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Our half termly newsletter keeps you informed about what your child will be learning about each half term and gives you the dates of forthcoming events. These are also available on our website and through our school app, which you can download.

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If you would prefer a paper copy for future newsletters, please let Sue know.

*You will receive 'Dates for your Diary' along with this newsletter, with events throughout the year.  
Please note that though we try to be accurate with these dates, some dates may need to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will always try to inform you as soon as possible when a date needs to be changed.*

### Welcome to Goodway Nursery School!

We are so pleased to welcome you all to our Goodway family.

The children have been exploring and investigating their new environment and developing their friendships. It has been so wonderful to see!

Please remember you can always talk to your child's key worker if you have any questions or concerns. Your child's key worker will keep you informed about your child's progress and how they are settling in. We are here to help and support you on your child's learning journey.

Thank you for supporting us as we do all we can to keep all our children and families safe during this time.

Applications open on **1 October 2022** for primary school applications for entry in September 2023. **The closing date is 15 January 2023 at 11:59pm.**

[Apply online](#) | [Apply for reception class or primary school](#) | [Birmingham City Council](#)

### Goodway Nursery School Facebook Page

We post news and information on our school Facebook page as well as emailing it out and posting it on our App,

Please like us and follow us on Facebook to see pictures and hear updates.

### Black History Week Monday 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

We will try out different hairstyles, taste African and Caribbean food and talk to the children about Martin Luther King's dream that people will be judged by what they do, not what they look like.

We will invite parents and carers to share their dreams for their child with us.

### Parents Consultation

We will be meeting with parents/ carers over the course of this term to discuss your child's interests and individual progress.

You can talk with your child's key person about how they are settling in and their learning and development. Each key group will speak with their key worker over the course of the term.

Some children will be the **week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October** and some children will be the **week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November** We will let you know which dates will be for your child. Here is the schedule for the October consultations:

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> October 9-10 am Iram

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9-10 am Jess

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-3pm Helen

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

9-10am Tina

9:30-11am Lucy

1-2pm Debbie Graham

1.30-3pm, Sarah E

Georgina 2-3pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11am Inez

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-3:00pm Sarah B

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1.30-3pm Debbie C

### Family Support Drop in Sessions

No appointment needed

Every Monday morning 9 – 10:00 am

Offering help with benefits advice, housing, children's centre

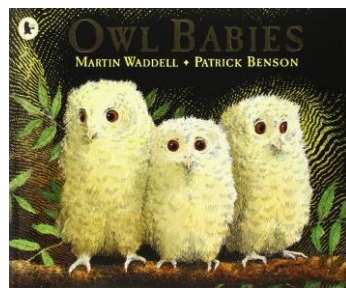
Services, family Support

### Core books we will be reading this half term

We focus upon particular books each half term to read to the children regularly so that children develop a bank of well known and loved stories. You can help by getting the story from your local library and reading it at home to your child. These stories will be a stimulus for imaginative role play; mark making and creating models.

You can listen to staff reading these on the 'Listen to a Story' page on our school website

### Poppies & Sunflowers



Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

### Core rhymes

Singing rhymes helps children learn about rhythm and rhyme to help with pre reading skills. It is also great fun! This half term we will be singing:

#### Poppies & Sunflowers:

Baa, baa black sheep; Humpty dumpty; Incy wincy; Hickory dickory; 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive, Twinkle, twinkle

**Daisies:** Baa, baa black sheep; Twinkle, twinkle

### Toilet Training

When to start potty training will depend on the individual child. Every child is different; they learn to walk and talk at different times and they learn how to use the toilet at different times too. However, most children are ready to be potty trained between 18 months and 3 years old.

We are here to support you with advice and information on potty training when your child is ready.

### Lunchboxes

Please make sure that your child's name is written on the **outside** of their lunchbox.

Children sometimes have the same lunchbox and it is very important that children eat the right lunch in case of food allergies or preferences. Drinks will be provided by Nursery.

### Forest School

Children will have the opportunity to go to Forest School in regular sessions. These are taught by our Forest School Leader, Sarah Bridgwater.

Children will learn about the natural world, exploring nature and managing risks. These are fun, interactive sessions which allow children to connect with nature.

### This half term we will be learning.....

#### Personal, social & emotional development

- o Making relationships – circle time games
- o Leadership roles.
- o Our families' photos, paintings & display
- o Where our families come from display
- o Behavioural expectations - Class charters

#### Communication & Language

- o Circle times
- o Vocabulary of emotions
- o talking about our families

#### Physical development

- o Block play
- o Outdoor Play
- o Introduce bikes, balls, climbing frame
- o African dancing

#### Literacy

- o Owl Babies & Full, Full, Full of Love
- o Nursery rhymes
- o Handling books
- o Introduce library scheme
- o Introduce name cards
- o Mark making

#### Maths

- o Counting songs and rhymes
- o Counting how many children are here
- o Block play, exploring shapes, size and weight

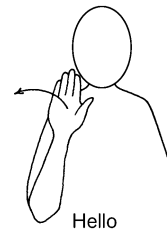
#### Understanding the World

- o Forest School – Introduce Forest School charter
- o Black History Month – Hairdressers role play, tasting fruit, music & dancing, Parent dreams for child

#### Expressive arts & design

- o Painting
- o Clay
- o Junk modelling
- o Role play

### We're learning to say 'hello' in: Makaton sign language



We teach children a range of Makaton signs to support language development.

You can look on Cbeebies where Mr Tumble demonstrates a selection of Makaton signs:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-really-useful-makaton-signs#playlist>



### Rights Respecting School Award

We are very proud to have achieved our Gold Unicef Rights Respecting School award which demonstrates our commitment to children's rights

We will agree charters with the children, setting out expectations about how children's rights can be met at Goodway Nursery School.

If you would like to have a look at these, or find out more about this, please ask your child's key person, or have a look on our website [www.goodwayn.bham.sch.uk](http://www.goodwayn.bham.sch.uk)

### Stay & Play

We have a Stay & Play session at Goodway Nursery School every Tuesday between 9:30- 11am.

### Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or development feel free to speak to your key person in the first instance. Please also click on the link below to find out more about Birmingham City Councils Local Offer;

[Local Offer Birmingham | SEND Advice and Information](#)

### Tapestry Learning Journeys

We record your child's learning and development using photos and observations using the Tapestry online observation system.

You will be given a log in so that you can access these, see what your child has been learning and the next steps for their learning and development.

Please speak to Sue in the school office, and she will be able to create a log in for you.

### Learning at home

Look out for our half termly 'Learning at Home sheets' with lots of ideas you can do with your child at home.

We will suggest 'next steps' for your child's learning and development on their Tapestry observations that you can access and also add your own pictures.

Ideas for learning at home are available on our website under the 'Teaching & Learning' section.

Please choose a book each week to read with your child and read with them every day. Sharing a story together every day is the most important thing you can do to support your child's early reading development.

Look at the 'Listen to a Story' section on our school website where you can listen to different members of the staff team reading stories.