

ALLENS CROFT

NURSERY SCHOOL



NEWS

We are so very proud of how well our new children have settled into nursery. All of the children have made positive relationships with their key workers and are making progress every single day.

We have lots of fun planned for the children to enjoy during the last weeks of the academic year; many of which are detailed below...

Sun Safety

As the brighter weather approaches, please remember to apply suncream to you child's skin before bringing them to nursery, with a sun hat with their name clearly written inside. If your child is at nursery for a full day, they will be supported to reapply sun cream that afternoon.

More information regarding sun safety can be found in our policy:

[Sun Protection Policy \(Cluster\) 8.2.2022 and 14.3.2022 \(1\).docx \(live.com\)](#)

BE SUN SMART



SEN/D Coffee Mornings

Thursday 20th June - Q&A session with a member of the Participation and Co-production Team regarding SEND services in Birmingham - *please join us to have your say!*

Tuesday 16th July - End of year party!

Super Staff

We would like to welcome the newest member of our staff team...

Kay has joined our Administration Team and is settling into her new role beautifully.

We are very proud of her and our whole team!



We are delighted to inform you that our Community Stay and Play sessions will be returning from **Tuesday 11th June 2024**. These groups will take place from **9:45am-10:45am** and will be accessed by pre-booking only.

The sessions will be run by our Inclusion Lead, Claire Thorns. We would also like to extend a warm Allens Croft welcome to our volunteer, Emma, who will be working alongside Claire.

If you would like to know more, then please see Laura or Claire.

Important dates for your diary

Parent Consultations will take place during the week beginning 24th June 2024. Please see your child's teacher to book your appointment.

Induction Week - if your child is due to start with us in September 2024, you will be invited to attend an session to complete and finalise their induction paperwork during the week beginning Monday 1st July 2024.

'Meet Your Teacher' Stay and Play - Monday 8th July 2024 - nursery will be closed on this date, as we will be hosting a 'meet the teacher' Stay and Play for the children that will be returning to our Nursery School and for our children that will be new to Allens Croft in September 2024.



End of term celebration dates

Graduation Celebration - Wednesday 17th July at 1:30pm

This will be a farewell to all of our children that will be starting their Reception year in September. Invitations will follow soon!

Teddy Bear's Tea Party - Monday 15th July and Thursday 18th July - your child can bring a teddy bear or a soft toy into nursery with them to share in the fun!

End of Year Parties - Tuesday 16th and Friday 19th July

Your child can wear their favourite outfit to attend the party to celebrate the last week of the academic year.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could donate one food item: either a packet of crisps, shop bought cakes or biscuits, towards party food for the children.

Allens Croft Attendance Awards

We are looking forward to celebrating the children's attendance achievements next week. We will be hosting the 'Allens Croft Attendance Awards' in recognition of the children's attendance during the first half of the summer term.

Curriculum Updates

Here are some of the highlights from our curriculum during the summer term, so far...

Wheelbarrow Project



The discovery of worms in the garden has been an ongoing source of awe and wonder. We are due to participate in the BBC Gardener's World Live Schools Wheelbarrow Competition in the near future. The children have named our entry "All about worms." They have worked so hard and have been nurturing the contents of the barrow for many weeks. Keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook accounts for a sneaky peak! The children's wheelbarrow will be collected on Monday 10th June and transported to the NEC. A focus group of children have been given complimentary tickets to the event, which they will attend on Friday 14th June. We will update you soon!

Clay, Glorious Clay

The children's clay skills continue to amaze us! They have access to clay throughout every day at nursery, giving them the opportunity to refine their skills. This malleable material gives the children the opportunity to create their ideas in a three-dimensional form.

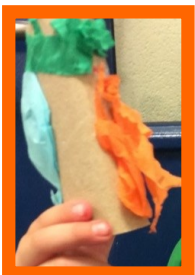
A panda clinging to a tree

- sculpted from clay



Story of the week

The children have embraced the 'story of the week' and have used these texts as the basis for many learning experiences, which have been layered over time.



These 'mini-projects' have spanned across all of the studios; both indoors and outdoors, through a range of 2D and 3D media and have involved the majority of the children.

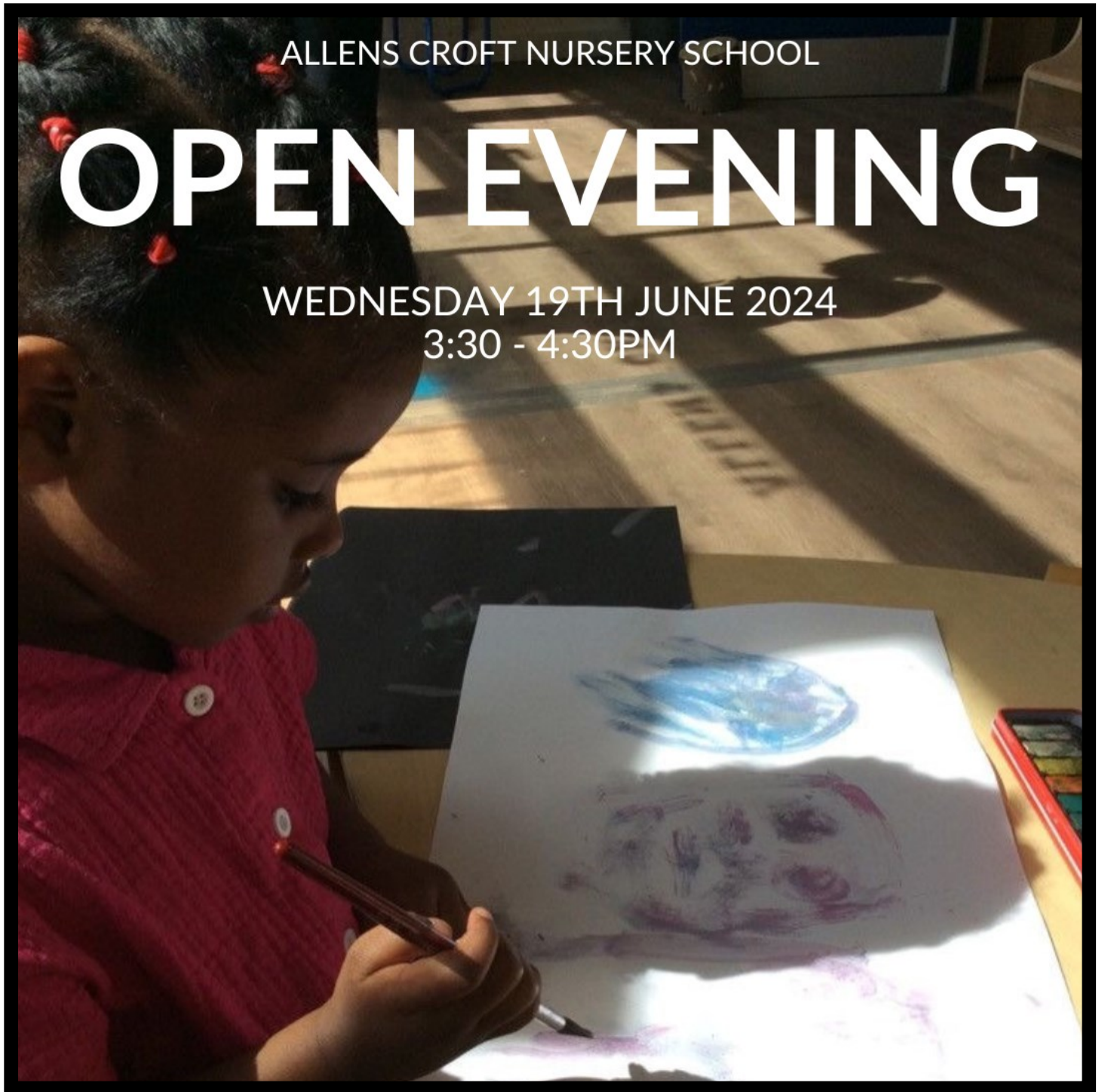
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- made from recycled materials



The children celebrated Mental Health Awareness week in May by wearing green items of clothing. At group time, they discussed the importance of physical activity and movement on their own mental health and wellbeing.

Please share the details of this exciting event with your family and friends...



We have limited places for a September 2024 start. We have :-

- * 2year old places
- * 3 year old places
- * 15 and 30 hours funded places
- * fee paying places
- * breakfast & after school places 8-5pm
- * full and part time places

Please accept our warm invitation to come and view our Nursery School and meet the team, whilst the children explore and play.



Dates for your diary 2024 - 2025

(Reviewed June 2024)

Teacher Training Dates – Nursery Closed to all Children

Monday 8th July 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024
Monday 2nd September 2024
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Monday 4th November 2024
Friday 14th February 2025
Monday 21st July 2025
(These dates may be subject to change)

Nursery is closed on the dates below for Term-Time Only Children

Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Back to Nursery on Thursday 5th September (Returning Children)

Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024
Back to Nursery on Tuesday 5th November

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025
Back to Nursery on Monday 6th January

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025
Back to Nursery on Monday 24th February

Monday 11th April – Friday 25th April 2025
Back to Nursery on Monday 28th April

Monday 26th May – Friday 30st May 2025
Back to Nursery on Monday 2nd June

Monday 21st July 2025
Back to Nursery in September 2025 for returning children

Bank Holiday Dates - Nursery Closed to all children

Monday 26th August 2024 – August Bank Holiday
Wednesday 1st January 2025 – New Year Bank Holiday
Friday 18th April 2025 – Good Friday Bank Holiday
Monday 21st April 2025 – Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Monday 5th May 2025 – May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May 2025 – Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 25th August 2025 – August Bank Holiday

Day Care & Play Scheme will run during the following holidays

Places can be booked through the nursery office

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – Friday 23rd August 2024
Monday 28th October – Friday 31st October 2024
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025
Monday 14th April – Thursday 17th April 2025

Nursery Shut Down Weeks - Closed to all children

Monday 26th August – Friday 30th August 2024
Back to Nursery Thursday 5th September 2024

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025
Back to Nursery Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st April – Friday 25th April 2025
Back to Nursery Monday 28th April 2025

Induction Dates

Stay and Play Session for Returning and New to Centre Children and their families

Monday 8th July 2024
Friday 11th July 2025

Allens Croft Nursery School Daily Fees

(From 1st September 2024)

If you are a family that currently pays for additional hours or are considering doing so in September, our daily fees for additional provision are outlined below:

Our opening hours are **8:00am - 5:00pm** during school term time and **8:00am - 4:00pm** during holiday periods.

Places include a healthy snack for children.

Nappies and wipes are not included and need to be provided by parents/ carers.

Midday meals are not included within the fees and are available during term-time periods at a cost of £2.35 per day. Alternatively, you can provide your child with a healthy packed lunch from home.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals. Details of the criteria can be found here: [Free school meals | Birmingham City Council](#) Please talk to us if you feel you may be entitled to these.

During Holiday Club sessions (out of school term-time), we are not able to provide a midday meal. All children therefore, require a packed lunch from home during these periods of time.

Many families are entitled to:

- **Up to 15 hours** of early education over **38 weeks** of the year for 2 year olds
- **Up to 30 hours** of early education over **38 weeks** of the year for 3-4 year olds

All places are subject to availability and entrance criteria. Please call or pop in to talk through your options with us.

Full Day **8:00am – 5:00pm £63.00**
 9:00am – 3:00pm £42.00

Sessions **AM (9:00am – 12:00 midday) £21.00**
 PM (12:00 midday – 3:00pm) £21.00

Top Up/ Down £21.00

Breakfast Club 8:00am – 9:00am £7.00 includes breakfast

Extended Care 3:00pm – 4:00pm £7.00
 3:00pm – 5:00pm £14.00 includes light evening snack

Holiday Club 8:00am – 4:00pm £56.00
 9:00am – 3:00pm £42.00

Please note that all fees are subject to change at any time.

Dear Parents and Carers

Measles (MMR) Vaccine Reminder

There remains an increasing number of people with measles in Birmingham. Most of these are young children who have not had their MMR (measles) vaccine, although the numbers of adults getting measles is also increasing now too.

Measles is a highly infectious disease, which can be [very serious](#). Two doses of the MMR vaccine [is](#) the best protection against measles. Over 80% of Birmingham children and adults have had the MMR vaccine. We need everyone protected.

The MMR vaccine is safe for every faith. There is a type of MMR vaccine that does not contain pork gelatine, so it can be used for people who do not touch any pork products. This vaccine is available at every GP practice, and it is free.

Please contact your GP to book an appointment for Measles (MMR) vaccine.

Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccines. Children should have the first dose at 1 year old and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months old. Two doses of the MMR can provide life-long immunity.

Up to a third to half of those with measles have been [very ill](#) and had to be admitted to hospital - this disrupts learning or work, and [some people will suffer long-term effects from getting measles. Please ensure you and your loved ones are vaccinated this, Easter.](#)



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For more information visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)