

## Summer One 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the Summer Term! This is a jam-packed half-term full of many exciting learning opportunities and fun activities. We will also be welcoming our last new starters of the school year, who we are very eager have join us!

### 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 8:50am 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 ***Growing!*** This topic will focus on planting and the need to look after our natural world. We will be enjoying a range of practical activities linked to this topic in both within our nursery and the forest school. This will all link in nicely with our subject and understanding the world objectives.

We will be continuing with our daily phonics sessions, focusing on rhyming words, alliteration and recognising the start sounds in a given word. There will also be daily maths sessions, with a key focus on counting and number recognition to 10, as well as naming shapes.

Throughout the week, afternoon activities will consist of forest school (weather permitting), crafts, music, outdoors activities and mindfulness exploration. 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 are now entering the depths of British spring, which means the weather will be very unpredictable. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, as we want your child to be comfortable and protected.

Now is also the time to send in a **labelled sun cream bottle and summer hat** with your child to leave at nursery. We are happy to top up your child's sun cream before outdoor play, but only if a bottle from home is provided. **The nursery does not provide suncream.** Otherwise, your child will have to stay in indoors or in a shaded area, as we do not want any sunburns. We do have spare sunhats if required.

## 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! We would also like to remind parents that there should be no sweets or uncut fruit in lunchboxes either, as these will be sent home.

Just a quick reminder that we are not allowed to respond to messages sent vis Class Dojo. If you need to contact us to leave quick information (i.e. change in pick up/absences), you can leave a message but please do not expect a reply. If you need a reply, please contact the school via email or phone and it will be redirected to the nursery.

We are also reiterating that children should not be playing or riding their scooters/bikes on the road alongside forest school. This is a private road and cars need permanent access. It is dangerous, so please keep your children safe and in sight.

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 for the start of an amazing summer!

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**