



Thrupp School Nursery Fledglings Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter 2026



Dates for your diary

❖ Rescheduled 'Summer' Fayre	Friday 18 th Sept 5pm-7pm
❖ Join us for a 'Bring a Grown-Up morning'	Tue 29 th Sept 9am-10am
❖ Whole open morning	Tuesday 13 th October 9-11.30am
❖ Last day of term 1	Thursday 22 nd October
❖ INSET day (Nursery closed)	Friday 23 rd October
❖ Return to nursery	Monday 2 nd November
❖ Join us for story time	Mon 2 nd /Tues 3 rd /Thurs 5 th Nov 2.30pm
❖ Last day of term 2	Friday 18 th December
❖ Return in the New Year	Tuesday 5 th January 2027

Welcome to Fledglings/Welcome back!

We would like to send a very warm welcome to you all for the new school year! We hope you had a lovely summer and are ready to join us, some for the first time, and many who are returning after the summer break.

We understand that the initial drop offs need to be a positive experience for your children. We will come to meet you at the gate but if you feel that you need to walk into nursery with your child for their first few sessions, then please do wait for an adult to be back in nursery before heading up there. We suggest that you do not stay too long as this can cause the child to become increasingly anxious but we understand that every child is different and will work with you to support the transition and settling in.

When the children are settled into the routine, we would love to invite you to join us for a stay and play session between 9-10am on Tuesday 29th September and then one of our story time sessions too. You can choose which day suits you best between Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th November at 2.30pm. This will be a great opportunity for you to get to know us and for your little one to show you their nursery, Learning Journey and their new favourite toys. We hope you can make it!

This term

We will start the term concentrating on settling the children into our nursery routine, getting to know each other and making the nursery feel safe and secure for both new starters and familiar faces. We will use the first two weeks as a settling in period, then start the Focus Child System once we feel that everyone has settled into the new routine. Until then, we will be busy making our snack time place mats, decorating our peg names and painting pictures for the wall displays. We will also be focusing on healthy eating and teeth cleaning.

Our Focus Child System allows us to plan and assess the children to meet their individual needs and interests. You will receive a letter prior to their week to inform you that it will be your child's focus week and you can support your child's week by sharing their interests and experiences at home. All the information will be on the letter. At the end of their week, you will receive a short report about your child's development and learning. We will begin new starter focus weeks during Autumn Term 2 and all children will receive at least 4 focus weeks per year as well as a parent meeting in November. All Pre-schoolers will also receive an end of year 'Ready for Reception' transition report in the final summer term.

If you have any questions, we are always here to answer them or explain in further detail.

Other Fledgling News

Friday email

Every Friday, we will email you with details about what the children have been up to throughout the week, who is in the Brilliant Book for the week and any other news/upcoming events. There will be a link to the photos of the week on the website so you can see what they have been doing – This is how we share our photos at present, **so please let us know (if you haven't already) if you do not want your child's photo to appear on the website or if you wish to change your preference so that you can see more of what they have been up to.**

Facebook

As part of our mission to keep communication open with parents, we have a Facebook page. **We do not put any photos of the children on the account, just pictures of activities.** We will also add information about upcoming events and will be able to share information such as road closures etc. Please feel free to take a look, add the page or give it a like to help promote our wonderful nursery. Thank you.

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Thrupp-School-Nursery-Fledglings/61564941643301/>

Cirencester college student

From Monday 7th September we will be having Miss Bethany Elliott join us to complete her placement to support her Education and Early years studies at Cirencester college. She will be with us every Monday and Tuesday throughout the academic year. Please be assured that student placements are a vital part of training the next generation of early years educators. Bethany will be fully supervised by our qualified team and has cleared all required enhanced background and safety checks.

If you see Bethany around the setting, please join us in giving her a warm welcome! Please feel free to speak with Mrs Muskett or Miss Wood if you have any questions.

Wow Vouchers

Please find attached 2 wow vouchers. The idea of this is that we can celebrate with you any achievements that your child has had at home. These will be added to your child's assessments and learning journey so that we have input from you about your child's achievements. These can be anything from trying new food, sleeping all night, swimming or any other big achievement that your child has made. We will celebrate them as a group during circle time.

Packed lunches

We aim to be as accommodating as possible with lunches, but please remember that we are over-seeing lunch for a large number of children so try and prepare a lunch that the children can eat independently. We do not mind cutting up fruit or warming something through but we would like to promote their independence so please make it as easy for them as possible. Here are some examples of lunches:



-Please remember to **cut grapes in half**, length ways as they are a very dangerous choking hazard.

- We also ask for **no nuts** in any lunch boxes, including peanut butter and pine nuts in pesto. We have some severe nut allergies in our school and it is important that we do all we can to avoid any allergic reactions. Thank you!

Supporting your child's ability to focus

Over the last few years we have seen a deterioration in children's ability to focus on an activity. There has been research that has shown that the growing trend of having the television on while your child plays at home stops the pathways in the brain developing as they are continually being distracted. We know that TV time can be beneficial to both your child and you and we are not saying do not use it but simply suggesting that whilst your child is not watching it, it would be a good idea to switch it off – both helping your child's brain development and saving you money on your energy bills! If you wish to discuss this further, please speak to Sam. Please note that children have very little screen time with us in nursery, just for the occasional treat each term.

Please remember...

To bring in fruit or raw vegetables to share...

In order to encourage healthy eating, we ask that each child brings in a few pieces of fruit or raw salad vegetables (carrots, cucumber, etc.) each week. Please have them ready to hand to us at drop off. This is then shared between the children at snack time and they enjoy talking about who brought in the snack each day. Thank you in advance.

Oat Milk Contributions

Once again, this year, over 40% of our cohort are drinking oat milk as a preference. We want to be able to continue to provide for these children and so for parents of those who drink oat milk during their sessions with us, we ask for a small, termly contribution to help cover the costs. Please could your £2 cash contribution for this term be paid directly to a member of staff. If you would rather, you can pay £4 for the whole of the Autumn Term or £12 for the year. Whichever is easiest for you! Thank you for your support!

Also, don't forget to provide a named water bottle for your child to access throughout the session.

To bring your child with suitable footwear & clothing appropriate to the weather

As part of the Nursery curriculum, we aim to go outside every day, poor weather included. Please bring a coat and sturdy footwear for your child during wet or cold weather and appropriate clothing for the hot weather. Sun hats are compulsory during hot weather for the children's safety and we ask that you apply sun cream before their session where possible. Please also send in sun cream in a labelled bottle so that we can reapply in very hot conditions.

We do not recommend crocs as sensible outdoor shoes.

To let us know if any of your contact details change...

Please let us know if any of your contact details – such as address, house or mobile telephone numbers – change. This also applies to secondary contacts which you have provided, such as grandparents or friends who may be contacted in the case of an emergency.

Contacting us:

- **Landline:** 01453 883586 (Select option 2 to be put directly through to us!)
- **Email address:** thruppschoolnursery@eygloucestershire.co.uk
- **Website:** www.thruppschool.co.uk Don't forget to check out our photos from each week! You will find the link on the weekly email!

We are always available for you, if you have questions, queries or any concerns please contact us. We always try to make ourselves available at the gate at the beginning and end of the day too.

Thank you in advance for your support, we can't wait to welcome the children and extend our Thrupp Nursery Family.

A quick reminder of the team:



Mrs Muskett
(Sam)
Nursery Manager



Miss Wood
(Laura)
Deputy Manager



Mrs Strom
(Wendy)
Nursery Practitioners



Miss C
(Christie)

We also have Mrs Swanson, who is a School Governor and often volunteers with us.
I am sure the children will adjust quickly to the staffing routine, please see a chart below to help prepare your child for each day:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs Muskett Miss Wood Mrs Strom	Mrs Muskett Miss Wood Miss C	Miss Wood Mrs Strom Miss C	Mrs Muskett Mrs Strom Miss C	Mrs Muskett Miss Wood Mrs Strom

Other useful contacts

Website for 30 hour code – <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Homestart: support for families in the home - <https://homestartsd.org/>

Allsorts: support for families with children with additional needs - <https://allsortsglos.org.uk/>

Gloucestershire support for domestic abuse - <https://www.gdass.org.uk/> 01452 726 570

Family Support, Advice and Early Help Services -

https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=1_1

