



Grace Neighbourhood Nursery

Welcome and Ofsted News

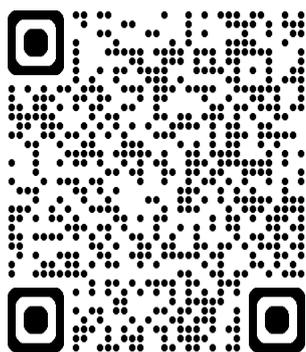
Welcome to all our Parent/Carers and children. We hope you enjoyed your summer holidays and are now ready for your children to settle back into Nursery routines. We would also like to say a big welcome to all the new children and families starting with us this term.

We had our Ofsted inspection on the 25th of July 2025. Some of the excerpts from the report are:

- *Leaders and staff create a curriculum that considers children's interests. They adapt their planning to deepen children's understanding of their favourite topics. This allows children to extend their thinking and understanding of what they find interesting. Children remember what they have learned long term. They can recount their experiences and feel enthusiastic about learning.*
- *Staff identify children with SEND. They work together to identify the knowledge and skills that groups of children need to learn.*
- *Staff support children's early literacy skills. They engage in regular shared reading activities. Staff give children opportunities to re-enact stories and develop key story language. This supports children's future literacy skills well.*
- *The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.*
- *Leaders plan a variety of continuous professional development opportunities for staff. These are closely linked to the needs of children.*

The full report can be downloaded using the QR code below or this link

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50285289>. See Ofsted grades below:



Inspection date: 25 July 2025

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Good

Policies

We have reviewed some of our policies due to the revised Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS) framework effective from 1st of September 2025.

The Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance 2025 has been used to form our Packed Lunch Policy and menus in the nursery. We have updated our policies and will email you a revised Parent Handbook which has a summary of the policies. You can ask Linda Osiyemi—the Manager to see the detailed policy in the office.

We will email our terms and conditions for fees which should be signed and returned to the office. You can call the nursery on 0208310 0040 or email the nurse-ry at nurserymanager@gracenursery.co.uk if you have any questions.

September 2025 Autumn Term

Dates for your Diary

- ☺ Nursery resumes from 03/09/25
- ☺ W/C 20/10/25 Parents meeting with Key Person.
- ☺ W/C 20th October-Black History events (fashion show, food tasting, storytelling) and Diwali
- ☺ Half term break w/c 27/10/25 Nursery closed for term time only Children.
- ☺ Nursery resumes 03/11/25.
- ☺ Nursery closed for Christmas for term time only 22/12/25.
- ☺ Staff training 05/01/26 nursery closed.
- ☺ Nursery resumes from 06/01/26

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Other information

Absence policy

At the very least, good attendance practice promotes good outcomes for children. Some benefits of good attendance are; secure relationships, building good habits, learning and developing self esteem.

The nursery will record and monitor attendance of all children to support the work of safeguarding young children and promote their learning and development. It is important you call the nursery and give a reason why your child cannot attend on the day or if you are going to be late. We aim to work in partnership with our parents and support you to make sure there are no barriers to your child(ren) attending nursery.

Celebrations

We will be celebrating the following this year:

Black History week— W/C 20th October 25

All Children can dress up in different cultural clothes. Parents can come in or record stories or songs in their native tongue and email to

nurserymanager@gracenursery.co.uk. You can also send photos of the different ethnic cooked foods that you eat at home and clothes on your Tapestry journal.

Diwali— W/C 20th October 2025.

Bonfire night 05/11/2025

Remembrance Sunday 09/11/25

Christmas Party— week commencing 15th of December 2025.

Application for a Reception Place

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2026, you need to apply for a primary school place from the 1st of September 2025.

The deadline for applications is 15th of January 2026. The link below will take you to the admission guide: [Primary schools admissions booklets \(pagesuite-professional.co.uk\)](https://pagesuite-professional.co.uk)

Click the link below to apply for a reception place:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Ask Linda if you need help with your application process online.

This Autumn, the Children will be learning about "Ourselves". They will be practicing hygiene routines, staying safe like Pantosaurus, washing hands, blowing noses, putting on aprons and coats, painting self portraits and talking about their families and communities. Children will be encouraged to develop imagination in the role play area by dressing up using props or costumes. They will be able to talk about emotions to develop a deeper understanding of right and wrong. This can be done through a range of different activities including using emotion dolls to initiate conversation's about our emotions and feelings and how to manage them. Examples of Nursery Rhymes they will learn are; Heads, shoulders, knees and toes, Tommy Thumb and, if you are happy and you know it clap your hands.

The following are suggestions you can do with your child (ren) to consolidate their learning about : Ourselves

Parents/Carers can bring in baby photos of their child/ren so they can understand how they grow and change. You can also encourage your child/ren to measure their height using a tape measure or other objects like a ruler and label their body parts.

Talk to them about their immediate and extended families, family tree, language, food, culture, meaning of their names, the clothes they wear, special occasions and why they are special and unique.

Encourage children to draw self portraits, hand/foot prints, and visit libraries to read books or join in activities.



With Autumn here and the Winter fast approaching please ensure your child comes in with appropriate clothing e.g. coat, hat, scarves and gloves as they will still be playing outside.

It is important to LABEL all your child's clothing and bags as their peers have similar or same accessories.



Parent's Meeting Day

Our next Parents meeting is the week commencing 20th October 25. You can book a suitable time with your child's Keyperson to discuss your child/ren's progress. We can arrange a phone call, WhatsApp, zoom or in person to do this. However if you cannot make that week, feel free to book a convenient time with your Child's Key Person.

Forest School

Children are encouraged to develop independent skills, improve their decision making, critical thinking, and raise their self-esteem and confidence through small achievable tasks in Forest School. All Children will attend in small groups from October over the year and the Forest School Leader will let you know when your Child's session is.

The Nursery will supply waterproof clothing and your Child should bring in spare socks to change to after Forest School sessions and a pair of Wellies which can be stored in the Nursery during the period.

