

Welcome to Goodway Nursery School!

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. This will be sent out via email each half term and will also be available on our website www.goodwayn.bham.sch.uk. 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.

Reception class places September 2024

The admissions process for a place in reception class for September 2024 will open on 1st October 2023.

If your child will be 4 before 31st August 2024 you should apply now for a place in a reception class.

It is important that you find the right school for your child, so please look on their school website and visit, so that you can make an informed choice.

Most schools will have open evenings between September 2023 and January 2024, please visit the schools' websites for further details.

It is important that you apply for a place as soon as possible. Apply for a place online by following the link below.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/11786/apply_for_reception_class_or_primary_school

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:

Sunflowers (3-4 year olds): Hickory Dickory, Twinkle Twinkle, 1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive, Humpty Dumpty, Good Morning and Good Bye song

Daisies (2-3 year olds):

Hello song, Twinkle Twinkle little star, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Humpty Dumpty, Tommy Thumb, Shake Your Sillies Out

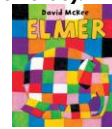
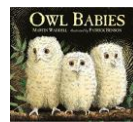
Core books we will be reading this half term

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, creating models and many other learning opportunities.

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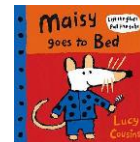
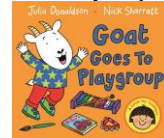


Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Elmer by David McKee

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

Daisies (2-3 year olds):



Goat Goes to Playgroup by Julia Donaldson

Maisy goes to Bed by Lucy Cousins

Makaton signs

Makaton is designed to support spoken language – signs are used alongside speech to help children to communicate.

We will be learning how to say hello in Makaton and the children will be learning signs to support our daily routines.

Follow the link below to find more about Makaton

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/makaton>

<https://makaton.org/>

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead for our school is Alicia Corpe. Alicia is here every day and is available to talk about any safeguarding concerns.

Dropping off in the morning

Thank you for helping us to ensure that all of our three-year-old Sunflower children have the opportunity to walk into school independently. By working together we can ensure that all children are safeguarded. Key workers are available at 3pm each day to share any information or concerns you may have. Please call nursery after 9:15am if you have a message for the key worker in the morning.

Parking

For the safety of all of our children and families, we ask you not to park on the double yellow lines outside of school. Please find a safe parking space to make sure that all children can get into school safely.

Unicef Rights Respecting School

We are very proud to have achieved our Gold Unicef Rights Respecting School award in July 2023 which demonstrates our commitment to Children's Rights.

This half term we will focus upon the following rights:

Article 12: Respect for the views of the child Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

- Introduce Leadership roles
 - Leader
 - Eco Warrior
 - Helper
 - Rights Champion

Article 27: Adequate standard of living Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

- Children in Need

Article 30: Culture Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, regardless of whether these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live

- Learning about our families and celebrations
- Diwali
- Christmas (Christian celebration)

Article 31: Leisure play and culture Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities

- Consolidating Class Charters

Spare Clothes

Our children love exploring with messy play, it would be really helpful to make sure that your child has a bag with spare clothes, spare underwear and socks and wellies. Label everything for us as it is so difficult to know what belongs to who!

Coffee Mornings

Our series of coffee mornings will begin next week. Please join us in the community room!

Welcome to Goodway, communication, how to use Tapestry, spotlight consultations.

Wednesday 27th September 9-9:30am

Friday 29th September 9-9:30am

Toileting support and advice

Wednesday 4th October 9-9:30am

Friday 6th October 9-9:30am