

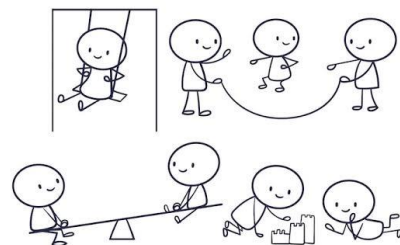


Fleet Primary School

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Fleet Nursery Autumn Term 2026 Let's Play!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Fleet Nursery! We have loved meeting all of you and your fabulous children and we are looking forward to supporting them while they settle into their new learning environment, make new friends and engage in the many activities we have planned for them.

Fleet Nursery is a warm, happy and engaging environment in which every child is supported to help them achieve their full potential. We aim to develop independence, self-confidence and caring attitudes which will help the children acquire lifelong learning skills. Nursery is the foundation of school education and we strive to develop a love of learning and a passion for discovering new concepts with confidence. As well as learning through play, we organise the day so children can take part in a variety of stimulating adult led activities that promote the different areas of learning as well as initiating their own learning and play.

The prime areas of learning that take priority when planning are:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific areas include:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Once the children have settled into the new environment, we will have 3 carpet sessions a day, each with a specific focus. Our first session will have a topic focus and will engage the children in the exciting learning opportunities for the day. During the day we will also have a maths and literacy focused session.

As the year goes on, our involvement with the main school will increase with us going over for a PE session, attending singing assemblies, as well as watching class assemblies and working on co-operative projects with older children.

Autumn Term Topic – Let's Play!

The focus for our topic this term will provide opportunities for the children to learn about each other and share information about themselves. We will be focusing on supporting the children to develop positive relationships, enabling them to build new friendships with all the other children in nursery and learning to see themselves as part of a class. We have chosen lots of lovely books that we will use as a weekly focus to help support the children with making friends and settling into the new environment and routines. We will also be developing routines and modelling how to use different resources so the children can develop their independence in play.

This term also provides many opportunities to learn about different festivals and celebrations, such as Diwali, Halloween, Hannukah and Christmas.

Snacks and Lunch

Please send your child to school each day with a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. We ask that the bottles are filled with **water only** – no squash, carbonated water or juice please.

A variety of fruit snacks are provided for the children to eat each morning. Lunch is a social time in our Nursery, with staff supporting the children. The menu can be found on the weekly school newsletter. We encourage the children to try new foods and aim to make lunchtimes a positive experience but there may be times your child hasn't had a lot to eat. If this is the case, we will let you know.

Reading

One of the best things you can do for your child is read to them. The children will have the opportunity to select books to take home and share with you. To help look after our books, we would be grateful if you could **collect a free Fleet book bag from the office in return for applying for free school meals** (even if you are not eligible). The children can take home 2 books at a time. Our book bag changing days are **Tuesday and Thursday**. We also read to the children throughout the day and encourage their participation in retelling stories and joining in wherever possible.

Mathematics

Each week, we will have a maths focus that we will share with you and focus maths stories each term. Many of the rhymes and songs we learn will also have a number focus. Please check the noticeboard outside nursery each week for this information.

Practical mathematics activities will be embedded in our activities throughout the day. We will continually give the children reasons to count, sort, order, sequence and recognise numerals. The children will also participate in maths activities, games and puzzles in an adult led group.

Clothing

Please dress your child in clothes that allow for their growing independence. Unless your child can fasten their own shoelaces, please send them in shoes or boots with velcro or zips.

Due to the nature of early years education, there will be times when the children get dirty, even with aprons on. For this reason, please avoid sending your child to school in special clothing. Additionally, please ensure there are spare clothes for your child in their bag inside nursery and replace items as they are used.

We are an all-weather nursery, so the children will play outside in different kinds of weather. Please make sure your child has a named waterproof coat with a hood in case of rain, as well as winter clothing when the weather is cooler. It's also very helpful if hats, gloves etc are named too. We also ask that a pair of named wellington boots are left at school for the children to wear for Forest School sessions. More details to follow separately about these sessions.

Camden Kids Talk

This year we are delighted to be taking part in the Camden Kids Talk project for the fourth year. This is a multi-agency approach to improving communication, speech and language in the early years. There will be more information about this coming home soon and parent sessions later in the year.

Healthy Movers

Healthy Movers is an initiative supported by the Youth Sport Trust. Each week we have a focus game or activity that helps the children develop physical skills and promotes a love of sport and physical exercise. We will share information for active games to play at home too.

Supervised Toothbrushing Programme

Thank you for returning your forms for your child to join in with this initiative where all the children are encouraged to brush their teeth. Each child will have their own toothbrush, and we will have time each day where we all brush our teeth together. This is intended to support toothbrushing at home and will be a fun experience with songs and rhymes.

Forest School

We will begin Forest School sessions once the children have settled in. These will be on Friday mornings and will be in our Forest School area in school (near the office). We have puddle-suits for the children to wear. They will need wellies which can be brought in for each session or stay in school on the welly trolley next to the Puzzle Library. We have plenty of spare boots if your child does not have any. More information about Forest School will be shared prior to the start of sessions.

The Nursery Team

Rebecca Combes works 4 days and will lead the Nursery three days a week (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays) and will be in school on Thursdays for Assistant Head duties. Margaret O'Sullivan will lead Nursery on a Wednesday and Beth Cleine will lead Nursery each Thursday (and will be in school for other teaching and Assistant Head duties on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

Jamila is our Early Year Practitioner and Rosa is our teaching assistant. They both work in Nursery every day. We also have May, a teaching assistant who supports the lunchtime session each day.

Nursery staff timetable:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rebecca	Rebecca	Margaret	Beth	Rebecca
Jamila	Jamila	Jamila	Jamila	Jamila
Rosa	Rosa	Rosa	Rosa	Rosa
May (lunch support)	May (lunch support)	May (lunch support)	May (lunch support)	May (lunch support)

Important dates

- Tuesday 20th October - Autumn walk to Hampstead Heath
- Friday 4th December - Infant Show and Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 15th December - Nursery Party

Other dates to follow for trips and Stay and Play sessions. Please check the Nursery page of the newsletter each week for dates.

Further information:

School Contact Number: 020 7485 2028.

Open Hours: 8.50am - 3.20pm. We have a 'soft start' which means that children can come into nursery from 8.50am, but should be in by 9am, ready for the register to be taken.

Please also let us know straight away if any of your contact details change so we can contact you if necessary. Also please **let the office know beforehand** if someone different will be collecting your child. Ideally it would be good for us to have met them in advance.

Please call the office if your child will be absent from school to provide the reason. It will save the office staff time calling you later. If you know your

child is going to be absent from school in advance, please let the office staff know as there may be forms to fill in.

We need written consent to administer any medication. There is a form for you to fill out if your child needs any medicine.

Our noticeboard by the coat pegs has information about what we are doing each week. We will share with you our focus learning and any key information. Please take a look regularly. Important notices will also be shared with you via the Parenthub app. If you need help with Parenthub, please see Kelly or June in the school office. The school newsletter is sent out each Friday and will have important information about school news and events, and contains a page for Nursery, where we share photos from our week.

If you have any questions, queries or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to let us know. The adults are around before and after school to talk through any concerns you may have - we would never want you to be worried about anything to do with nursery, so please do ask if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

The Nursery Team