

Welcome to 'Mouse Class'
Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Half Term
September - November 2026

Welcome to our first Nursery newsletter! What a wonderful first half term we've had. The children have been busy exploring their new environment, making friends and settling into Nursery routines. It has been lovely getting to know their individual personalities, interests and favourite songs and stories.

<u>What's been happening in Mouse Class?</u>



We have been enjoying *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson, with our class proudly named after the brave and clever little mouse from the story.

The children have loved talking about the characters and noticing their different features. They have brought the story to life through creative activities, including making playdough Gruffalos and collage mice. We've also had lots of fun singing the catchy *Gruffalo Song*, which describes the Gruffalo's unusual features.

You can enjoy the song together at home using this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSc4TQshebk

Our 'All About Me' theme has helped us get to know one another and celebrate what makes each of us special. The children have enjoyed exploring their *All About Me* books, sharing stories about their families and favourite things, and learning each other's names through games.



We have also created self-portraits, looking carefully at our own features, including our hair and eye colour. Our lovely pictures are now displayed in the classroom for everyone to enjoy!

RE – God's wonderful world: As part of our RE curriculum, we have been learning about God's wonderful world and how it was created. Linking this to our *All About Me* theme, we have talked about how we are all special and how we can help care for the world around us.





The children have enjoyed exploring indoors and outdoors, sharing their discoveries and talking about the wonderful things they find.

Exploring, noticing and early maths: We have been encouraging the children to look closely at their surroundings and describe what they notice. These conversations help develop vocabulary, curiosity and early mathematical understanding.

We have also been introducing subitising – recognising how many objects there are without counting them one by one. This is an important foundation for future maths learning.

You can support this at home during half term by chatting about things you spot on walks or in the garden. Try asking, *"What can you see?"* or *"How many can you see?"* Encourage your child to describe what they notice and explain their ideas.

Outdoor learning: We love getting outside, whatever the weather! Outdoor play gives children wonderful opportunities to explore, investigate, develop their physical skills and enjoy the natural world in every season. We would be grateful if each child could bring in a pair of wellies to keep at Nursery. If possible, an all-in-one puddlesuit would also be really helpful, allowing the children to splash in puddles, explore muddy areas and enjoy our outdoor environment without worrying about getting wet or muddy. With the right clothing, we can make the most of our outdoor adventures all year round!

Autumn treasure bags 🍂

After half term, we will be exploring autumn and the changes we notice in the natural world.

Each child will receive a special Autumn treasure bag to take home. During the holidays, they can collect interesting natural objects, such as colourful leaves and conkers, and bring them back to the Nursery. We will share our treasures together, exploring their colours, shapes and textures and talking about where we found them. We can't wait to see what the children discover!

Tapestry

We hope you are enjoying seeing your child's Nursery experiences on Tapestry. We also love hearing about their adventures at home, so please feel free to upload photos and share special moments.

Talking about these experiences helps children build confidence and develop their speaking and listening skills.

If you have any difficulty accessing your child's account, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Parents' evenings

Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 4th November and Thursday 6th November. Information about booking an appointment should have been sent through the school office or included in the whole-school newsletter.

If you haven't received the details, please pop into the office or call 01603 743317, and the team will be happy to help.

Early Years Open Morning - Wednesday 25th Novemeber

Our 'Early Years Open Morning' is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers of children due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2027 to meet the teachers, explore our classrooms and ask any questions about starting Nursery or school.

We would love you to come along and have a look around our Reception classrooms! Please also help us spread the word to friends, family and anyone who may be looking for a Nursery place for their child. We'd be delighted to welcome new families to our school!

Dates for your diary

- 22/10/26 - Nursery closes for half term at 3pm.
- 2/11/26 - Nursery reopens
- 3/11/26, 3.30-7pm - Parents' evening
- 5/11/26, 3.30-6pm - Parents' evening
- 25/11/26, 9.45-11am - Early Years Open Morning

Please feel free to speak to me or a member of the Nursery team if you have any questions. You can also contact me through Tapestry or by email: hleverage2drj@nsix.org.uk

Thank you for your support during our first half term. It has been wonderful getting to know you and your children. I am delighted to inform you that I shall be in Nursery every day after the holidays! I look forward to a happy and exciting year ahead in Mouse Class!

Best wishes,

Mrs Leverage, Nursery Teacher