

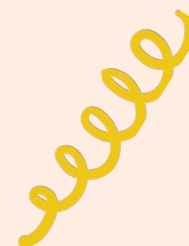


Bowbrook Nursery

Caterpillar Class

A very warm welcome to
Bowbrook Nursery.

The information in this booklet is
designed to help you and your child
prepare for starting our Nursery.



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Our team



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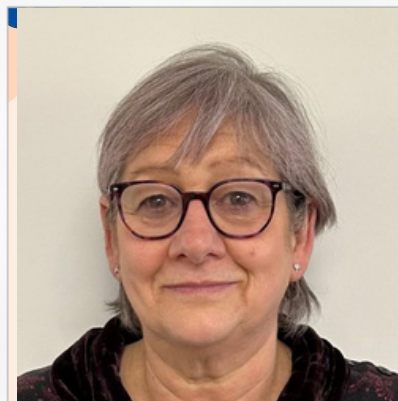
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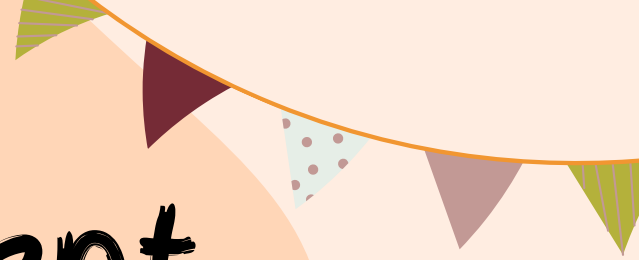
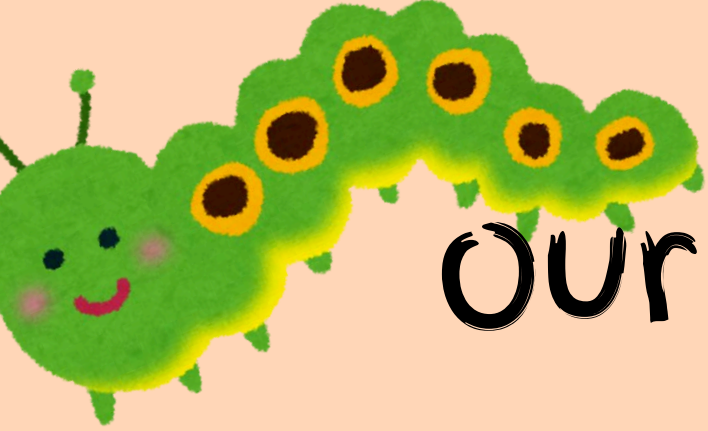


Our Vision

Our highly bespoke curriculum is designed around our children; their interests, their fascinations, their previous experiences.

We prioritise high quality interactions with some windows of adult led teaching for areas such as phonics & maths. Our children guide and drive their own learning through carefully resourced continuous provision with enhancements to aid the development of skills and knowledge.

Our curriculum is developed to prioritise sequential, progression learning, where pupils know more and can do more, building on what they have been previously taught. It is also designed to be responsive to the needs of our children, families and community. We pride ourselves on having strong home/school communication links and are constantly asking for parent's to share children's interests at home so that we can develop and further these within the classroom setting.



Our Environment

We give priority to creating a stimulating learning environment for our children. We want the children to learn through purposeful, real-world activities so we take great care to provide a wealth of opportunities for both indoors and out, for children to explore and question the world about them.

We use open-ended, authentic resources to ensure children can use their imaginations to their full potential. We endeavour for our environment to be an extension of the home setting so that children feel comfortable, familiar and safe within the setting.

Through art, music, stories and imaginative play, we provide opportunities that help to develop the children's ability to listen and observe as well as to use their imagination.

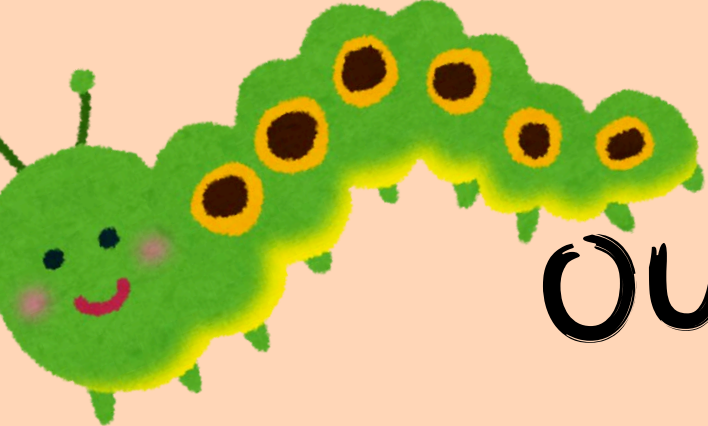


Getting to know you

You & your child will be offered a home visit from one of our Nursery practitioners. This is a chance for us to get to know you and for you to get to know us!

You will also be offered a stay and play session where your child will be able to experience a nursery session & you will be able to have a tour of our school & meet our team.





Our Sessions

Breakfast Club 7:45–8:45am (£4)

Morning Session 8:45am - 11:45am

Lunchtime Session 11:45 - 12:15pm (£3)

Afternoon Session 12:15pm - 3:20pm

After School Club 3.20pm - 5:30pm (£11)





Routines

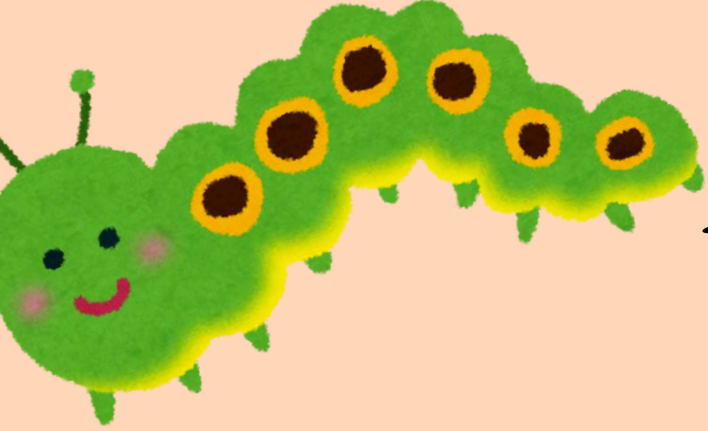
One of our Nursery practitioners will be outside to greet parents and children. This person can take any messages you need to pass on.

The children will access the classroom via the cloakroom door on the left hand side.

Children will be encouraged to come in by themselves and will be supported to be as independent as possible.

Children can access and put away their own resources.



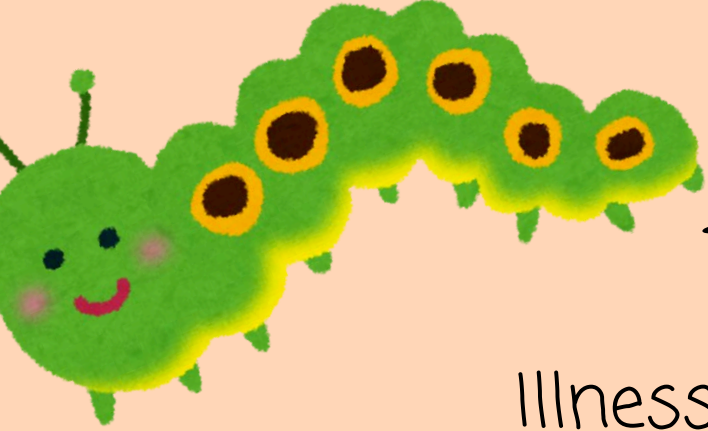


Routines

Please inform us of the designated person who will be picking your child up from Nursery, if this is different from you, their parents/carers.

This needs to be done each time, unless you have provided us with the names of people who will collect your child on set days. We will not release your child to any other person unless you have informed us of this change by leaving a message with us or telephoning school.





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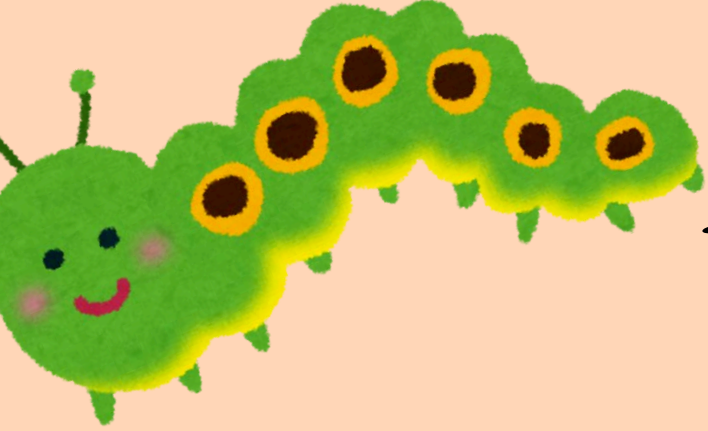
Illness

If your child is ill and unable to attend Nursery, please telephone the school office and leave a message stating your child's name, Nursery class and reason. We ask you do this for each day of absence.

Snacks & Milk

Children are provided with a snack portion of healthy food & a carton of milk free of charge daily.

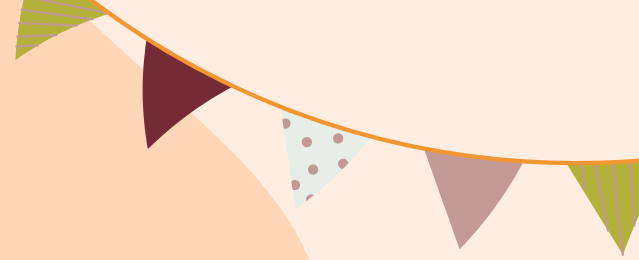


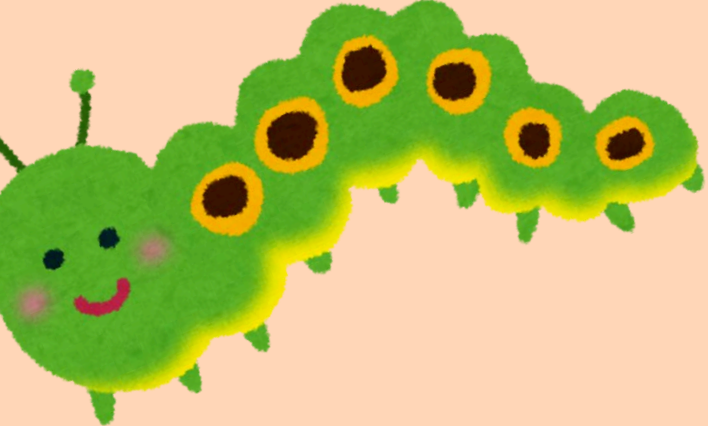


Routines

Lunchtime

Dinners are freshly cooked by our school caterer. We offer choices each day, including a vegetarian option and the menus rotate over a three-week cycle. Fresh fruit and bread are always available, along with water and milk to drink. Menus are changed seasonally and there are special themed menus during the year. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please let us know so that we can tailor a menu to suit your needs. You will have the option to pay for a hot two course dinner if your child stays for lunch, or alternatively you can send a packed lunch for your child. Children receive free lunches when they start school so having a hot dinner at nursery can be good preparation for this. Please note that school dinners are paid for in advance via the Arbor payment system.





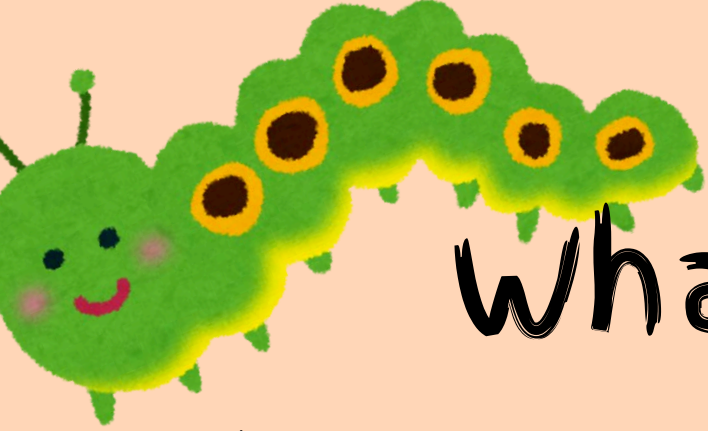
Uniform

Our Nursery children wear the same school uniform as the rest of the school to promote inclusivity & belonging. This consists of the maroon jumper, white polo top, grey/black trousers or skirt, black school shoes. Your child will not need a PE kit.

Our Nursery Sweatshirts can be purchased from School Shop Direct
www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

If you have any order-related enquiries please telephone School Shop Direct on
01743 440449





what to bring...

Please ensure your child has:
a water bottle

a coat

hat, scarf, gloves/sun hat, sun cream
lunchbox (if required)

nappies & wipes (if required)

a spare set of clothes & underwear

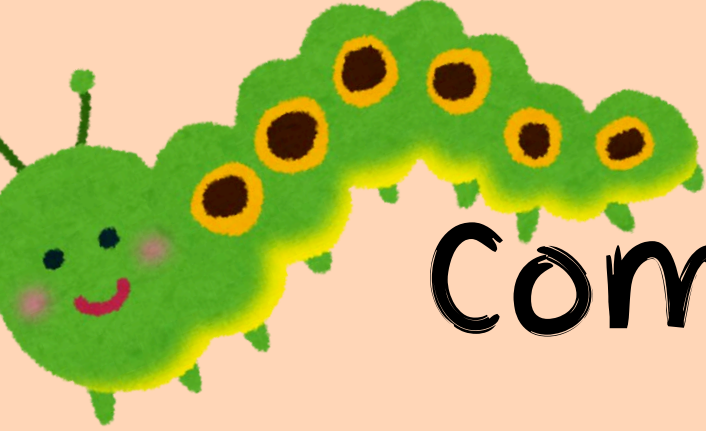
a waterproof puddle suit

wellies

slippers

Please ensure any items sent into
Nursery are clearly named.





Communication

What is Class Dojo?

Class Dojo is an online app that links school and home together. Parents can view the Nursery Class on mobile or home devices giving you a window into the school life. Teachers can share class moments with you and share children's learning and wow moments and can also send you messages.

Why do we choose to use Class Dojo?

It creates a two way communication between us (the Nursery team), and you (the parents and carers). We can upload pictures and videos of what your child is up to at Nursery and we can see those WOW moments that are happening at home. Its like having a window into the Nursery and it allows greater opportunities to extend your child's learning.

How does it work?

We will provide you a link to the app when your child starts Nursery. In school, we upload photos, videos weekly. Parents are invited to download the app to a mobile device and activate their accounts. This makes it possible to see the Nursery Class posts and to comment or like them and even add your own.



Our aim

By the end of the pre-school year, we strive for our children to be; confident communicators (be this through vocal or sign), risk-takers, kind friends and curious explorers. We embed our 3 school rules; be kind, be ready, be safe throughout our curriculum and discuss these daily with the children as they arise in their daily routines and play.

We are committed to making the 'School of Opportunity' a reality by:
developing a happy, safe and caring learning environment where every child will thrive to be the very best that they can be.

- ensuring every child achieves their full potential academically and in the broadest sense, reaching the highest standards and being able to use their skills and knowledge in new learning situations.

- empowering every child so that they develop a love of learning that stays with them for life, where they are confident, co-operative, independent and motivated and where the success of every individual is celebrated.

- ensuring that every child has self-belief and develops the highest standards of behaviour, with a sense of responsibility, sensitivity and respect for others.

In our nursery we provide exceptional standards of teaching and care for our pupils, which foster ambition, self-belief, and a love of learning that stays with them for life.

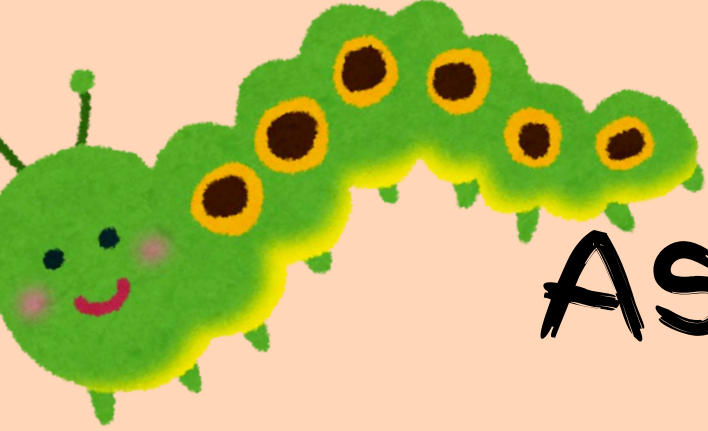


Learning through play

Your child will have the opportunity to explore invitations to play and take charge of their own learning. The experienced Nursery practitioners will follow & aid your child's learning through high quality interactions and in the moment next steps.

Children will be exposed to adult led sessions for phonics & maths and then given the freedom to explore & learn on their own personal learning journey.



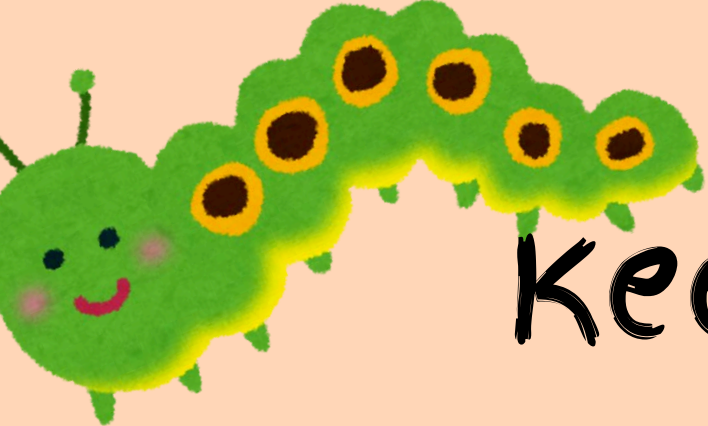


Assessment

Nursery Staff take time to get to know your child and will observe and assess your child. Nursery staff will perform Baseline Nursery Assessments when your child starts Nursery.

The Baseline Assessment builds a 'picture' of your child looking at their wellbeing and development, the characteristics of effective learning, prime and specific areas of learning. Staff will capture the assessments via observations of play and interactions, planned activities and discussions with parents/carers and previous settings.





Keep in touch



Bowbrook Primary School



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Communications

We like to keep communication simple! We much prefer to speak to you in person before or after Nursery but realise this isn't always possible for working parents.

Our Website

Our website contains lots of useful info such as parent letters, newsletters, news & updates, diary & term dates, lunch menus and a Nursery class page.

Keeping in Touch

If you have any questions or queries about any information in this booklet or any aspect of nursery life, please telephone or email Sarah in the school office and both she and the Nursery staff will be happy to help in any way that they can.

