

**Berryhill Nursery Class**

September/October 2025 Newsletter

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**Nursery Hours**

1140 hours offer term time children 30 hours a week. Our session will run 8:45am-2:45pm Monday to Friday.

**Some changes to pick up time: the doors will open at 2.35pm until 2.45pm, please collect your child from there alloted drop off point.**

**It is important that you ensure that you come at the appointed times when both dropping off and picking up.**

**Online Learning Journals**

You can continue to view your child’s learning at nursery through their online Learning Journal which is sent via email. It is important to supply a current email address for us to set this up for you. **The nursery team would greatly appreciate comments on the learning journals. The staff team put a lot of work into the journals to ensure lovely photos and interactions are captured of your child in the setting.**

**Twitter/X**

Please follow Berryhill Nursery on Twitter @BerryhillNC, as important information will be posted here.

**All newsletters and any important information will be sent through Learning Journals and X.**

**Focus Child**

All children within the setting will have a personal target that has been set out and agreed with staff; this is for your child’s Personal Learning Plan. Please access the Learning Journals where we will share these targets with pictures and observations. Staff will alert you to when your child has achieved their target and a new one will be set.

**Change of Clothes**

Can we please ask that you bring a change of clothes for your child. We have cloth bags on their pegs to keep them in. **The children cannot bring their own bags or toys into Nursery.**

**Please ensure that all clothes and shoes are labelled and children are dressed appropriately for the weather, as they will access outdoors daily.**

**Packed Lunches IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Berryhill Nursery class is a health promoting nursery who provide healthy snacks and lunches. Please inform your child’s key worker if your child has sensory needs or has a limited diet. Packed lunches are for children who will not eat any of the Loving Lunches. We do encourage you to speak to your child about the menu and encourage them to try new foods. Sandwiches are on offer if your child will not eat the hot option. If your child requires a packed lunch, please may we ask that only healthy foods are included such as a sandwich, fruit, and yogurt. **We would appreciate no sweets or crisps and no juice as only water and milk are provided in the setting. The nursery must keep the lunches separately in a fridge and there is very limited space in the fridge.**

**Sponsored Dance-a-thon**

We will be holding a sponsored event on the 22nd of October to raise funds for Christmas presents and hopefully a special treat. Sponsor sheet will go out two weeks before.

**Stay and Play**

We will be having a Halloween themed Stay and Play on Wednesday the 29th of October from 9am until 10am, please come along and support your child and let them show you their world of learning.

**Halloween party**

We will be having a Halloween party on Friday the 31st of October. Can we please ask that you do not wear scary masks and that your child’s costume is age appropriate. No swords or accessories please as they may get lost.

**Parent meetings**

These dates will be going out in the next few weeks. They will be starting from the first week in November.

**Learning**

We have been focusing on number skills such as, counting, ordering, and counting items using 1-1 correspondence. In the month of October, we will be looking at the changing season of Autumn and how it impacts the weather and local environment. We will also be sorting, matching and collecting items into groups and creating simple graphs. We have been introducing the new children to the nursery rules and routines and discussing the importance of friendships. Literacy has been focusing on listening, waiting, taking turns and asking and answering simple questions during discussions.

**Dates for Diary**

School closes for September weekend Thursday the 25th of September

School re-opens Tuesday the 30th of September

School closes for October week Friday 10th of October 2025

School re-opens Monday the 20th of October 2025

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Stay and Play Wednesday the 29th of October

Halloween party Friday the 31st of October

**Parent meetings Dates to follow**