

SEPTEMBER 2025

CHERTSEY NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year at Chertsey Nursery School! It has been an absolute delight to welcome both our new families and returning children. The team has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the new children and reconnecting with familiar faces. Everyone is settling in beautifully and embracing nursery life.



About Our Newsletters

Our monthly newsletters aim to keep you informed about important updates, nursery life, and the experiences your children are having. In addition to these, we'll continue to send shorter updates via Teachers2Parents, so please keep an eye out for those.

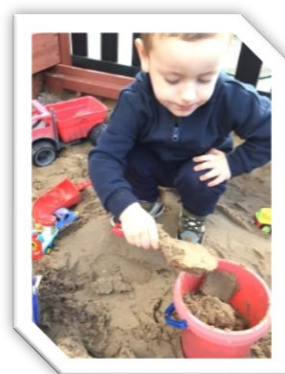
Communication

If you ever need to speak with your child's key person or another member of staff, please let us know. While staff may not be available for conversations during drop-off and pick-up due to their responsibilities with the children, we're happy to arrange a convenient time to talk. You can also contact us via:

- **Email:** info@chertsey.surrey.sch.uk
- **Phone:** 01932 562225 (please leave a message if needed)

And don't forget to follow us on social media for updates and insights into nursery life:

- **Facebook & Instagram:** @chertseys



Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is vital for your child's development. If your child will be absent, please inform the office with the dates and reason. We may ask for specific details to help monitor any contagious illnesses and safeguard the nursery community. Please don't be offended—this is in line with guidance from the NHS, Department for Education, and UKHSA.

"It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above."

We encourage all parents to read the NHS guidance:

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

Please note it is our policy:

- Children should not attend nursery if they've been given Calpol, Ibuprofen, or similar over-the-counter medicines, as these can mask symptoms.
- We can only administer prescription medicines—a form must be completed at the office.
- After any episodes of vomiting or diarrhoea, children must remain off nursery for 48 hours to prevent the spread of illness.

Meet Jennifer – Our Family Support Worker

We're incredibly fortunate at Chertsey Nursery School to have our very own Family Support Worker, Jennifer. Not all schools have this dedicated role, and we're proud to offer this additional layer of support to our families. Jennifer is here to help parents and carers with any aspect of life or parenting that may feel challenging—from potty training to housing applications, her support is tailored to your individual needs. If you feel you'd benefit from a chat or some guidance, please speak to a member of staff who can introduce you.

Jennifer will also be leading our new Parent/Carer Drop-In Sessions and Workshops this year. These are informal opportunities to connect, share, and learn. Our first drop-in session is on **Tuesday 7th October**—no need to book, just come along for a cuppa and a chat. It's a great way to meet other parents and carers too!



Family Support drop-ins



Looking to network with other families? Want some advice or have a question about your child or any aspect of parenting or simply just fancy a chat over a cuppa?

Our friendly drop-in sessions with Jennifer, our Family Support Worker are open to all families



Session times:
Every other Tuesday (starting 7th October)
9.30am – 10.30am or
1.30pm – 2.30pm

Look out for guest speakers or themed sessions throughout the year

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Donations

All parents have been sent a link to School Money, our secure online payment system. Please note that we are a cashless school.

We kindly ask for a £10 termly donation to help cover the cost of:

- Daily snacks
- Woodland sessions
- Resources such as ingredients for play dough

This donation has been added to each child's School Money account—please check and make the payment at the start of each term if you are able to. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Communication about lunches

If your child stays for lunch with us, we will inform you about what your child has eaten if they have struggled, or not eaten much. Assume your child has eaten if you do not get any feedback. Due to the large numbers of children we have each day at pick up time, it is not possible to provide individual feedback, therefore, this will only be given if necessary. Our school meal provider - Zebedees provide a varied and healthy lunch menu. To view the current menu visit their website <https://zebedees.co.uk/our-food> and select the option for 'lunch menu'.



Parking Reminder

Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the Nursery. This poses a safety risk and disrupts traffic flow.

We also kindly ask that you do not block neighbours' driveways. There is sufficient parking nearby, though you may need to walk a short distance. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.



Tapestry Accounts

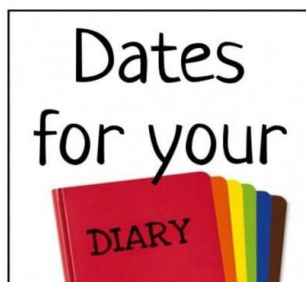
If you haven't yet set up your Tapestry account, please do so. A secure link was sent to the email address you provided—check your junk folder if you haven't seen it. Each month, your child's key person will upload photos and observations. This is a lovely way to see what your child is enjoying and learning at nursery.



Please:

- Like posts with a thumbs-up 👍
- Comment to let us know you've seen them
- Feel free to upload photos from home—we love seeing them!

If your child attended a different setting previously, you may be used to more frequent updates. At Chertsey, our priority is quality interactions and teaching, which is why we provide monthly updates.



Dates for your diary

Friday 24th October - INSET Day - Nursery Closed

Monday 27th – Tuesday 4th November - Half term, Chertsey Nursery School closed

Monday 10th - Friday 14th November - Nursery Rhyme Week - more information to follow

Friday 14th November - Children in Need - bring a donation for the local foodbank - more information to follow.

Thursday 18th December – Pyjama Day - all children (and staff) to wear PJs for the day

Friday 19th December - Festive Parent and child 'stay & play' session *save the date, exact timings to be clarified in November.

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January 2026 - Christmas holidays, Chertsey Nursery School closed

Monday 5th January 2026 - First day of the spring term

Thursday 15th January 2026 - School Admissions Application for September 2026

Thursday 16th July 2026 – Last day of summer term – Family 'Stay & Play' sessions

Additional dates for Parent Meetings and Woodland/Forest School sessions will be shared separately.

More dates and news can be found on our <https://chertsey.surrey.sch.uk/whats-on> or on our <https://www.facebook.com/chertseyins> or Instagram @chertseyins

We follow Surrey County Council term dates, to view these please visit the

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates#year2025>

INSET Days for 2025-26 - Chertsey Nursery School closed:-

- Friday 24th October 2024
- Friday 13th February 2025
- Friday 19th June 2025