

# HENRY ALLEN NURSERY NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM - 2026

**Happy New Year! A warm welcome back to all our families and especially to our new children. After a very busy few weeks before Christmas, we hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to a wonderful spring term.**

**A huge thank you from all our staff for the very generous Christmas gifts given by parents.**

### Snow

In the event of snow/ice school closure, we will let parents know via text, put it on the website and it will also be on the Buckinghamshire closed school site by 7.30am.

### School Gateway App

Parents who pay for their child's hours (core hours and wraparound care clubs) please pay on the School Gateway app. Pre booked hours for this half term are now available to pay. Payment should be made by February 2nd. Please speak to the office if you have any problem with the app and payment can be made at the office or via bank transfer. Please also let the office know if you wish to pay by tax free childcare vouchers. For adhoc club bookings please book and pay on the app in advance.

### School Application

If your child is 4 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 you need to have applied for their primary school by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### Zoolab

On 4<sup>th</sup> February Zoolab will be visiting us and all children in nursery that morning will have the opportunity to meet a variety of fantastic creatures.

### Playball

Playball sessions for Hedgehogs and Squirrels resume next week on Wednesday morning. We request a £25 contribution towards this per term, payable via the School Gateway app.



## Lunches

If your child is with us for lunch, please ensure that you provide a healthy packed lunch with no nuts included, due to a number of children at nursery with nut allergies. Please also ensure food is cut in to appropriate shapes, and foods with a higher risk of choking (such as popcorn) are not included.

## Pick up times

Our afternoon pick up times are 1pm (after lunch club), 2.30pm early pick up, and 3- 3.10pm standard pick up. Please could parents stick to these times (as much as is unavoidable) in order to avoid disruption to the children's activities. If you arrive early, you may be expected to wait as your child may not be ready to go home.

## Clothing donation

If you have any jogging bottoms, leggings or socks aged 3-4 or 4-5 which you would like to donate, they would be gratefully received. We do not need any more tops!

## Class Library Day


**Hedgehogs and Squirrels:** On a Wednesday we ask you to send your children in with their purple book bag to choose a book from nursery with you on arrival, which they can enjoy at home and return the next week.

**Robins:** Please send your child in with the book bag daily and come to help them choose a book at the start of whichever morning/ afternoon session you would like.

## Forest School



Forest school will resume for our 3 & 4 year old children (who are out of nappies) in Hedgehog and Squirrel class after half term, when the weather perks up a bit.



## Notices

**Illness:** If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay off nursery for 48 hours since the last bout.

Please email or call nursery if your child will not be coming in. If you need to give your child Calpol before nursery, it is unlikely they are well enough to attend.

**Whatsapp:** If you would like to be part of a school Whatsapp group for parents only, please let the office know and we will pass on your details to the group admin.

**Late arrivals:** Nursery starts at 9.10am. If you arrive late (after 9.20am or 12.20pm) to drop your child, please bring them to the office door.

**Clothing:** Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and shoes (no open toes or crocs). Ideally velcro shoes are best. In this weather a warm, waterproof coat is required. Please ensure that ALL clothing is labelled (including gloves and hats). To prevent them from losing them, gloves on elastic inside the coat are very useful. Uniform - sweatshirts and t-shirts can be purchased from the office. Please also label lunch boxes and Tupperware containers.

**Car Park:** Please only use the side gate as entrance to the nursery and do not use or cross the staff car park due to safety reasons.

**Donation:** We kindly ask all parents to make a termly £25 donation to the School Fund via School Gateway to help cover items such as snack, craft resources, visits and ingredients for cooking.

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM 16-20 FEBRUARY**