Welcome to Woodpecker Nursery 2026/2027

Woodpecker Hall ACADEMY

Aims of this session:

- Meet the team
- Explain the induction process
- Explain how best to prepare your child for Nursery
- Explain what to expect when children start
- Answer questions

Meet the team…

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Head Teacher: Nicky Ross

Deputy Headteacher/SENCO:
Hati Mehmet

Associate Assistant Head Teacher: Kayley Putz

Nursery Year Group Lead: Selma Hassan

Puffins (2 -year -old room)
Team:

Staff:

Wahida Rahman

Sharon Johnson

Victoria Vaughan

Bikash Kanti Nath

NORTH STAR COMMUNITY TRUST

Timetable



Breakfast Club

8:00a m-8:30a m

Morning class

8:30a m-11:30a m

Afternoon class

12:15p m-3:15p m

Full time

8:30a m-3:15p m

Wrap Around Care

3:30p m-6:15p m

Settling in…

Your child may have had a previous experience of nursery or playgroups but starting in a new environment and leaving their main carer might be unsettling (separation anxiety, tears, clinginess).

-Some children might be more tearful than others which unsettles those around them.

-We will encourage you to leave after a while, so that we can settle them in but we will always call you if needed.



Curriculum

- In the Early Years, the curriculum for children under 3 focuses on developing the prime areas:
    - Personal social emotional development
    - Communication and language
    - Physical development



- One indoor and one outdoor focus activity will be planned for the children to take part in each day.

- The activities planned will be influenced by the children's interests and observations made by the practitioners.

- Children are taught a broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good progress through school and in life.

Two-year-old Report

Staff will review the progress of all the children and provide parents and/or carers with a short summary of their child's development within the prime areas.

This will include; Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

It will take place when the child is aged between 24-36 months. These checks identify the child's strengths and any areas where progress is less than expected.

Parents/Carers will receive a copy of this report and can discuss this with staff.

Food

- **Fruit and Milk** Children are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every morning as part of the National Fruit Scheme, to support healthy eating.
- **Water bottles** - We require the children to bring their own named water bottle.
- **Full time Puffins** –Bring packed lunch from home. Lunch time is at 11.30am.

Fizzy drinks and sweets/chocolates are not allowed in packed lunch boxes.







Woodpecker Hall Academy is a NUT & FISH FREE school.
Please do not include any items in lunch boxes that contain nuts or fish , such as 'Nutella', peanut butter sandwiches, tuna sandwiches or other nut/fish items.

Sleep

- Children are entitled to sleep during the day. Please speak to staff to discuss your child's routine.
- Sleep mats and blankets will be provided; there will be a quiet space in the Nursery.
- The children will be regularly checked to ensure they are safe whilst sleeping.



Toileting

- We aim to work in partnership with parents towards toilet training children.

- Parents/Carers need to provide their own nappies and creams which will be placed in their child's individual box. Unless your child is in the process of toilet training, please provide regular nappies, not pull -ups. Parents/carers also need to provide at least 2 changes of clothing (all items labelled with your child's name).

- Any soiled clothes will be returned home at the end of the session to be washed.

- When your child is ready, we will discuss this with you and support with potty training.

Induction: AM Sessions



Date	Time	Information
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	9:45am - 10:15am	Home Visit A member of the nursery team will be visiting you and your child at your home.
Thursday 3rd September 2026	9.00-10.00	Meat the Team This is an opportunity to meet the team and get the information regarding the two year old room.
Monday 7th September 2026	8:30am - 9:30am	First day- 1 hour This is a settling in session to help your child in their transition. Parent/carers must attend this session.
Tuesday 8th September 2026	8:30am - 9:30am	Second day- 1 hour This is a settling in session to help your child in their transition. Parent/carers must NOT attend this session.
Wednesday 9th September 2026	8:30am - 10:30am	Third day – 2 hour Parents/carers are NOT expected to attend this session.
Thursday 10th September 2026	8:30am - 11:30am	Full-time Session Your child will be in nursery for the full allocated hours. Please be on time to pick your child up as children can easily become distressed.

Induction: PM Sessions

Date	Time	Information
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	11:15am - 11:45am	Home Visit A member of the nursery team will be visiting you and your child at your home.
Thursday 3rd September 2026	9.00-10.00	Meat the Team This is an opportunity to meet the team and get the information regarding the two year old room.
Monday 7th September 2026	12:15pm - 1:15pm	First day- 1 hour This is a settling in session to help your child in their transition. Parent/carers must attend this session.
Tuesday 8th September 2032	12:15pm - 1:15pm	Second day- 1 hour This is a settling in session to help your child in their transition. Parent/carers must NOT attend this session.
Wednesday 9th September 2026	12:15pm - 2:15pm	Third day – 2 hour Parents/carers are NOT expected to attend this session.
Thursday 10th September 2027	12:15pm - 3:15pm	Full-time Session Your child will be in nursery for the full allocated hours. Please be on time to pick your child up as children can easily become distressed.



Induction: FT Sessions



Date	Time	Information
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	3:15pm - 3:45pm	Home Visit A member of the nursery team will be visiting you and your child at your home.
Thursday 3rd September 2026	9.00-10.00	Meat the Team This is an opportunity to meet the team and get the information regarding the two-year-old room.
Monday 7th September 2026	8:30am - 9:30am	First day- 1 hour This is a settling in session to help your child in their transition. Parent/carers must attend this session.
Tuesday 8th September 2031	8:30am - 9:30am	Second day – 1 hour Parents/carers are NOT expected to attend this session.
Wednesday 9th September 2026	8:30am - 11:30am	Third day- no lunch Half a day. Parents/carers are NOT expected to attend this session.
Thursday 10th September 2026	8:30am - 12:15am	Fourth day- with lunch Parents must provide a healthy packed lunch for their children to enjoy. No nuts of fish products are allowed due to allergies.
Friday 11th September 2026	8:30am - 3:15pm	Full-time Session Your child will be in nursery for the full allocated hours. Please be on time to pick your child up as children can easily become distressed.

Support your child in getting ready for Nursery

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It would really help your child to settle into Nursery if they can:

- Help themselves with dressing and undressing.
- Say when they have had a wee or poo in their nappy. (In English or in home language)
- Use a cup to drink from/ be independent to eat a snack.
- Have a regular and early bedtime routine.
- Follow simple instructions.
- Talk is key to learning (daily experiences), it is important that you talk to your child about the world around them.

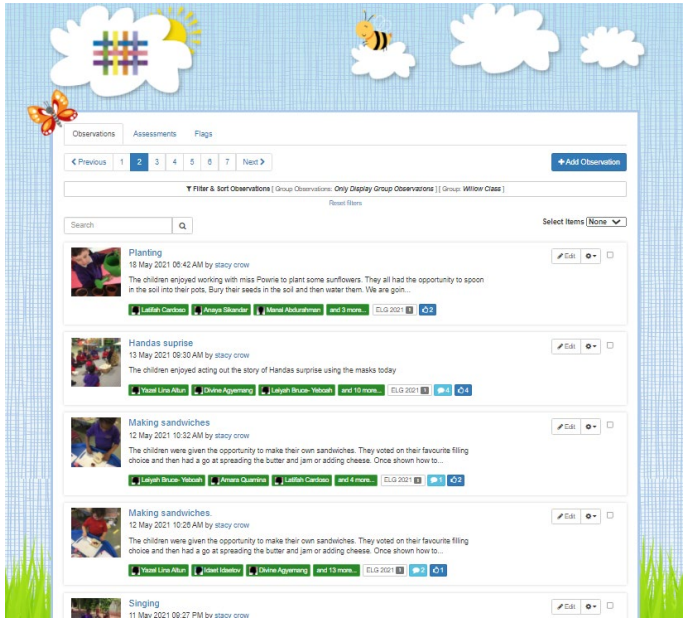


Clothes

Children should wear comfortable clothes in Puffins room (no uniform) and have at least two changes of clothing. To help identify clothes, we request all garments, particularly outdoor garments, such as, sun hats and wellies are labelled or marked with the child's name. Footwear should be Velcro and no shoelaces.

Tapestry

- An Online Learning Journal system where staff record children's progress and activities using tablet devices (iPads) and PCs.
- Parents can view their child's journal on mobile devices and on their home computers and can make observations of their own using a secure login system.
- It creates a two-way communication between us (the EYFS team), and you (the parents and carers).
- **We ask parents to upload 1 observation every 2 weeks from home. Home activity tasks will also be set to support this.**
- You will receive an information letter and consent form to fill in alongside other consent forms that we need parents/carers to sign before you child starts school.
- We will also hold information meeting dedicated to Tapestry and working with your child at home once they have started.



Any questions?

