

Stoneygate Nursery School



January 2025

Spring Newsletter 1

Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas Break – we hope you managed to spend some quality time with friends and family and had a lovely New Year too! The children have all settled in really well as we welcome back those familiar- and lots of new- faces!

Dates for the Diary

Little Sparkles Sessions:	Tuesday's 10.00–11.15am £2 cost (excluding 10 th December)
SEND Group: <i>Colourful Footsteps</i>	Thursday 9 th January– 13 th February 1pm–2.30pm
Primary School admission deadline	Wednesday 15 th January 2025
Valentine's Stay and Play session:	Wednesday 12 th Feb 10–11am and 2–3pm – if your child is not in on a Wednesday, please feel free to come along and join us!
Parent's Meetings:	to be held this half term... updates on Class DOJO to follow
Nursery closes for half term:	Friday 14 th February 3.30pm
Nursery reopens:	Monday 24 th February 8.30am

Primary School Admissions 2025



The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2025 is 15th January 2025. It is the parent's/carer's responsibility to apply for primary school places. Where possible, please take the time to visit a few schools before you decide upon the one that is most suited to you and your child; if you need any advice, please do pop in and ask a member of staff. School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis and all applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority. If you do miss the application deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

Christmas Fair 2024

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped support our Christmas Fair in December, either by sending in donations, turning up on the day or helping to run the event itself. We had another successful event; not only did it help us all get into the festive spirit, but we also managed to raise over £500 for nursery– wow! Monies raised will help towards purchasing some new resources for our children – thank you to all once again!

Newsletters are also on our school website: www.stoneygatenursery.co.uk

Winter Bugs!

With the sudden drop in temperature, illnesses are more common. At Stoneygate, we understand that it can be tricky for you as parents deciding whether or not to keep your child off nursery when they're unwell and knowing which advice to listen to can be quite confusing at times!

The government guidelines for schools and nurseries are outlined clearly on the NHS website and there to help make your life a little easier when dealing with an unwell child. Please visit the link/scan the code below to be taken directly to the advice.



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child is too ill for nursery and you do decide to keep your child at home, please remember to call us prior to their session and let us know that they will be absent that day and the reason why.

Thank you for your cooperation and here's to a healthy Winter!



Thank you to all those parents who have taken the time out to complete the Ofsted 'parent view' about the care we provide for your child. When we do get our Ofsted visit, they will look at this platform to help form their opinions of our nursery school.

We would be very grateful if you could take the time to register and fill out the questions on their website.



Classroom Learning

Seedlings Class

In Seedlings Class, the children are exploring the storybook of 'A Dark, Dark, Tale' by Ruth Brown and learning the nursery rhyme Hickory, Dickory, Dock. There are lots of Winter activities in provision including ice, water and snow sensory trays, penguins on ice and sparkly snow play-doh and painting! We are wrapping up warm to explore the ice outside too!



Oaks Class



The children have just started reading the wonderful story of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. In Phonics the children are continuing on their Phase 1 journey and in Maths they are singing the 5 Little Penguins rhyme and playing lots of matching games. The weather is also providing the perfect opportunity to explore snow and ice!

New words for the next two weeks are 'rowboat' and 'South Pole'... why not see if you can talk about these at home?

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