Thrupp School Nursery Fledglings Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter 2026



Dates for your diary

• Term 2 Starts	Monday 2nd November
• Story times 2.30pm	Mon 2nd,Tues 3rd and Thur 5th
• School and nursery Photographs	Thursday 12th November
• Parent meetings	Wednesday 18th and 25th November
• Festive Fayre	Friday 27th November
• Christmas Tree Festival	Fri 27th November – 8th December
• Nursery trip on the bus to the Christmas Tree Festival	Friday 4th December
• Nursery Christmas Party, parents return at 2.30pm	Date TBC
• Last day of term	Friday 18th December finish at 2pm
• Inset day	Monday 4th January 2027
• Return in the New Year	Tuesday 5th January 2027

This Term

We have had a great start to the term, with all the children settling well into the nursery routine and some lovely friendships beginning to form! Your children are wonderful and thank you for your continued support from home. Our role-play area has transformed into a house, a doctors' and dentists' surgery, and even a spooky den! We have seen some wonderful imaginative play, and the children have had so much fun. We have also enjoyed a visit from a dentist and taken a lovely walk along the lane to the local community orchard to pick apples. The children have started learning about autumn and have enjoyed collecting and exploring leaves, sticks, pinecones and conkers, alongside taking part in lots of wonderful autumn-themed craft activities. We will continue exploring this theme as the autumn leaves continue to fall.

What's Next?

We will begin the new term by focusing on putting 'Hedgie' the hedgehog into hibernation. The children will also enjoy making hedgehog-shaped bread rolls before moving on to celebrate Bonfire Night and Diwali. Later in the term, we will, of course, be celebrating Christmas! The children will be busy making cards and calendars, and we will transform the role-play area into something festive. We will also be writing to Santa to ask if he can send us an elf again. We can't wait to see what might happen this year! We are delighted to be participating in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence's Church. It opens on 27th November and runs throughout the following week, so please do visit if you can. We are planning to catch the bus into Stroud with the children to visit the festival during one of our sessions, so please look out for further information in the coming weeks.

Tiger

Over the coming weeks, the children will also take it in turns to bring Tiger home for tea**.** They are all very excited about this and have been patiently waiting for Tiger to feel brave enough to leave the nursery! Please look after Tiger during his visit and take lots of photographs of his adventures for his scrapbook. These will be lovely for your child to share with their friends when Tiger returns to nursery. If you are unable to print the photographs at home, please email them to us and we will happily print them and add them to the scrapbook together with your child.

Other Fledgling News

Parent Meetings

We are offering parent meetings over two Wednesdays, **18th and 25th November**. You should have received an email from the school office with options to select the day and time that works best for you. We will let you know very soon which slot you have been allocated. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss your child's development; look through their learning journey and ask any questions you may have. If you would prefer a telephone call rather than a face-to-face meeting, please do let me know. This is absolutely fine!

PTA Christmas Fayre – 27th November 5pm–7pm

The PTA Christmas Fayre is always such a lovely, festive event! The PTA has organised a wonderful evening, and we will be there running a stall alongside lots of other fun games, stalls, music, food and drink. Please do come along and support this lovely festive event. It's a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy the evening with friends and family!

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party date is still **to be confirmed (TBC)**. However, if the party falls on a day when your child doesn't normally attend, they are very welcome to join us for all the fun! Please arrive at **12 noon** with a packed lunch. We'll enjoy lunch together before moving on to party games and dancing. We'd love for all the grown-ups to join us at **2.30 pm**, when the children will sing some Christmas songs for you. We're also hoping to end the afternoon with a very special visit from Father Christmas… which is why the date is still TBC!

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!



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 bought in the snack each day. Thank you in advance.

Oat Milk Contributions

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 our nursery curriculum and Forest School sessions, we aim to spend time outdoors in all weather conditions. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat and sturdy footwear during wet or cold weather, as well as appropriate clothing for warmer days. We also recommend bringing a change of footwear on Forest School days. For your child's safety, sun hats are essential during hot weather. Where possible, please apply sun cream before your child's session and send in a clearly labelled bottle of sun cream so that we can reapply it when needed, particularly in very hot weather. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children comfortable and safe while enjoying the outdoors!

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.





