

Welcome to Atherstone Nursery School and Warwickshire Early Years Hub



Warwickshire Early Years Hub
Birth to seven specialist alliance
leading education and training across the West Midlands

"This is an Outstanding School. Children are happy to come to school because they are excited by their learning and because they have excellent relationships with the adults they work with."

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An Introduction to the Executive Headteacher



OFSTED Report January 2019

“The leadership team has maintained the outstanding quality of education in the school since the last (outstanding) inspection. Children acquire skills and knowledge through learning opportunities that are imaginative and fun. Adults also ensure that important reading, writing and mathematical knowledge and skills are woven into all aspects of learning. No opportunities are missed to practise counting or to recognise familiar letters and the sounds they make. You and your team are determined that all children will be as well prepared as they can be for the next stage in their education.



Our aim is to:

'Provide a rich and stimulating environment which enables the unique child to become a happy, confident and independent learner.'



Home/School Partnership

- As a school we want to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child's time at nursery is happy and productive. We ask that you match that commitment through
 - Ensuring regular attendance, but not sending children when they are unwell.
 - Supporting the approach of the school and our golden rules for behaviour.
 - Supporting your child with learning opportunities at home and taking an active interest in their learning at nursery.
 - Keeping us well informed about any changes, problems or concerns that may affect a child's behaviour or learning.
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Staff

› **Come and Meet the staff at Atherstone**

› **Senior Leadership Team**

›	Mrs Nicci Burton	Executive Head of Federation/SENCO
›	Mrs Karen Barratt	Business, HR & Finance Manager
›	Mrs Sharon Wood	Head of Nursery/SENCO
›	Mrs Barbara Charles	Safeguarding Lead, Pastoral & Family Support Manager

› **Nursery staff**

›	Mrs Jennifer Amos	Nursery Lead Teacher (M,T,W)
›	Mrs Grace Shergold	Nursery Lead Teacher (Maternity Leave) (Th, F)
›	Mrs Sian Case	Nursery Lead Teacher (Maternity Cover) (TH, F)
›	Miss Sue Carthy	Senior Early Years Educator
›	Mrs Lisa Siggee	Senior Early Years Educator
›	Mrs Debbie Douglas	Senior Early Years Educator
›	Miss Michaela Abbott	Early Years Educator /SEND Support
›	Ms Louise Wainwright	Early Years Educator/SEND Support
›	Miss Elly Mitchell	Early Years Educator /SEND Support
›	Miss Sam Foulkes	Early Years Educator
›	Miss Gracie Pattinson	Early Years Educator
›	Miss Vicky Cooper	Early Years Educator
›	Miss Ellis Tomes	Early Years Educator
›	Mrs Jo Michie	Early Years Educator (Supply)
›	Mrs Rachel Gilbert	Early Years Educator (Supply)
›	Mrs Kate Meek	Early Years Educator (Supply)

› **Support Staff**

›	Mrs Alex Kibble	Administration Assistant
›	Mrs Sue Redman	Administration Assistant
›	Mrs Jackie Reece	School Caretaker

› **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

›	Mrs Nicci Burton
›	Mrs Sharon Wood
›	Mrs Barbara Charles
›	Mrs Jennifer Amos
›	Mrs Grace Shergold
›	Miss Sue Carthy
›	Miss Debbie Douglas

› **SENCO**

›	Mrs Sharon Wood	Federation qualified SENCO
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Attendance

- ▶ Regular attendance at Nursery is known to have a positive impact on children's learning and progress
- ▶ We expect that all children will have an attendance rate of 96%. We analyse attendance every half term and where this drops to 85% we write and notify you



Key Person

- ▶ Your child will be linked to a key person. They will be the person that you connect with daily. They will hold meetings with you to discuss your child's progress.
 - ▶ As a setting we believe that every educator plays a part in your child's education and as a team we discuss and reflect on every child's learning journey and next steps.
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Communication

- ▶ Daily a member of staff will be on the gate to welcome your child into nursery and say goodbye to them at the end of the day.
- ▶ We will send out fortnightly emails that share the key learning focuses in nursery.
- ▶ We will send out a monthly newsletter.
- ▶ Your child's keyperson will organise a hello call and discuss how your child has settled into nursery, your child will then have a spotlight meetings to discuss their learning journey and next steps will be put together.
- ▶ Please visit our website which has a great deal of info to share with you.
- ▶ Please do send any photos of your children's learning experiences and wow moments to admin1000@welearn365.com.

Organisation 15 hours

- Children can access 15 hours Nursery Education each week, organised into 5 sessions of 3 hours.
 - Morning times are: 8.45 - 11.45 am & afternoon times: 12.30 - 3.30pm. **Please arrive promptly**, to maximise the children's learning opportunities.
 - The change between the end of the morning and the afternoon session is very tight. Therefore, we request that you collect your children as promptly as possible and to assist with this, gates will open at 11.40am and 3.25pm. Continual late collection will be charged for as we will have to provide extra staff to care for your child.
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Organisation 30 hours

- Children can also access 30 hours Nursery Education each week if parent(s) are working and meet the eligibility criteria.
 - Parents need to access a code from the Gov website and provide the School with the code. This code has to be re-validated every term
 - This is organised into 5 sessions of 6 hours, with children arriving at 8.45 and being picked up at 2.45 pm. You may purchase an additional 45 minutes and collect at 3.30 pm at a cost of £4.20
 - Please arrive promptly so that teaching can start on time and we can maximise the time for children's learning opportunities
 - You will have opportunity on the gate when you drop off your child to discuss daily queries.
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Independence

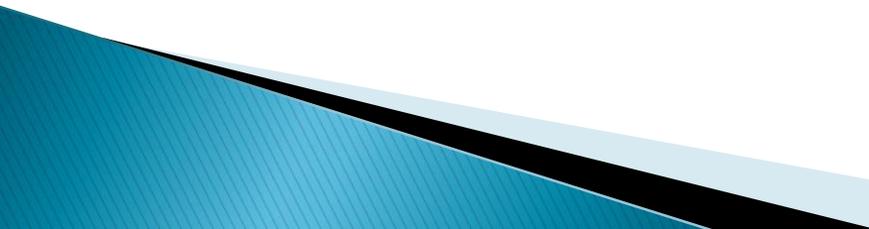
Over the coming weeks please can you help your child prepare for nursery through:

Feeding themselves / making choices around healthy snacks

Promoting a toileting routine if your child is ready

Hanging up their own coat

Managing their own clothing and shoes



Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

- Children follow a planned curriculum through the Early Years Foundation Stage which is a statutory requirement.
- 3 'Prime' areas of learning are covered which focus on the skills and attitudes children need to learn
- 4 "Specific' areas are also covered which focus on the knowledge children need to acquire. The 7 areas of learning are interdependent
- Learning is through a play based approach which takes account of children's interests and starting points. Educators carefully plan building on your child's prior knowledge and build their skills in each of the curriculum.
- We teach children through a focus on Playing and Exploring, Active Learning, Self Motivation, Being Creative and Thinking Critically.
- We have high aspirations for all children who attend our Nursery and we would encourage you to work with us to ensure they achieve their potential. This includes attending your child's spotlight meetings, working on next steps alongside us, joining us for family learning workshops throughout the year and encouraging your child to take home a library book weekly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Successful personal, social and emotional development is vital for very young children in all aspects of their lives and gives them the best opportunity for success in all other areas of learning. It is crucial that adults provide the experiences and support that young children need to develop a positive view of themselves.

OFSTED Report January 2019:

“Leaders and all staff, are determined to ensure that all children have the best possible experience during their time at the school.

The attractive learning environment is vibrant, and it is organised to promote children’s independence, with plenty of opportunities for investigation and exploration. Adults provide the stimulus and the resources for children to be as creative as possible”.



Communication and Language

This area of learning includes:

Speaking & listening in different situations and for different reasons

Learning to pay attention

Developing a wide vocabulary and clear ability to use speech to communicate

Developing a wide understanding of language as we communicate with them and they communicate with each other



Physical Development

Physical development is about improving skills of co-ordination, control, manipulation and movement

It helps children gain confidence in what they can do and enables them to feel the positive benefits of being healthy & active

We focus on health and self care and the development of good skills in 'moving, handling and manipulating' tools and resources



Literacy: Reading & Writing

We aim to develop a love and understanding of books, enjoyment of stories and rhymes and to teach all of the skills needed to be able to read and write

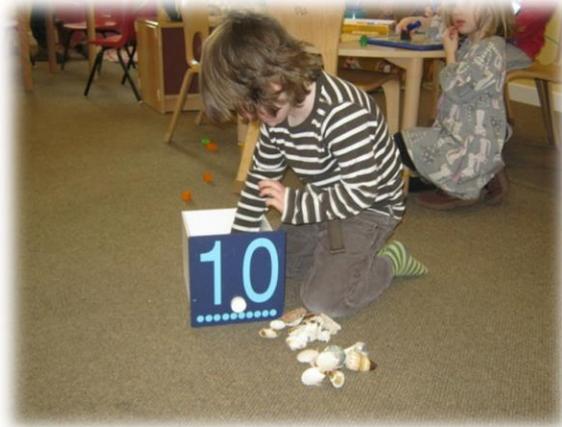
For example, the ability to thread beads onto a string supports the hand eye coordination needed to pick up and manipulate a pencil across a sheet of paper



Mathematics

This area of learning includes counting, sorting, matching, seeking patterns, making connections, recognising relationships and working with numbers, shapes & measures.

Mathematical understanding should be developed through stories, songs, games and imaginative play so that children enjoy using and experimenting with numbers, including numbers larger than 10.



Understanding the World

- In this area of learning, children are developing the important knowledge, skills and understanding that help them to make sense of the world.
- This forms the foundation for later work in science, design & technology, history, geography within a technologically and ecologically diverse world



Expressive Arts and Design

- This area of learning includes art, music, dance, role-play and imaginative play.
- Being creative enables children to make connections between one area of learning and another and so extend their understanding.



OPAL (Observation of Play and Learning)

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Spotlight 1



Name: Joe Bloggs
Date of Birth: 16.7.2019
Milestone month: 42
Start date: September 2022
Key Person: Mary
Current Date: January 2023

Current Interests:

Joe always has a big smile in nursery, which always makes me smile too. I love to hear all about Joe's world, he has amazing vocabulary and is able to talk about his thoughts and share his knowledge really well. At family times, Joe loves to answer questions and share his experiences and ideas.

Joe now explores the whole nursery and will chose activities to engage in. Joe likes to talk to familiar adults and engage them in his play, he loves playing football and scoring goals. Joe likes to play with the telephone in the home corner, he likes to call mummy and daddy, within his play, showing just how important his family is to him. He shows great pride in his achievements, such as building a tall tower, even taller than him.

Joe enjoys listening to stories and has good recall on favourite stories such as 'Room on the Broom'.



Look at the progress I have made since my Starting Points:

1. Joe now responds well to questions and instructions, especially when you use his name at the start.
2. Joe enjoys making marks using circles. He holds a pencil in his right hand with a simple tripod grip
3. Joe loves to join in when we sing number rhymes. His favourite is 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer.

Opal Milestones				
Personal, Social and Emotional	Communication & Language	Physical development	Literacy	Maths
MET/ NOT YET MET	MET/ NOT YET MET	MET/ NOT YET MET	MET/ NOT YET MET	MET/ NOT YET MET

What next? (Targets from milestones)

1. Joe enjoys listening to stories and making up play scenarios.
2. Joe knows how to solve everyday problems in their play e.g. how to get water from one place to another.

Strategies – What will adults do to provide/support learning:

1. Staff to share a broad range of stories and encourage Joe to recall well known traditional tales. Adults to model telling stories using props and puppets.
2. Staff to encourage Joe to solve his own problems in play e.g. how can he add another brick to a tall tower. Staff to use language such as – “I wonder how...” “What would happen if...”

Parent/ Carers view

Review of Opal Milestones – Date –

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Review

1. Joe really enjoyed pretending to be the wolf in the story of the 3 Little Pigs when playing outside. He also used small world characters from the story with his friends, saying in a loud voice, “I’ll huff and I’ll puff and I’ll blow your house down.”
2. Joe worked co-operatively with his friends to build dens using crates and large blocks and worked out that he needed string to tie the crates together.

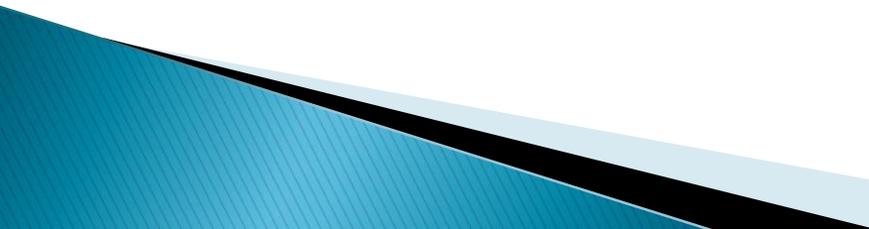
We will continue to encourage Joe to use these new skills to explore other stories and access resources that he needs independently.

Our Forest and ecosystems at nursery

- ▶ By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities in a woodland, children have an opportunity to develop intrinsic motivation, sound emotional and social skills.
- ▶ Our children will have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others.
- ▶ We access our forest in all weathers (except for high winds and thunder and lightning storms). Children play, learn boundaries of behaviour; both physical and social, establish and grow in confidence, self-esteem and become self-motivated.
- ▶ *We are looking at our nursery ecosystem and how we can use our forest area to support our children in recognising the importance in looking after the natural world around us.*



SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disability)

- ▶ Federation SENCO - Sharon Wood
 - ▶ An inclusive Nursery Environment
 - ▶ A sensory Area base
 - ▶ One to one support staff/enhanced ratio
 - ▶ Close working with other professionals - IDS, Physio, SALT
 - ▶ Educational Health and Care Plan pathways
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Fundamental British Values

In our daily ethos and values we will be promoting the following four statements.

- ▶ Democracy: making decisions together
- ▶ Rule of law: understanding rules matter as cited in Personal Social and Emotional development
- ▶ Individual liberty: freedom for all
- ▶ Mutual respect and tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated

See the prospectus for further information.



Nursery Fund

Every family is asked for a voluntary contribution of £1.50 per week, which can be paid directly into Nursery account.

This is used to fund extension activities e.g. artists and storytellers

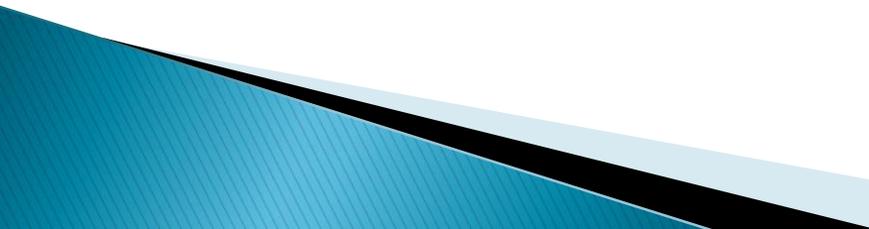
It is also used to buy cooking ingredients, bulbs for planting and additional snack that is needed.

A word of warning!

- Children may get messy at Nursery so please send them in old clothes - we support the children in getting to know the materials they are working with - paint, water, mud!
- Better still - send them in school sweatshirts and joggers / trousers & school jackets.
- Cheap 'school uniform' is more economical and washes more easily 'best' clothes (see website for purchase information)



Safeguarding

- ▶ The School has a legal responsibility under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to **'ensure arrangements are in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children'**.
 - ▶ Through their day-to-day contact with children and direct work with families all staff have a crucial role to play in noticing indicators of possible abuse or neglect.
 - ▶ Where concerns are raised there **is a legal duty** to refer these to the appropriate agency, namely Children's Services.
 - ▶ When requested by such an agency, The School **must** supply a report with regard to a child's care, learning and development and attend any subsequent child protection meetings as required.
 - ▶ The School is required to document all cause for concerns and we will discuss these with families', unless that discussion could place a child at risk of harm
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Safety on site

- Please ensure the Gate is shut at all times!
- Please do not park cars across neighbours driveways or on the yellow zig-zags outside school. Please do not park on the double yellow lines.
- No smoking (including E-cigarettes) on site
- No dogs on site (except for guide dogs).
- Sensible clothing - Autumn / Winter: coat, hat & gloves
Summer: a light coat and sun hat and covered shoulders at all times
- Sensible shoes only please ! No flip flops, high heels etc

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- ▶ Keeping children safe is a high priority and a central part of the school's work..

Requests From Us

- ▶ No mobile phones to be used in any teaching and learning spaces, we would like to encourage you to end all calls before coming on site (Staff and families!)
- ▶ Mind your language - Our children have acute hearing! Please remember to moderate your language on site and around the School
- ▶ Photographic/video images: Permission must be granted by parents / carers for photos to be taken and used. Images are stored securely. Cameras are owned by the School, not individuals.
- ▶ Identity badges are issued to staff. All staff and families are encouraged to challenge any visitors to site not displaying an ID badge
- ▶ A password system is used if the nominated carers are unable to collect

Support for home

We are able to support families with a variety of issues including:

- ▶ Behaviour
 - ▶ Toilet training
 - ▶ Sleep
 - ▶ Mealtimes
 - ▶ Wider issues such as debt, housing, employment and benefits or Domestic Abuse.
 - ▶ Please speak to Barb who is family link and happy to help.
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Please contact us if you have any more questions:

- ▶ Atherstone Nursery School and Warwickshire Early Years Hub
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- ▶ Email: admin1000@welearn365.com
- ▶ Atherstone Nursery School Facebook page
- ▶ School website:
<https://www.atherstonenurseryschool.com/>

Bedworth Heath Nursery School

- ▶ We are federated with our sister school Bedworth Heath Nursery School and we collaborate and work in partnership with a shared vision and values.

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*'You make the difference,
today, tomorrow, together'*

Any Questions?

