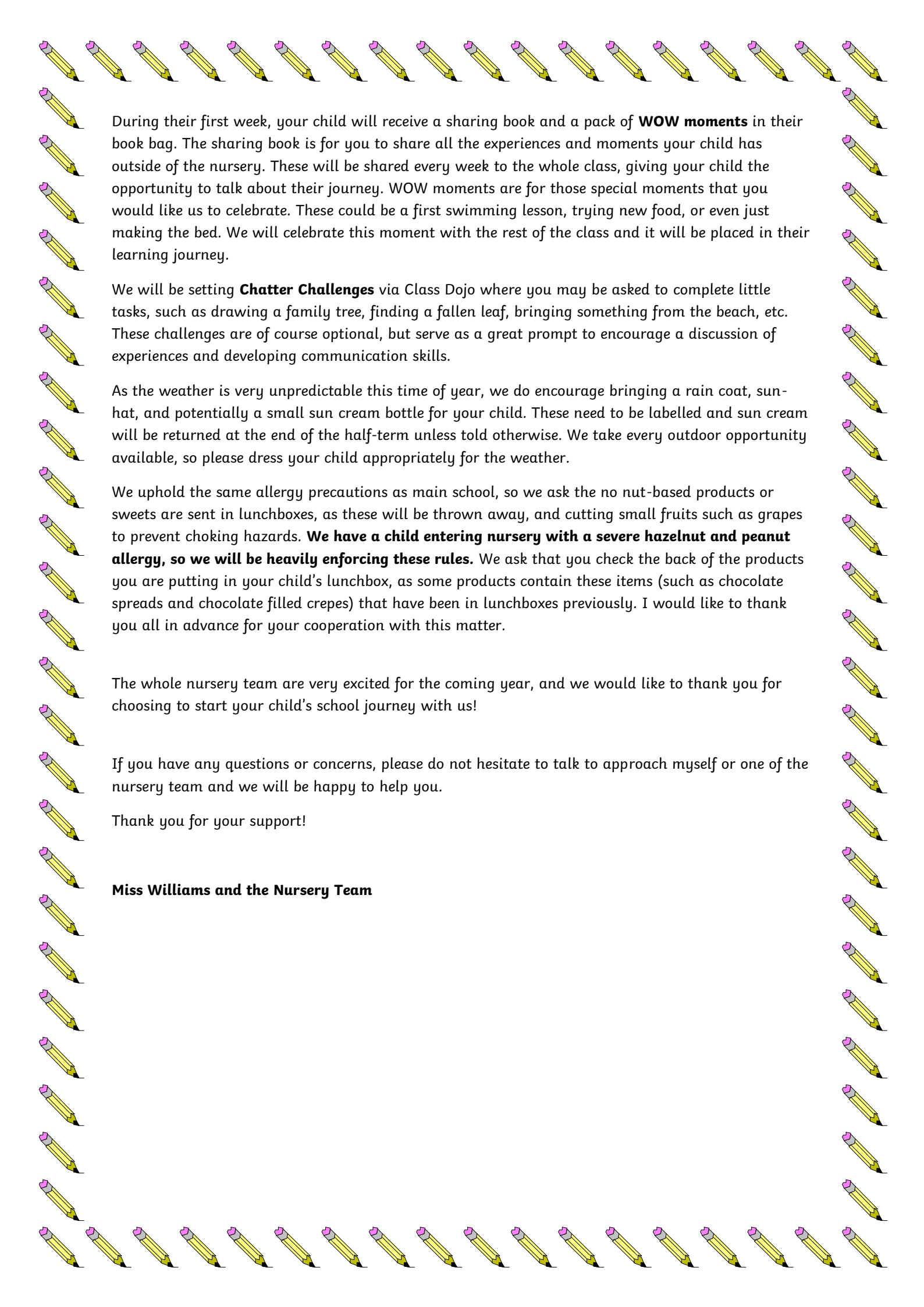
Private messaging is not allowed between staff and parents. If you have important information to relay, such as a change in pickup or an appointment for your child, please feel free to send a message and I will be able to read it during the nursery day. However, if you require a response, please contact the office and you will be forwarded to the nursery phone/email.

Photographs of our week will be posted, as well as our special award winners each week. Only families within the nursery can see these pictures, but if you would rather your child not appear on our Class Dojo, please let me know ASAP.

General Reminders

School uniform is not necessary within the nursery as we are very active, but we do ask that children are dressed in a white polo shirt with either black leggings, shorts, a skirt or smart joggers. Summer dresses are also welcome in warmer weather. We ask that children wear sensible footwear such as black flats or trainers, and **strongly discourage** Crocs, open-toe sandals and Mules, as these are very dangerous in our outdoor area. Jumpers and cardigans with our school logo are also encouraged, but not mandatory. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!**

Your child will have already been given their blue school book bag. If this is lost or damaged, replacements can be purchased from the office. Please check and empty book bags regularly, as this makes it easier for the staff to look through them on a morning.



During their first week, your child will receive a sharing book and a pack of **WOW moments** in their book bag. The sharing book is for you to share all the experiences and moments your child has outside of the nursery. These will be shared every week to the whole class, giving your child the opportunity to talk about their journey. WOW moments are for those special moments that you would like us to celebrate. These could be a first swimming lesson, trying new food, or even just making the bed. We will celebrate this moment with the rest of the class and it will be placed in their learning journey.

We will be setting **Chatter Challenges** via Class Dojo where you may be asked to complete little tasks, such as drawing a family tree, finding a fallen leaf, bringing something from the beach, etc. These challenges are of course optional, but serve as a great prompt to encourage a discussion of experiences and developing communication skills.

As the weather is very unpredictable this time of year, we do encourage bringing a rain coat, sun-hat, and potentially a small sun cream bottle for your child. These need to be labelled and sun cream will be returned at the end of the half-term unless told otherwise. We take every outdoor opportunity available, so please dress your child appropriately for the weather.

We uphold the same allergy precautions as main school, so we ask the no nut-based products or sweets are sent in lunchboxes, as these will be thrown away, and cutting small fruits such as grapes to prevent choking hazards. **We have a child entering nursery with a severe hazelnut and peanut allergy, so we will be heavily enforcing these rules.** We ask that you check the back of the products you are putting in your child's lunchbox, as some products contain these items (such as chocolate spreads and chocolate filled crepes) that have been in lunchboxes previously. I would like to thank you all in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

The whole nursery team are very excited for the coming year, and we would like to thank you for choosing to start your child's school journey with us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to approach myself or one of the nursery team and we will be happy to help you.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Williams and the Nursery Team