

Stockingford Nursery School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



Headteacher's Letter



Mrs King and the Governing Board would like to wish all of our families a Happy Christmas and hope the children and team have a well-earned, relaxing break. It has been fantastic to see the children grow with their confidence, skills and knowledge during the term. We are teaching the children about inclusion and working together to value individual differences. Our current work on 'Christmas around the World' has focused on learning about traditions from different cultures. Families and children seem to particularly be enjoying sampling a diverse range of festive foods.

A strength of our curriculum is supporting children to develop at their stage of development and taking into account their individual interests and style of learning through play based learning in our continuous provision. Adult led teaching with their key person has recently supported children to extend their knowledge about oral health and keeping safe.

Mrs Grimstead - SEYE in Big Nursery has recently retired from her post and we thank her for her long-standing contribution to the children and families that she supported at our school. Miss Wall and Mrs Charleston are currently supporting the Orange group in our Big Nursery class as their Key Person(s) to drive forwards their care and teaching and learning experiences. Bethany Clark our Level 3 apprentice is been supported by the qualified teaching team to gain key person experience in our little Nursery team.

If you have any questions, updates or need more information about your child or our school, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us so we can support you. We also have a SLT email to contact the teaching team: SLT1041@welearn365.com where families can communicate any safeguarding, SEND or medical updates together with Mrs King and Mrs Phillips.

Katherine King - Headteacher

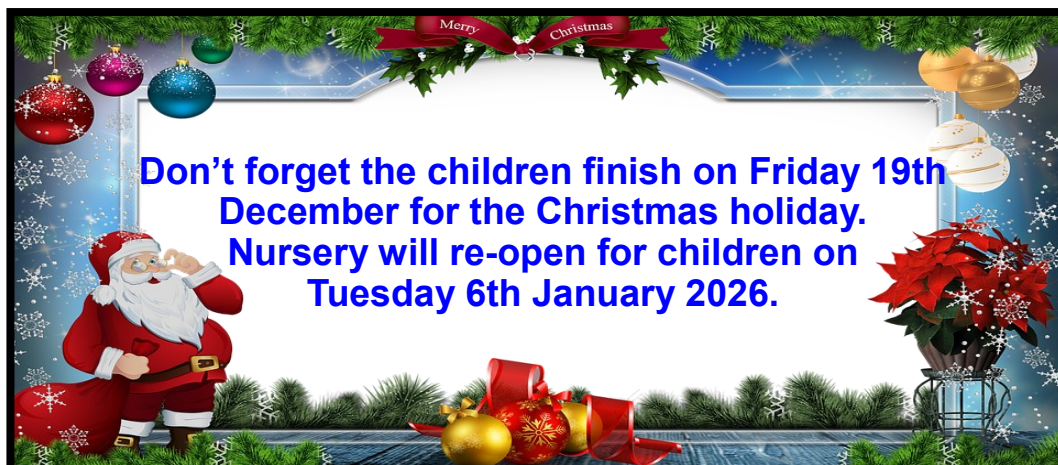
Primary School Starters September 2025

The deadline for 2026 primary school Reception places is 15 January 2026.

All applications received by the deadline of 15 January will receive a school offer on 16 April next year. Any applications submitted after the deadline will only be considered after this, meaning the child is much less likely to be offered a place at a preferred school.

Applications should be made online at: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace>, where parents/carers can also find lots of useful information on priority school areas and admissions criteria.

**Don't forget the children finish on Friday 19th
December for the Christmas holiday.
Nursery will re-open for children on
Tuesday 6th January 2026.**



Nursery School Staff



MRS KING
HEADTEACHER
& DSL



MRS PHILLIPS
NURSERY TEACHER/
SENDCO

Big Nursery



MRS SMITH
NURSERY TEACHER



MRS GROVES
SEND TEACHING
ASSISTANT



MISS WALL
SENIOR EARLY
YEARS EDUCATOR



MRS CHARLESTON
SENIOR EARLY
YEARS EDUCATOR



MRS O'SHEA
NURSERY LUNCHTIME
TEACHING ASSISTANT



MRS GRIFFITHS
SENIOR EARLY
YEARS EDUCATOR



MRS CLARK
EARLY YEARS
APPRENTICE

Middle Nursery



MRS SHEPHERD
SEND EARLY YEARS
EDUCATOR



MS SLANEY
SEND TEACHING
ASSISTANT



MISS HAINES
SEND TEACHING
ASSISTANT

Little Nursery



JO STUBBS
SENIOR EARLY
YEARS EDUCATOR



MISS WALL
EARLY YEARS
EDUCATOR



BETHANY CLARK
EARLY YEARS
EDUCATOR



SARA FIELD
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TEACHING ASSISTANT



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EARLY YEARS
TEACHING ASSISTANT



SARAH GROVES
SEND TEACHING
ASSISTANT

Office



SARA WARD
SCHOOL BUSINESS
MANAGER



TRACEY FULFORD
ADMINISTRATOR



Weather Warning Emergency School Closures



For the attention of all Parents & Carers

Please be aware that in severe weather conditions, it may be necessary for the Nursery to close. If this situation does arise, we will alert you as listed below.

Also, if you have access to the internet, you can visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

This website provides continually updated information as it comes in from the schools.

The Nursery School will send an app message to parents if we need to close. We will also update our Nursery School website to share this information.

<https://www.stockingfordnurseryschool.co.uk/>



IMPORTANT



Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's)

At Stockingford nursery School, our Designated Safeguarding Leads can also provide support and signpost to services.

Here are the team that can support you:

- Katherine King, , Headteacher - Designated safeguard Lead
- Sally Phillips, Teacher - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Tina Shepherd, Senior Early Years Educator - Named Designated Safeguard Lead.
- Jo Stubbs, Senior Early Years Educator - Named Designated Safeguard Lead



Katherine King



Sally Phillips



Tina Shepherd



Jo Stubbs

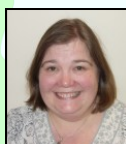
*Under the Education Act 2002, schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer and discuss the need to make a referral to Children's Social Care if that is considered necessary. **This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm or cause undue delay.** The school will seek advice from Children's Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead carries out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acts in the best interests of all children.'*

Well being corner

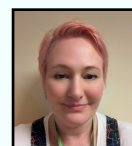
Welcome to our wellbeing corner which aims to provide support and ideas for keeping you and your child emotionally and mentally well. Each month this newsletter will offer tips, information and support for you and your child, so read through and have a go- you never know. Sometimes a small change can make a big difference!

We are lucky in our Centre to have Mental Health First Aid staff who can offer a listening ear and if need be, guide you to finding the right support and services. Please ask if you would like any further information about Mental Health and Wellbeing. Never be afraid, worried or scared to ask for support! We are always here to offer a helping hand.

Mental Health First Aiders



Sally Phillips



Sara Ward

Looking after your own mental health

The NHS Every Mind Matters website have some useful information for anyone who feels they may need a little support or advice.

Parenting or caring for a child or young person can be tough. It's important to make sure you look after your own mental wellbeing, as this will help you support yourself and those you care about. Try to recognise and acknowledge when you're feeling low or overwhelmed. Struggling with something or experiencing your own mental health problems does not make you a bad parent or carer.

It's completely normal to be worried, scared or helpless during difficult times, and feeling this way is nothing to be ashamed of. Is there a friend, fellow parent or carer you trust enough to tell how you're feeling? Maybe there's family, friends or a colleague who could support you or allow you a break? There's plenty of help out there. You should never feel like you have to cope on your own. Young Minds has lots of support for parents, including a helpline and guidance around parenting with a mental illness. Mind has information and suggestions on how to manage parenting with a mental health problem.

Scope has advice on managing stress when caring for a disabled child.

[https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/?](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/?WT.tsrc=search&WT.mc_id=EMMParentsSearch&gclid=EAAlQobChMlrLH8sjc6wIVw7HtCh07iQjWEAAYASAAEgIJTvD_BwE)

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Makaton signs Autumn 2

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



We are proud to say we are a
Makaton accredited School



Toys

Whole formation

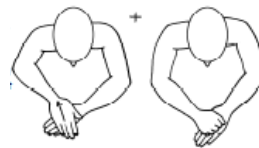


Christmas Tree



Mime holding sack
over shoulder

Father Christmas



Christmas

Slide right hand over back of
left hand towards body, then
close right hand and place on
back of left hand

Sleigh

Hands move quickly
backwards and forwards
together by wrist



Reindeer

Hands move up and out
to show antler size



Yellow Zigzags

We have zig-zag parking restrictions outside nursery to keep your child and others safe. Please **DO NOT** park on these as you are putting your child's safety and the safety of others at risk of danger.

We have notified the police who may take action, as this is a parking offence.

You are breaking the law and could receive a fine.

Absence Reporting

We have made reporting your child's absence easier. Please try out our new dedicated absence messaging service, by calling us on **02476 383708** and **select option 1** to leave us a message.

Alternatively you can use our **MySchoolApp**. Please remember to include your child's full name and reason for their absence.

Your wellbeing this Christmas

Be kind to yourself this festive season

Talk about your feelings

Sharing how you feel about Christmas with someone you trust may help them understand how best to support you during this time.



Take time for yourself

Christmas can feel quite daunting with various demands and expectations. Remember to take a break from it and do something that restores you.



Be who you are

You might feel pressured to buy presents, cook or entertain but you don't have to. Everyone has a right to be who they are and walk their own path.



Eat a balanced diet

Christmas can be a time of overindulging on food and alcohol but an excess of sugar or alcohol can have an effect on your mental health and wellbeing. Moderation is key.



Take a winter walk

Winter weather can make us stay at home and feel sluggish but getting outside for a walk will not only make you feel better but is a chance to connect with nature as well as others.



Do more of what you enjoy

You might join a local group, take up a new hobby or volunteer at a local charity. Whatever makes you feel happy and positive can boost your sense of wellbeing.



For further information please visit:

<https://mentalhealth-uk.org/christmas-and-your-mental-health/>





Warwickshire's New Child and Family Wellbeing Service

From 1 December, your local Health Visiting and School Nursing services will come together under a new name - **Warwickshire Child and Family Wellbeing**, provided by HCRG Care Group.

This new, joined-up service will support children, young people and families from birth, through school, and up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs or disabilities).

Please use these new details for any advice or support from 1 December onwards:

0300 247 0072 | wcfw.contact@hcrgcaregroup.com

1 Allerton Road, Rugby, CV23 0PA

warkschildandfamily.co.uk



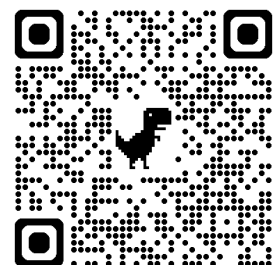
Family Connect

Family connect (previously The Children and Families Front Door) brings together children's Social Care, Information & Advice and partner agencies into one place to facilitate early, better quality information sharing, analysis and decision-making to safeguard children, young people and families more effectively.

If it is urgent please contact Family Connect on:

01926 414144

**For more information
scan the QR code**



What's happening at Stockingford Library

LOVE
YOUR
LIBRARY



Stockingford Library

FREE Lego Club

Are you bored after school on a Thursday?

Why not come to Lego club!

Lots of bricks and a new theme every week.

3.30 - 4.30pm

Learn, Build and Play

For children aged 4 and above with their grown-ups.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
(This activity is not suitable for younger children due to small Lego parts)

St. Pauls Road Nuneaton CV10 8HW

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Rhyme Time!

For 0-2 year olds
FREE! and their carers

Join us for rhymes for 0-2 year olds
Come and join in with rhymes suitable for a child from birth to toddler.

THURSDAYS
11am - 11:30am

You are warmly invited to choose some books before you leave. We are so happy to welcome you into our library and we hope you will have lots of fun with us.

Bookstart
Warwickshire County Council
LOVE YOUR LIBRARY



Warwickshire Libraries What's On Guide

Welcome to the Autumn/ Winter edition of What's On, showcasing the wide range of activities available at Warwickshire Libraries until the end of March 2026.

Libraries offer much more than books! From author talks and creative workshops, to family events and digital learning, there's something for everyone. Whether you're joining the library, attending an event, or simply enjoying a quiet moment, we look forward to welcoming you.

Please click on the link below:

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-2082369270-290>