

Autumn Two 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the 'not quite Christmas yet' but 'definitely thinking about Christmas from day one' half-term! There is a lot happening in the coming 7 weeks, but rest assured there are still plenty of exciting learning opportunities and fun activities on the way!

Nursery Times

As always, the nursery day starts at **9:00am**, with staff 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. The white doorbell is there for nursery use/enquires only, and is only operational between 8:55am and 3:30pm.

Our end of the day is at **3:15pm**. If you are picking your child up earlier, please could you let a member of the nursery team know in advance. This gives us time to get your child ready before your arrival and stops disruptions to our learning. You are free to ring the office or send a message via Class Dojo (although this will not be answered) if you require an early pick-up at short notice.

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

Learning Opportunities

Our topic this half-term is ***Terrific Tales!*** This topic is a great opportunity to delve into traditional fairy tales, allowing us to link literacy with role-play, storytelling, pencil skills and more!

We will be continuing with our daily phonics sessions, focusing on rhyming words, alliteration and our SATPIN sounds. There will also be daily maths sessions, with a key focus on number recognition to 10.

Throughout the week, afternoon activities will consist of **forest school (Friday - weather permitting)**, crafts, music, sharing circles and outdoor/indoor games. We are (hopefully) going to have a dabble at cooking this half-term, but these sessions will be dependent on supplies. All activities will change week to week to allow everyone the opportunity to join in, however some will be weather and timetable permitting.

PE

Our PE days this half-term will be **a Monday morning and a Tuesday morning**. On these days your child is welcome to come 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.



Winter Weather

As you will undoubtedly know (and feel), winter is well and truly coming! We ask that children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather, with a warm, waterproof coat and appropriate footwear. If your child feels uncomfortable in full length trousers, leggings are a perfectly fine alternative, or shorts can be packed in their backpack as an indoor alternative. We take child safety and comfort very seriously, so if we deem clothing inappropriate, we will mention it at the gate. If you have any questions about your child's school clothing, please do not hesitate to ask!

Nursery Nativity

Yes, that nativity! Our Nursery Nativity this year will be on **Monday 8th December at 2:15pm**. Everyone is invited, even if it is not your child's usual nursery day. Further information about the nativity and arrangements for the day will be put on Class Dojo closer to the time. However, we will be practising our songs from Week 1, so don't be shocked to hear the tale of a very special Baby Hunt!

General Reminders

I would like to thank everyone who participated in last half-term's **Chatter Challenge**! It was amazing to see how engaged the children were with their pictures, and our display board looks fantastic! A new challenge will be sent via Class Dojo in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out.

I would also like to thank everyone for respecting our allergy policies for the children's lunches. Just to remind you, **we have a child in nursery with a severe hazelnut and peanut allergy, so we will be continuing to heavily enforce allergen rules**. It is your support that makes our jobs just a little bit easier, so thank you again for your cooperation!

I have noted all **additional requested days for the Spring Term**. If you need to change your days, or wish to request additional days, please let me know ASAP! New funding forms will be handed out at the start of December, and it is your responsibility to request appropriate funding via the government website. If you require assistance, please contact the main school office.

As always, we are very excited for the coming weeks, and hope that your children are equally excited to be coming back to East Ayton Nursery!

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

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Williams and the Nursery Team