

Spring Two 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome to part two of our Spring term! It may be a short one, but there's a lot happening this half-term as we prepare for World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Mother's Day and, of course, Easter!

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. If you require assistance outside of these hours, please contact the main school office.

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 ***Let's Take a Trip!*** This topic will focus on different transport around the world and looking after our environment. We will be enjoying a range of practical activities linked to these topics in both our local area and within our forest school. This will all link in nicely with our subject and expressive arts objectives.

We will be continuing with our daily phonics sessions, focusing on rhyming words, alliteration and our Level 2 sounds. There will also be daily maths sessions, with a key focus on counting and number recognition to 10, as well as pattern making.

Throughout the week, afternoon activities will consist of forest school (weather permitting), crafts, music, outdoors activities and mindfulness exploration. We are also going to have some food exploration sessions this half-term! 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 **Tuesday and Thursday**. 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.

Weather

We may be slowly entering spring, but the cold and wet weather continues! 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. If we deem clothing inappropriate due to safety, we will discreetly mention it at the gate. If you have any questions about your child's school clothing, please do not hesitate to ask!

General Reminders

I would like to thank everyone for continuing to respect our allergy policies for the children's lunches. Just to remind everyone, **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!

Parent meetings will be held throughout the day in nursery on Wednesday 4th March 2026. Letters will be handed out the first week for you to fill in with a preferred timeframe. These will then be handed back out on Friday with an allocated time for your meeting. Please fill these forms in as quickly as you are able, as I would like to allocate everyone a place that they happy with! Funding forms for Summer will be handed out at these meetings, and any questions you have can be discussed here.

We are once again 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