

**Welcome to
John Ball Nursery!**

Settling In

- Stay and Play sessions have been offered via letter.
- Meet the Nursery team during the two Stay and Play sessions!
- Small groups of children will start each day from the 14th September.
- Monday 14th Sept-Friday 18th Sept all children attend till 12pm only.
- From Monday 21st Sept – 30 hour children will be full time. Individual settling needs discussed with parents if necessary.

Routine of the Day

Children come into Nursery, put their belongings on their pegs and find their name on the self-register.

Children choose an indoor activity to play at.

Guided activities and free flow play continue throughout the day.

Freeflow snack available – water, milk, fruit every day. Each child will have their own cup.

Children can borrow a story book every day! Like a library service – one book in, one book out 😊

Finish and collect.

Help your child to be ready for school

- Help them to manage coats, shoes, toilet – please don't send your child to school in shoelaces – Velcro straps will help your child feel more independent and stay safe.
- Talking about school in a positive way
- Reading and talking with your child

Clothing

- All weathers
 - changeable
- Safe
- Old
- Uniform
- Labels on everything – PLEASE!



Lunch Time

All Full Time children need a packed lunch every day.

- Water
- Healthy
- We are a nut free school due to severe allergies.

Designated midday meals staff for each class

Communication

Person to person

- Greet you and your child each morning
- After school better for discussion
- Informal learning evening in the first term
- Guardian Consultations after Christmas
- **Most communication is sent via email.**
- Notices may be on your Classroom windows
- Check the school Website for dates
 - J.Buzz is our weekly school newsletter. This will be sent out weekly via email.

Please make sure the office have your child's correct medical information.

- Children must have medication on the first day. We have to have 2 of every medication in school. One will remain in Nursery and the other in the main school medical room.
- Epipens – we need 2 for each site (4 total).
- Please bring along your child's care plan for asthma pumps/epi-pens.

FAQ's

1) What can I do over the Summer and at home throughout the year?

We also encourage families to enjoy their time together over the summer holidays. Talking positively and enthusiastically about school is important and you might want to share some story books about starting school.

Encourage their independence i.e. coats, shoes, socks.

Encouraging children to use their words regularly and consistently in order is very important so they can express their needs and develop their communication skills.

2) Will my child be doing Forest School?

We hope to have a block of Forest School sessions run by our Volunteer later in the school year. We will keep you posted.

3) Do the children go on school trips?

We do not go on school trips during the first term due to it being the establishment phase and ensuring all children are settled and immersed in the classroom routines and expectations. After Christmas we will begin to plan and organise school trips based on what we are learning about in the Curriculum. We require a lot of parent helpers on trips so we hope you can be

4) How will you challenge my child?

The Early Years Curriculum is about the whole child and their development across all areas of learning is important. We do recognise that some children develop at different stages and we have a thorough assessment and tracking system in place which guides us on children's next steps where appropriate. Teachers plan for the wide range of abilities within the class and this is delivered in a fun and engaging way.

5) My child is Summer Born! What do you do to support children so young?

All children develop at different stages and we are aware that when children have a summer birthday, this can result in them taking a little more time to develop in certain areas. Please be assured we get to know your child very quickly and will adapt provision and learning styles to suit each individual child.

6) Is the school uniform optional?

School uniform is optional at John Ball school. We have always found it to be very mixed in terms of what the children choose to wear when they come to school. However, it is important to note that they will get messy so we would advise against dressing your child in clothes that are precious or expensive. They will be running around and climbing outside so please make sure they wear appropriate foot wear.

7) Can I volunteer to come in to support in the classroom?

We love to have regular parent volunteers in the school but this application has to go through the main school. All volunteers are required to have an enhanced CRB check which takes some time. If this interests you, please get in touch with the school office to complete your application. It is important to note that as a school we match a parents skill set with the need identified in the school.

Please lookout for the many opportunities to support the Nursery class during Forest School and school trips however.

8) Is there a breakfast and after school club?

•We use an external company called 'Superkids' who run a breakfast club 7.45-9.00am and after school club 3.00-5.45pm. If this is something you feel you need as a family, please get in contact with the company directly. The contact details are:

•07732 305 454 OR EMAIL: ADMIN@SUPERKIDSCLUB.CO.UK