



# WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS!

The first steps on an exciting journey of learning and discovery!



## Welcome to Nursery

We are delighted you have chosen our school. You will get an email to fill out the online **registration forms** and sign into **Arbor**.

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### Getting to know you

Our Nursery teacher **Mrs Cutmore** will call to introduce herself and make arrangements for calls and visits.

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## Parent Meeting

**Wednesday 24th June 1.30pm**  
Meet the teachers and find out about what to expect including the school day, routines and the Nursery Curriculum.

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### Paperwork

Make sure all the paperwork is completed by **Friday 26th June**.  
*Details below.*

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## Preschool visits

Our staff may visit or contact your child's preschool (if they have one) as part of the transition process. Parents do not need to attend

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### Get ready

Order school uniform and/or get nearly new uniform from our PTA.  
Complete the 'Getting Ready for School' Activities

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## Stay and Play

Before starting full days we ask you to sign up for one special stay and play session with your child.

**Tues and Wed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept- INSETs**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept- Stay and Play**  
**Session 1- 9-10.15, Session 2- 10.30-12**  
*Details below*

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### Starting Nursery

Your child will be allocated one of these sessions to attend (in a small group) without parents  
**Friday 4th Sept 8.50-11.50 (Group A)**  
**Monday 7th Sept 8.50-11.50 (Group B)**

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Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for All

# In a little more detail...

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## Welcome to Nursery

As a school, we are proud of the pastoral care and education we provide for the children, aiming high to achieve 'Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for All'. We believe it is the values and ethos of our school that makes it unique, and we ask all members of our community to share in these values – children, staff, and parents. They help us create a nurturing environment and family feel, enabling us to stand out as a place for children to learn and develop.

We aim to work with all our families, so please contact us with any questions, concerns or offers of help! You will find lots of information and helpful links on our [website](#) including the Parent Handbook but there are also links throughout to help you navigate the start of your child's school journey.

**Week starting 8th June :** Register your child's full details with us: you will receive an email with your Arbor login and instructions on how to complete the on-line registration – further details can be found on the school [website](#).

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## Getting to know you

Once you have registered, our Nursery teacher Mrs Cutmore will call to introduce herself and make arrangements for calls and visits. We want to get to know you and your family so we can make starting Nursery a smooth, settled and reassuring time for your child. To do this we offer home visits and phone calls. Mrs Cutmore will discuss with you the best option for you during the initial phone call but please be aware we may not offer all families a home visit due to time constraints. If you think your child may need a slightly altered settling in programme (due to SEND needs or vulnerability) please discuss this with us. Our SENCO, Mrs Moore, is always happy to speak to you about your child's needs and will help to arrange any necessary support alongside the Nursery Teacher.

### What is a home visit?

Home Visits will take place on either Thursday 2nd or Friday 3rd of July. These are optional but really help us to gain a better relationship with your child. Visits last around 10mins and the aim is to help our teachers get to know your child better, their likes and interests and any support they may need. It is also a good opportunity to share sensitive information or ask questions on a 1:1 basis.

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## Parent information Meeting

**Wednesday 24th June at 1.30pm entry via the school office**

Meet the teacher and find out about a typical day in Nursery including routines and key learning. Find out how to best prepare your child for starting Nursery. Even if you attended for an older sibling please come along as things change each year!

This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and ask questions.

If you are unable to make the meeting, handouts will also be shared via the school website. You can collect them from the school office if you prefer.

**Top Tip:** You can bring any paperwork we have requested too (including your child's birth certificate).

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## Paperwork /Admin

**Deadline Friday 26th June**

Make sure you have

- Completed the registration email - (Please contact Mrs Hatch on 01279836006 if you have any difficulties with this)
- Completed and returned the 'All about me' form - this helps us know more about your child.
- Downloaded the [Arbor App](#) and completed permission questions.
- Shown a birth certificate to the school office and signed the Nursery Declaration Form.
- Please head to the [Dairy Link website](#), click on the Order Milk tab, register with them and then add your child/ren. Ensure that you input their date of birth to receive your milk free of charge for under 5s.
- Told us about any medical needs your child has even if they do not require regular medication in school.
- Told us about any allergies your child has.

**Birth Certificates:** Schools are required to check birth certificates when children join the school. Please show an original birth certificate to the school office (or bring to the parent information meeting!). This is copied and added to your child's file.

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## Preschool Visits

As part of our transition and welcoming the children to school Nursery our staff may visit or make contact with your child's preschool (if they have one) to find out even more about them. It really helps to see the children in a relaxed and familiar environment and it helps make our staff familiar to them too. It is a statutory part of the Early Years Framework that settings share information and relevant paperwork about your child and their development so far. Parents do not need to attend but please ask if you have any questions.

# In a little more detail...

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## Get Ready - June onwards...

Order school uniform - see details of our uniform [HERE](#). Children will also need a pair of wellies in school on forest school days. Most items are available through any good clothing store that sells school clothing. Embroidered items can be ordered online through our supplier - [ALL SAINTS PRIMARY: Top Form Schoolwear](#).

You can also ask about Nearly New Uniform available through our PTA. Please contact the office for more information on this.

Please name all school uniform including shoes - if you purchase from stikins using the code 36162 - our PTA get a small donation.

**School Readiness**- look back at the information from the parent information session to help your child get ready for school.

## Stay and Play

To help your child make a calm and settled start to Nursery we use the first day of term to have stay and play sessions. This will be the first time that your child has visited our Nursery Classroom and had a chance to explore some of the toys, equipment and activities on offer. It will also be a chance to meet our staff again to gain familiarity in readiness for staying for a whole Nursery session.

**Please note that Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September are INSET days and the school is closed.**

You will be able to sign up to **one** of these at the parent information session.

**Thursday 3rd September Stay and Play 1- 9am to 10.15am, Stay and Play 2- 10.30am to 12pm**

## Starting Nursery

Your child will be allocated **one** of these sessions to attend in a small group **without** parents.

**Friday 4th Sept 8.50-11.50 (Group A)**

**Monday 7th Sept 8.50-11.50 (Group B)**

**They will then start Nursery fully on Tuesday 8th September 8.50-11.50**

**We are really excited to welcome your child to the school as they start their journey with us. We expect a great deal of our pupils, both in terms of achievement and behaviour, and we are rarely disappointed.**

**Children who believe they can achieve, do!**

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## First day nerves?



It is completely normal for children (and parents) to feel nervous, excited or a mixture of different emotions as the children start Nursery. We know that some children will rush in on day one and others will take a little longer to get settled. But the children will quickly learn to feel comfortable and happy at school and are excited to see their new friends and teachers.

There are a few things you can do to help your child start Nursery calmly:

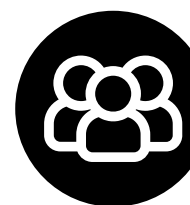
- Talk to your child about Nursery and read books about Nursery over the Summer - the library have a great selection.
- encourage your child to try on their uniform and new shoes.
- Do some practice school runs. Make sure they know where the school is and which gate they will go in.
- Meet up with other parents and children over the summer. Often parents will start a class Whatsapp group at the parent information session.
- Arrive on time for the session so you are not in a rush.
- Make sure you appear happy and calm on the approach to Nursery. Children will often pick up on parental anxiety and begin to feel unsettled.
- Avoid coming in on the 'children only' sessions unless invited by the staff. Sometimes long goodbyes can be more difficult and the staff will quickly help and distract the children if they are unsettled.



Have an idea? You can discuss other strategies at any time with our Nursery Teacher.

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## Get Involved



- We are a friendly school, and want to include parents in what we do. All parents are automatically members of the PTA, but you can join the PTA committee or network of regular helpers. Email [pta@allsaints.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@allsaints.herts.sch.uk) to find out more.
- We always welcome parents to help with reading and other school activities. See the website for the forms to help out during the school day.
- Find us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)
- Keep up to date with fortnightly newsletters (emailed and on the [website](#))
- Log on to Tapestry to keep up to date with your child's learning and see communication from teachers.



## Need help? Have a question? Think you've missed some information?

Please just get in touch and we'll do our best to help you along the way.

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