

# Early Years Induction Meeting



# Welcome to Great Hollands Nursery

- This presentation aims to provide, an introduction to our Nursery and includes initial information which we hope you will find useful.
- Should you have any further questions, staff will be happy to discuss these with you.
- We hope you will find it helpful in learning about us and in supporting you, as your child starts in our Nursery Class.
- We have a calming classroom that helps our children learn, with areas that support the seven areas of the EYFS.
- Our outside area has lots of exciting exploring opportunities.





**Ms York (DHT)**  
**EYFS Lead**



**Mrs Kalampaliki**  
**EY Teacher**



**Mrs Griffin**  
**EY Teacher**



**Miss Sharp**  
**EYP**



**Miss Johnson**  
**EYP**

## **RECEPTION TEAM**

## **NURSERY TEAM**

# **Early Years Team**

**2025-2026**



**Mrs Parry**  
**EYP**



**Miss Scaplehorn**  
**EYP**



**Mrs Atkinson**  
**EYP**

# Our Nursery class and Key groups

- Our Nursery class are known as the Caterpillars class.
- We also have smaller key groups for some work and for snack and chat
- Each smaller group has a key adult.
- We will arrange the best groupings for our children once we have met all of them.





# Stay and Play

- We will be holding a 'Stay and Play' session on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.30am - 10.15am or 10.45am – 11.30am. You will be invited to one of these sessions.
- Please come to the Nursery entrance
- This will enable us to talk to you and your child and find out things such as;
  - Your child's interests and favourite things.
  - Any medical needs.
  - Support your child may have been receiving, such as speech and language
- We find this really helps us to get to know your child, and in turn, helps them to settle into nursery.

# Home Visits

- You will be sent an appointment time for us to come and visit you and your child at home on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> or Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- This will give us further time to talk to you about your child and find out more information to support their transition to Nursery. Pupils with additional needs may need a slower transition.
- It will also be a time we can play with your child, in a familiar setting, helping us to further build up our understanding of them and for them to become more familiar with us.
- It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.
- We find this really helps us to get to know your child, start building relationships with you which, in turn, helps them to settle better into Nursery.

# On Your Child's First Day

You will receive the date your child will start Nursery. This will be a morning session between Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

All children start on morning only sessions as part of the transition period.

## On Your Child's First Day at Great Hollands Nursery - morning:

- Please enter the main school gates by Cunworth Court and make your way to the Reception class.
- The gate next to the classroom will be open at 8.40am. This leads to the Nursery garden gate, where you will be greeted by a member of staff
- The gate will remain open until 8.50am
- Staff will be on hand to help your child into the Nursery
- For collection: the gate at the back of Nursery (by the Children's Centre) will open at 11.40am until 11.45am .
- If your child is doing full time, you will have had this confirmed and full days will start on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – further information at your home visit.





# On Your Child's First Day

## Your Child's Day at Great Hollands Nursery when doing all day

- Please enter the main school gates by Cunworth Court and make your way to the Reception class.
- The gate next to the classroom will be open at 8.40am. This leads to the Nursery garden gate, where you will be greeted by a member of staff
- The gate will remain open until 8.50am and staff will be on hand to help your child into the Nursery
- At collection. The main school gates at 3.05pm, via Cunworth Court at the shops. Please collect your child from Nursery before collecting other siblings





# Eligibility for 30 hours

If your child is eligible for 30 hours childcare, you will need to apply for your code through the gov.uk website

<https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/apply-for-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

We **must** have this code before your child begins to stay for their 30-hours. You can apply for your code for September now and must do so **before 31<sup>st</sup> August**. You must then log into your childcare account every three months to re-confirm you are still eligible for the 30-hours, or your entitlement will stop.

When you can get your hours from	Deadline for applying
1 January	31 December
1 April	31 March
1 September	31 August



# Daily Timetable

## Daily Timetable:

### Activity

Gates open. Children join in with finger gym activities at tables

Welcome group

Phase 1 phonics and story

Explore time/planned focused activities

Snack and chat and numbers

Daily physical fun

Explore time/planned focused activities

Topic story time

Coats on for home time and singing time



September

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# Clothing

- We encourage our children to wear a School uniform (see [website](#)) – This saves their own clothes from getting paint, glue and mud on them! It also helps them feel more involved in our GREAT school.
- Welly boots, named and in a named plastic bag, to stay in school
- Waterproof coats and warm clothing for cold weather, e.g. hat, scarf, gloves – all named .
- Sun hat in the summer months and a rain coat.
- Named spare clothes and pants in a named plastic bag
- Named water bottle that can be easily opened.
- No accessories / stud earrings only for pierced ears





# Food and Drink

## Snacks:

- Children will receive a piece of fruit during the day.
- If your child will only eat a specific fruit, please feel free to bring in a piece from home if you prefer. All grapes must be cut in half lengthwise.

## Milk:

- Children will be offered a carton of milk with their fruit each day.
- They can also have water if they wish. Please send a named water bottle with them each day.

**Please note we are a nut free school**



# Health

- We need to be aware of your child's medical background, in particular any allergies (e.g. bee stings, dairy food), any dietary restrictions.
- Any medical conditions that are important for us to know (e.g. asthma or eczema). We will ask for this information on the admissions forms
- Children can suddenly become ill and therefore it is important that we know we can contact you or another adult relative/friend at all times.
- Please keep us informed of any changes to contact numbers by letting the school office know.



# Early Years Curriculum

- Activities in our Nursery are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences
- Planning for each term is carried out using a topic-based approach,
- There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which activities are planned around:
  - **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
  - **Physical Development**
  - **Communication and Language**
  - **Literacy**
  - **Mathematics**
  - **Understanding the World**
  - **Expressive Arts and Design**

Our indoor and outdoor classrooms are designed to help support these areas of learning.

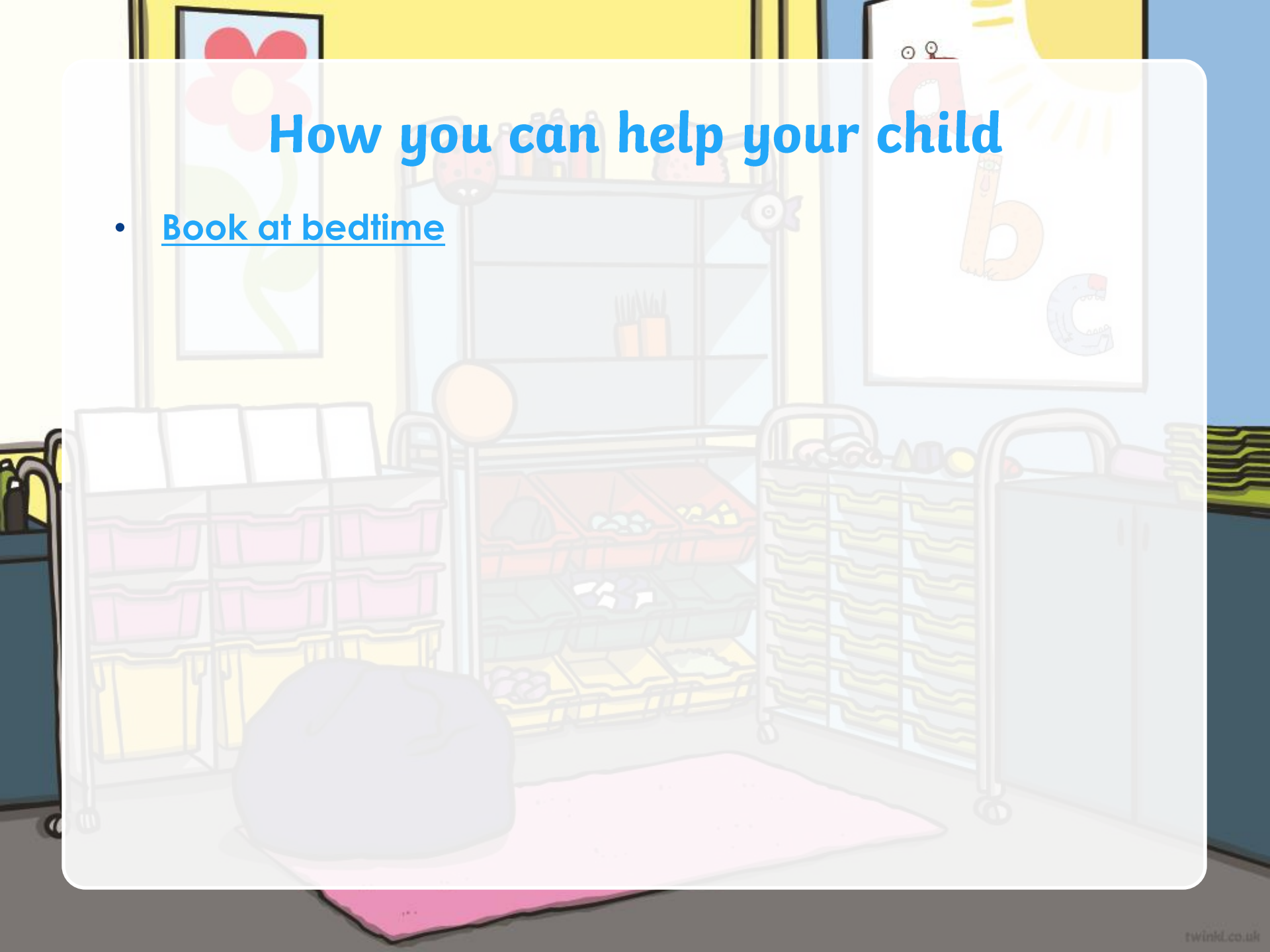


# How you can help your child

- Give your child a variety of experiences with you – enjoy time together
- Share stories and books with them
- Talk to them about anything and everything – modelling back correctly and using new vocabulary.
- Count things – name things – talk out loud - ask them questions
- Develop good routines with them, especially at night-time so they get enough sleep
- Encourage your child to tidy up, look after things, share and do things for themselves
- Encourage them to use the toilet and have good hygiene habits

# How you can help your child

- Book at bedtime



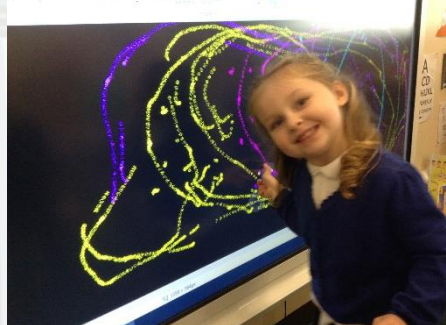
# Learning Journeys and Reports

- Throughout the year, staff will record your child's learning in a folder called a 'Learning Journey'.
- This will form a unique record of your child's learning and development.
- It will contain samples of work, photographs and staff observations. These folders enable staff to track your child's progress and attainment, and also plan future activities.
- **Reports** – We send home a written report in July. We also hold parent meetings twice a year to discuss your child's progress, share their achievements, and develop their next steps.





# We love exploring!



# Dates for your diary

## Family Learning Dates

- Maths – Washing Lines - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (am)
- English – Messy Writing – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 (am)
- Transition to school – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 (am)





We hope that this presentation is useful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

We aim to ensure that your children's experience in Great Hollands Nursery is a happy and rewarding one. We look forward to working with both you and your children.

