



ALLENS CROFT
NURSERY SCHOOL

NEWS

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As we come to the end of another wonderful half-term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The children have had a fantastic few weeks filled with learning, creativity, and new experiences. We would also like to thank you for your involvement with our more recent parental workshops, which makes it even more special for the children. As we head into the break, we hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term holiday together. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st June for another exciting half term of learning and fun.

Important dates for your diary:

Attwell Farm Trip – Wednesday 24th June

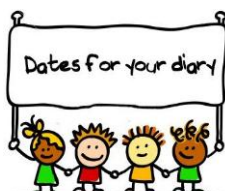
Teddy Bears' Picnic – Tuesday 14th July and
Thursday 16th July

Graduation for school leavers – Wednesday
15th July (am and pm sessions)

Returners Induction Evening – Monday 6th July
3.30-4.30pm (more information to follow)

End of term – Friday 17th July

4th September – Returners back



For health and safety reasons, children should not wear hooped earrings to nursery. Small study earrings only are permitted.

Friendly Reminder: Being On Time

We kindly remind parents and carers of the importance of dropping off and picking up on time.

Keeping to nursery timings helps the children to settle well into their routines and supports the smooth running of the children's day.

If you are running late for any reason, please contact the nursery office as soon as possible.

Late pick up results in the following charges: £15 for every 10 minutes.

If you are later than 9.15am at drop-off, you will be asked to wait in the foyer until 9.30am. Please bear in mind though that your child will be missing their important, structured key person time missing out on planned learning.

Please ensure that you **label all** of your child's belongings that come into nursery, inc, coats, clothes, bags, lunchboxes, sun hats. Thank you. If they aren't named, we can't take responsibility for any missing items.

If your child forgets to bring something labelled home from nursery, we kindly ask that you wait until the next nursery day for it to be returned where possible. This helps staff focus on the children and the smooth running of the setting at the end of the session.



Sun Safety and Water Play

As the warmer weather is approaching, we want to ensure all children stay safe, comfortable and ready for fun at Nursery.

Please apply sun cream to your child before they arrive each morning. We won't be creaming children until lunchtime as you will cream them in the morning. We also ask that every child brings in a named sun hat to wear during outdoor play. As we will be enjoying more water play activities soon, we kindly ask you to send in a set of labelled, spare clothes. This helps us keep the children dry and comfortable after water play.



Transitions

Thank you for letting us know which schools your children will be attending in September, if a school leaver. Schools will be in touch with you shortly, if they haven't done so already, to organise induction sessions; we highly recommend you attend these. If it is in nursery hours, just let the office know when these are.

Allens Croft Primary School Stay and Play sessions are:

Tuesday 23rd June at 2pm to 3pm

Wednesday 1st July at 9.15am to 10.15am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Monday 6th July at 2pm to 3pm

Thursday 9th July at 9.15am to 10.15am

Medical Tracker

A reminder that we have transferred to Medical Tracker for recording and managing children's accidents, incidents and medication use. Please ensure you check your emails regularly for notifications. If you have any questions or have any difficulty accessing the system, please speak to Amanda or Steph.

SEND Coffee Mornings



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(For parents/carers of children with special educational needs)

Please join us on Thursday 11th June
at 9.30-12.00
at Allens Croft Nursery School.
Come for a Coffee and a friendly chat
with other parents.

*Transitioning to school
Cognition and Learning*

Lisa from the Language, Learning
and Strategic Support Team
(LLSS) will be here to answer
your questions.

Any queries please contact Ann or
Sarah on 0121 675 0362

Please note this group is for
parents /carers only.

We would welcome any donations of the following to support our curriculum delivery:

- Rice
- Pasta
- Oats
- Recycled materials, such as cardboard boxes



Swap shop

After half-term we will be setting up a swap shop clothes rail, a great opportunity for families to exchange good-quality clothing at no cost.

How it works:

Please bring in any donations of clean, good-condition children's clothes, coats and shoes by 11th June. From 15th June, take any items your family can use – even if you are unable to donate.

Thank you for your support.



Stay & Play Session at Allens Croft Nursery

For Under 5's



Sensory toys & exploration



Songs, music & sharing stories



Relax and chat with other parents



Day: Friday 5th June; Friday 19th June; Friday 3rd July



Time: 9.30am-11.00am



Location: Allens Croft Nursery School

Allens Croft Road
Kings Heath
Birmingham
West Midlands
B14 6RP



Cost: £2.00 per session

Please book via our Nursery Office

Tel: 0121 675 0362 or Email: enquiry@allenscn.bham.sch.uk



SAFEGUARDING

We Take Safeguarding Seriously

Safeguarding is of the Utmost Importance to Us

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Under procedures laid down by the Education Authority, the Head Teacher is responsible for child protection and has a legal obligation to take appropriate action where non-accidental injury or abuse of any kind is suspected. It is the duty of every adult coming into contact with the children to refer any concerns regarding a child's welfare to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

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| - David Aldworth (Lead) | - Sarah Roberts | - Claire Thorns |
| - Stephanie Wheatcroft | - Jason Lee | - Julie McCarthy |
| - Amanda Smith | - Maggie Penny | |

If you have any concerns that a child has been harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure, please contact main reception as soon as possible and ask to speak to a designated person named above. Our first priority is your child's welfare and therefore there may be occasions when our concern about your child means that we must consult other agencies even before we contact you. The procedures we follow have been laid down by the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board. The school may disclose your child's personal data to statutory bodies where we consider it necessary within the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

A copy of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (September 2025) is available on our website: <https://allenscn.sch.life/page/detail/school-policies-documents-and-links>

If anything concerns you or worries you, please report it to us immediately on (0121) 675 0362

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

eSafety is constantly in the news and of growing importance to us all. You may find these websites helpful in supporting your child when using the internet.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

Please also see our Internet Safety Leaflet: [Allens Croft Nursery School - Letters](#)

MOBILE PHONES

Our e-Safety policy stipulates that mobile phones are not allowed in nursery, this includes staff, visitors and parents. **Please do not to use your phone in the building.**

Healthy Lunchboxes

As a Startwell School, we are committed to promoting healthy eating habits and encouraging children to make nutritious choices every day.

Packed lunches should include the following types of foods everyday:

- A minimum of 1 portion of fruit or vegetables for vitamins and minerals
- A starchy food for energy and concentration e.g. any bread, wrap, chapatti, pasta, rice, noodles, potatoes. Do not bring flavoured dried rice, pasta, and noodle products e.g., packets and pots of instant noodles, pasta, and rice.
- Meat, fish, eggs or another plant-based source of iron and protein e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus for cognitive development.
- Dairy or dairy alternative food e.g. cheese, plain unsweetened yoghurt or fromage frais, for growth of bones and teeth.
- We provide milk / water at lunchtime with their meal

We kindly remind you NOT to bring nuts or any nut-based products into Nursery due to allergies.

Green Foods = Ok all of the time	Amber Foods = Occasional	Red Foods = Never, please do not have these in your Lunchbox
<p>Fruit and Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetable Sticks Salad (e.g. Lettuce, tomato, cucumber,) Fresh Fruit (whole, slices, fruit salad) Dried Fruit (not include processed fruit snacks) Tinned Fruit in juice <p>Carbohydrates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bread Other breads - Pitto, Bagel, English Muffin, Chapatti, Roti, Tortilla Wrap Homemade pasta (e.g. pasta salad, leftover pasta) Homemade cous cous salad Plain Crackers, plain crispbreads, plain rice cakes <p>Protein</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold Cooked Meat - plain, unprocessed Tinned Fish Egg Houmous Bean Salad <p>Dairy and dairy alternatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese, cheese spread, cream cheese Plain unsweetened yoghurt or fromage frais 	<p>Limit to no more than once a week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processed meats e.g ham, salami <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Remember an Ice Pack!</p> </div> <p>Ideas for Sandwich/ Wrap Fillings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuna and sweetcorn / cucumber Mixed bean and salad Hummus, grated cheese and tomato Egg and cucumber Tikka Chicken and salad <p>Drinks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain tap water Plain milk 	<p>Savoury Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chips / Fries Hot or Cold Takeaway Food Crisps (including mini cheddars, baked crisps & vegetable crisps) Instant/ flavoured rice/pasta/noodles/cous cous Pastries and Pasties - Cheese and onion slice, Sausage Roll, Samosa etc Pizza slice – takeaway or shop bought Dairylea Lunchables Dairylea Dunkers <p>Sweet Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chocolate Bars Chocolate spread Jam Flavoured yoghurts and mousse Sweets All biscuits and cereal bars Cakes Processed fruit snacks (including fruit winders, fruit bars) Jelly pots/ fruit pots in syrup/ sweetened rice Pudding



Summer Playscheme

We are excited to announce our Summer holiday play scheme packed with fun and creativity for children to enjoy. Staffed by our team at Nursery, children can enjoy arts and crafts, messy play, music and movement, stories, outside play and themed activities.

Dates: Monday 20th July to Friday 21st August

Further details to follow

Places are limited



Attendance Posters

Attendance posters for Summer 1 term will be handed out at the end of this week and the beginning of the first week after the Easter holidays.

Expected attendance is 90%+.

Consistent attendance helps your child to:

- Build strong friendships and social skills
- Develop routines that support confidence and independence
- Make progress across all areas of learning and development with the experiences we provide

We understand that absences are sometimes unavoidable due to illness or personal circumstances. If your child is unable to attend, please telephone first thing in the morning to let us know.

Explore Upcoming Autism Support Events Across the West Midlands

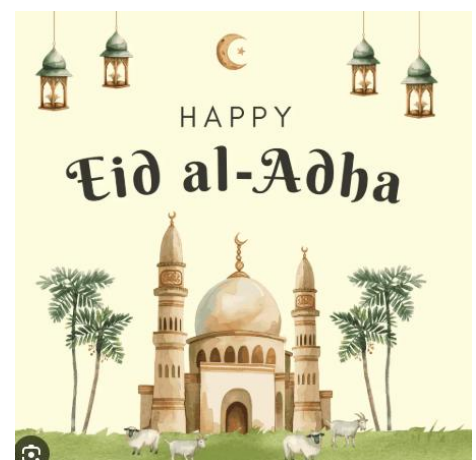
A range of free events are available through Autism West Midlands, offering information, training, and supportive activities for autistic people, parents and carers, and professionals.

Events include:

- Parent and carer support groups
- Social groups for autistic children, young people and adults
- Training and information sessions (for families and professionals)
- Wellbeing activities such as coffee mornings and walks
- Online and face-to-face sessions held across Birmingham and the wider West Midlands

All events are delivered by Autism West Midlands' experienced team and are designed to be welcoming, practical and supportive for people at different stages of their autism journey.

View upcoming Autism West Midlands events on Eventbrite: [Autism West Midlands](#)



Wishing all of our families celebrating Eid al-Adha a joyful and peaceful time with loved ones.