



Nursery News

COLLECTION TIMES

Morning session: Doors open at 11.15am. Please ensure your child is collected no later than 11.30am

Afternoon sessions: Doors open at 3pm. Children must be collected no later than 3.15pm.

AFTERNOON SESSION - REMINDER LUNCH

If your child is joining us for the afternoon session, please make sure they have had their lunch at home before arriving.

As a *Healthy Nursery*, we provide a light, nutritious snack before home time, such as fruit or cheese and crackers. There's no need to pack extra snacks in your child's bag.

To help us keep our nursery healthy and happy, we kindly ask that items like juice, crisps, chocolate, cookies or sweets are kept at home. When these foods are brought in, it can sometimes cause upset for children who are not able to eat them. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Welcome back to all our returners and welcome to all our new starters!

It has been wonderful to see and hear the nursery school filled with families again.

We would like to take this opportunity to share some important tips to help the school year start smoothly:

END OF SESSION HANDOVER

We love catching up with you at the end of each session to share how your child has been and to answer any questions you may have. To help us do this, please arrive before the latest collection time (11:30 or 3:15).

Arriving on time allows our staff to:

- Prepare the classroom for the next group
- Attend important training sessions
- Upload observations and updates to Tapestry
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If you'd like a longer chat with your child's key person, you're very welcome to arrange an appointment after nursery.

We'll also be offering regular stay-and-play sessions and parent partnership meetings in the coming months.

Thank you for helping us make every day at Chatham Nursery a positive experience for everyone!

SAFEGUARDING AT CHATHAM

Safeguarding ensures that every child, regardless of age, disability, gender identity, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm.

At Chatham safeguarding children is our **highest priority**. You can find more information on our safeguarding notice board next to our nursery doors.

We have very limited online access for children while they are at Chatham. Regardless of this, online Safety is still a high priority, please find guidance and advice on how to protect your children online here:



We are an Operation Encompass Setting. You can find more information about this here:
www.operationencompass.org



TAPESTRY

We're excited for you to join us on Tapestry! If you haven't already, please activate your account so you can follow your child's journey at nursery.

While we're busy helping children settle in, you might notice fewer updates on Tapestry at first.

Right now, our team is focused on:

- Building strong, trusting relationships with each child
- Enjoying meaningful, quality interactions together
- Modelling social and play skills as children get used to nursery life

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during these early weeks. We can't wait to share more updates and special moments with you very soon!

WHAT LEARNING LOOKS LIKE AT CHATHAM

High-quality play is now widely recognised as essential for children's healthy growth and daily life. Research shows that play supports children's well-being and helps them develop physically, socially, emotionally, and mentally.

When children play, their brains are actively developing. Play helps build important skills and abilities. It's also a social activity—children make friends, learn to share, cooperate, and solve problems together.

The environment where children play matters too. A good play space can shape their experiences, choices, and relationships with others and the world around them.

CAPTURING LEARNING

Your child's key person is continually observing and getting to know each of their children very well. Much of this assessment of your child will not be recorded, but each key person will be able to talk in depth about each child's level of development and characteristics. This deep knowledge of the child will support the key person to plan next steps for them in their learning journey.

We take short "snapshot" observations of your child's learning. At certain times of the year we will do longer 'milestone' observations of your child which will help us plan for their next steps in learning. These observations will include notes, photos, or videos that show their interests, skills, and progress.

At Chatham, we keep iPad use to a minimum so staff can focus on playing, interacting, and supporting your child directly.

Our priority is always to be present and engaged with the children.

SICKNESS

Keep your child at home if they are unwell.

- This helps prevent the spread of illness to other children and staff.
- If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they must stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode.
- We cannot give your child any un-prescribed Calpol (paracetamol) or pain relief. If your child needs Calpol, they are not well enough to attend nursery.
- If your child starts antibiotics, please keep them at home for 48 hours in case of any allergic reaction.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tuesday morning

Wednesday afternoon: PE sessions with our Early Years Sports Specialist, Martin

Thursdays: Time to Sign sessions with Chris

Trips & Visits this term: 20th October AM: Wavertree Library
21st October PM: Woolton Acre retirement home

Stay & Play session: Friday 17th October

Half Term: 27th October - 2nd October

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chathamnursery.co.uk
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