



Autumn Term Newsletter

September 2026

Our New Curriculum Ambitions

Our curriculum is now built around eight Curriculum Ambitions. These are the key things we want to nurture and develop throughout children's time with us, woven through everyday play, experiences, interactions and our environment.

- Excellent Communicators
- Book Lovers
- Independent Learners
- Confident Mathematicians
- Risk Takers
- Kind & Respectful Friends
- Curious Learners
- Creative Thinkers

Creative Thinkers is a new addition this year. We want children to have plenty of opportunities to use their imaginations, explore their own ideas, experiment, create, problem-solve and discover different ways of doing things.

Our Learning This Half-Term

This half-term, our focus will begin with All About Me, Belonging & Families. We will spend time getting to know one another, talking about ourselves and our families, building relationships and helping every child to develop a strong sense of belonging at Hemingbrough Pre-School.

As the season begins to change, we will naturally merge our learning into autumn, making the most of the changes we can see and experience in the world around us.

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for an exciting new term at Hemingbrough Pre-School!

We are really looking forward to welcoming back our returning children and families, as well as saying a very big welcome to all of our new children and families joining us this term. We can't wait to get to know you and help your little ones settle into Pre-School life.

We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks, so here are a few updates and reminders before we begin.

Pre-School Uniform

Our Pre-School uniform is completely optional. There is no expectation for children to wear uniform, so please choose whatever works best for your family. If your child does not wear uniform, we simply ask that they come in clothes that are comfortable and suitable for a busy day at Pre-School.

Our children learn through exploring, creating and getting involved - which sometimes means getting messy! Please send them in clothes that you are happy for them to paint, dig, splash and play in.

Packed Lunches

I have attached the North Yorkshire guidance for healthy packed lunches for families to refer to. This is in line with our own policies for ensuring we promote healthy eating.



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Explorers & Investigators

We will continue to have our Explorers and Investigators groups. You will be informed which group your child is currently in so that you can keep track of some of the learning they are taking part in.

Explorers

Our Explorers will begin with nursery rhymes and action rhymes during their Stories for Talking sessions, supporting early communication and language through repetition, actions, songs and shared enjoyment.

Investigators

Our Investigators will begin with Owl Babies as their Stories for Talking text, using the story to develop language, understanding and confidence in sharing ideas.

Of course, planned experiences are only one part of our curriculum. Lots of learning happens through children's play, interests, conversations, exploration and those valuable teachable moments that naturally arise throughout their day.

Tapestry

By now, all families should have received information about activating their Tapestry account, along with our consent form. Please make sure that your account has been activated and your consent form completed.

All invoices have now also been sent through Tapestry.

If you have not received an email from us, cannot access your account or are having any problems with Tapestry, please get in touch with Summer as soon as possible so we can get everything sorted for you.

Fees & Consumables

Our fees and consumable charges remain unchanged this term.

Outdoor Learning

At Hemingbrough Pre-School, we love being outdoors and we go outside in all weathers!

As we head into autumn, please be mindful of the weather forecast and make sure your child comes to Pre-School with suitable outdoor clothing for the day.

In particular, please send wellies when wet or muddy weather is expected, along with a waterproof coat and warmer layers as the temperature begins to drop. Having the right clothing means children can enjoy exploring and learning outdoors whatever the weather brings.

A Few Little Reminders

Please make sure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name, particularly coats, wellies, bags and lunchboxes. This really helps us make sure everything finds its way back to the right child!

Please also make sure your child has a spare change of clothes with them. With painting, water, mud, outdoor adventures and the occasional accident, spare clothes are always useful.

If your child is going to be absent from Pre-School, please let us know as soon as possible. If we haven't heard from you by 9:30am on a day your child is expected to attend, we will contact you to check the reason for their absence.



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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22nd October - Halloween Stay & Play

Save the date! We will be holding a special Halloween-themed Stay & Play for parents and carers to join us before we break up for half term. More information, including times, will follow nearer the date.

Friday 23rd October - Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November - Pre-School reopens

A Happy New Term

We are really looking forward to another happy, busy and exciting term together.

Welcome back everyone - and a very special welcome to all of our new families!

Summer, Jane & Phil
Hemingbrough Pre-School