



ROTHESAY ROUNDUP

What's Happening Autumn Term 2024

Welcome to our newsletter

Welcome to our Newsletter full of updates and reminders for the new school year.

Last term we said goodbye to Mrs Brownjohn and Joanna. This term we welcome Nikki Cary, our new Headteacher. Miss Hanson (Teacher) and Fabiya (Early Years Apprentice) have joined Butterfly Class.

Parent Governor Vacancies

Rothesay Nursery has a Governing Body. This Governing Body gives the school strategic leadership and has oversight of the schools educational and financial performance. We need two parent governors who would like to volunteer to help us ensure the best possible outcomes for children. You don't need to be an expert on finance or education, we just need enthusiastic and committed parents. Governors meet online 6 times a year (normally in the late afternoon.) If you are interested in helping the school then please talk to Mrs Cary about the role.

Starting School

If your child was born between **1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021**, you are required to apply for an infant/primary school place by **15 January 2025**. You will receive an email from Luton Borough Council regarding your application shortly. For more information visit www.luton.gov.uk/admissions.

Children's Absence

If your child is absent from nursery please telephone the School Office on **01582 726966**. If you do not phone, please expect a phone call or text message from us to see why your child is absent from nursery.



Wraparound Care

You can pay for your child to stay at Rothesay for additional hours from 8.00a.m. until 4.00p.m for only £6.00 per hour. There is also a cost of £2.60 for a school dinner unless you qualify for free school meals.

If you would like to book additional hours for your child, please see the office.

Sweatshirts

Please see the office if you wish to order uniform. Orders and payment should be handed into the office by: Friday 4 October 2024.

Returning Nursery Clothes

If your child has been changed into nursery clothes while at school, please could parents be reminded to return them so that we are able to use them again for all children.

Collection and Drop Off Times

Parents are reminded that nursery sessions are 8:30 to 11:30 or 12:45 to 3:45. Please ensure you are on time for the start and end of your child's session as otherwise your child's learning is affected.

Registers will close at 8:45 and 1:00, if your child arrives after this time you will have to wait until our language group is finished at 9:00 and 1:15.

Important Dates

October 2024

16 - Physical & PSE Day

25 - Last Day of School

November 2024

4 - School Reopens

15 - Children in Need

December 2024

11 - Expressive Art and Design Day

20 - Last Day of School

January 2025

9 - School Reopens

February 2025

14 - Last Day of School

24 - School Reopens

March 2025

6 - World Book Day

April 2025

4 - Last Day of School

24 - School Open

May 2025

5 - Closed for Bank Holiday

23 - Last Day of School

June 2025

2 - School Reopens

July 2025

22 - Last Day of School



Funding for Working Parents

If your child is 3 and you think you would qualify for 30 hours childcare and education and would like your child to access additional hours in January, you will need to apply by the end of December at the latest.

If you are a working parent of a 2 year old you might be eligible to access 15 hours childcare support.

Go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or ask for a letter from the office with more information.

Parking

Please park responsibly when dropping off or collecting your child.

Do not park in the cemetery as there is a risk that your car could be locked inside and we have no way of helping if this occurs.

Stay and Play

Stay and play sessions are for children aged 0-3 and run every Thursday 9.00am-11.00am or 1.00pm-3.00pm. Come and play at Rothesay for £1 per family!



Children in Need

Friday 15 November 2024

Children in Need is a charity that raises money for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Children are welcome to come to nursery dressed in pyjamas or as their favourite character on this day.



School Fund

We know many families have had to cut back on their spending, but please try your best to pay the weekly £1.50 school fund that goes towards your child's snack time and other nursery equipment.



Curriculum Days

We will be hosting our Physical and PSE Day on 16 October 2024 and our Expressive Art and Design Day on 11 December 2024. Please look out for an invitation nearer the time, we hope to see you there!

100% Attendance

A big well done to 7 children, including Alice W and Oormi S, who achieved 100% attendance in the Summer Term.

Mrs Brownjohn presented them with a certificate and prize.



Children's Birthdays

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at nursery by bringing something in, parents may bring in a cake (no nuts) to share with the other children.



Outside Play

The children will go outside in all weathers. Please ensure that your child has the right clothing to be able to explore the outside.



Don't forget to visit our website at
www.rothesaynursery.co.uk