



NEWS



Friendly Reminder: On-Time Pick Up

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

Why this is important:

Late collections can be upsetting for children who are expecting you.

Staff have meetings and responsibilities after school ends.

We understand that delays can happen from time to time. If you think you may be late, please give us a quick call.

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

Thank you for being so punctual arriving at nursery on time. This is really helping the children to settle, feeling confident and make the most of the morning key group time.

As we reach the end of a busy term, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see the children learning, growing, and celebrating their achievements together. With the Easter break now upon us, we hope you have an enjoyable time with your loved ones. Whether you are travelling, enjoying days out, or simply relaxing at home, we wish you a lovely half-term.

Important dates for your diary

Half-term Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May—CLOSED

Half term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Attwell Farm Trip Wednesday 24th June

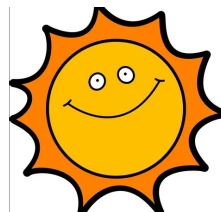
Graduation for school leavers Wednesday 15th July



Sun Safety and Water Play

Hopefully the warmer weather is approaching and as it does so, we want to ensure all children stay safe, comfortable and ready for fun at nursery.

Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive each morning. We also ask that every child brings a named sun hat to wear during outdoor play. As we enjoy more water play activities in the summer months, 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.



Please ensure that you label all of your child's belongings that come into nursery inc. coats, clothes, bags, lunch boxes. Thank you. If they aren't named, we can't take responsibility for any missing items. Also, please ensure your child doesn't bring any toys in from home because of possible loss or damage and safety reasons.

SEN/D Coffee Mornings Summer Term

Tuesday 21st April 2026—Attention Autism Attention Autism approach to present "Irresistible opportunities to learn".

Tuesday 19th May 2026—Makaton

Kerrie from the Language, Learning and Strategic Support Team (LLSS) will be here to teach us some Makaton signs.

Thursday 11th June—LLSS Transitioning to School

All are welcome!

All sessions are 9.30am-12.30pm



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

Fabric, metal, plastic, recycling materials, glass/ceramic, wood, tiles, mirrors, guttering, connectors



Starting School

Big's children will soon be going to school. You will find out your child's place on Thursday 16th April. A text message with a link to a Microsoft form will be sent to you on 16th April, for you to let us know where they have been allocated. Thank you.

We like to know where children will be going to school so we can share information about your child with these schools to help your child settle effectively.

Schools will be in touch with you to organise induction sessions; we highly recommend you attend these. If it is in nursery hours, just let the office know when these are. We will also be actively encouraging nurseries to visit your children here too to get to know them more.

Toilet Training Workshop

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to attend our upcoming Toilet Training Workshop, designed to support you as your child begins this important stage of development. The workshop will offer practical advice and guidance on when and how to start toilet training, recognising signs that your child is ready, and how to support them with confidence and consistency at home and in the nursery setting. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Thursday 23rd April at 1.45pm

It is suitable for parents and carers of children at all stages of toilet training, whether you are just thinking about starting or would like reassurance and tips along the way.



Maths Workshop

We are excited to announce that we are inviting you and your child to a maths workshop designed to help you support your child's early mathematical development in fun and practical ways. During the workshop, you will have the opportunity to:

- Explore simple activities/experiences you can do at home
- Learn how we teach early maths skills in nursery
- Discover everyday moments that help build number confidence
- Take part in hand-on games and ideas to try with your child

Wednesday 6th May at 1.45pm

Please let the office know if you would like to book a space with your child.

Speech and Language UK Progress Checker and Resource Library for Families

Speech and Language UK offer two useful tools for working with families: the Progress Checker and the Resource Library.

The Progress Checker is an online tool designed for parents and carers to help track their child's speech, language, and communication development. By answering a few simple questions, parents can gain insights into their child's progress and receive guidance tailored to their needs.

[Child's Progress checker - Speech & Language UK](#)

Alongside the Progress Checker, Speech and Language UK offer a comprehensive Resource Library. This library provides a wide range of free materials, including activities, tips, and advice that parents can use to encourage their child's speech and language development at home.

BBC CBeebies Parenting: Supporting Parents to Discover the Power of Play

BBC CBeebies Parenting is celebrating the vital role of play in a preschooler's life from birth, right through to starting school.

Fundamental to a child's core development and in particular their language and communication skills, CBeebies Parenting has lots of great content to help support parents/caregivers to discover more about play in all its forms, highlighting the power it has to connect, educate and inspire.

Check out the BBC CBeebies Parenting collection of expert-backed tips, simple activity ideas, and practical advice to make play easy to fit into everyday life, helping parents/caregivers to support their children's early development. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/play>

Within in the collection, you can find information on how children engage and learn through play: inc. [creative crafts](#), [outdoor adventures](#), and [quick 10-minute games](#) there's something for every age and stage, and check out the expert led articles below that explain the different types of play.

How do children learn to play? 6 styles of play in early childhood - a guide to the different ways children play and develop at each stage <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zsc9qyc>

What is Active Play? - Child development expert Dr Amanda Gummer explains how physical activity benefits your child. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zqdcfdm>

Why is imaginative play so great for kids? - How playing with sock puppets can support imaginative play <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zyy3p4j>

Families can also explore:

CBeebies Learn App - free, safe, ad-free games and videos mapped to the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/cbeebies-learn-app>

Andy's Dino Island - new series launching in March produced by the BBC Natural History Unit, it encourages imaginative play and adventure. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/andys-dinosaur-adventures>

CBeebies Parenting Download Podcast - special episodes on play, including a live bonus episode recorded at the Natural History Museum with play expert Dr Amanda Gummer, celebrity parents Olivia and Alex Bowen and CBeebies legend Andy Day. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0lfx0f4/episodes/downloads>

Bluey on BBC iPlayer - everyday inspiration for playful moments with the Heeler family. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000vbrk/bluey>

The CBeebies Parenting website is full of expert advice, practical ideas, and inspiring activities.

For more information, visit bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting



NHS Carpark

Just a reminder that only **blue badge holders can use the NHS car park (parking in the designated bays)**. In recent months we have seen an increase in general parents use, increasing the risk of accidents to our families and children. Please park on the side roads appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation.



Easter Egg Challenge

We would like to extend a huge thank you for all the wonderful Easter creations entered into our annual competition. The time, effort, and creativity that went into each design truly shone through.

The winners are:

Big's: Bronson

Little's: Nellie-Joy

Staff member: Stacey

Parent: Laniyah's mum



Holiday Playscheme

We are excited to announce our May 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 25th- Friday 29th May

Further details to follow.



Attendance Posters

Attendance posters for Spring 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.



Reminder

All fee paying parents please ensure you are paying your fees in advance in line with your contract.

Dinners:

Payment is due no later than 12noon on a Tuesday, otherwise there will be no dinner ordered.



30 hour codes:

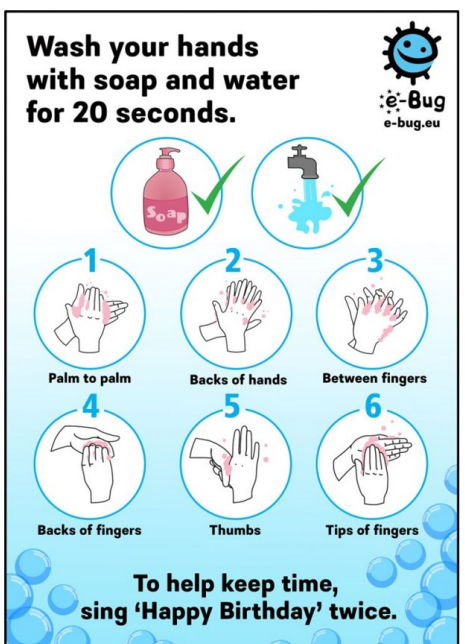
It is your responsibility to reconfirm the codes every three months to avoid losing your funding.

Coughs and Colds and Keeping Everyone Healthy

In the last week we have seen an increase in coughs and colds among the children. To help keep everyone as healthy as possible, we kindly ask for your support with a few simple reminders:

Handwashing matters: Please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly—especially after coughing or sneezing, after using the toilet, before eating.

Catch It, Bin It, Kill It: Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue; Bin tissues straight away; and Kill germs by washing their hands afterwards.





Allens Croft Nursery School



Birmingham Federation
Maintained Nursery Schools

Now Enrolling for September 2026 and January 2027

A happy and secure place to learn, play and grow!

Are you looking for a warm, caring, and 'outstanding' start for your child aged 2-4 years where children learn through play?

At **Allens Croft Nursery School** every day is a learning adventure!



Creativity & the Arts—building, sculpting, storytelling

Music, Dancing & Singing

Outdoor Exploration & Nature Play

Safe, Nurturing Environment

- Teacher-led Provision: with experienced and caring staff
- Light, airy, spacious rooms with a large outside classroom with a beach and Forest garden
- Healthy Snacks and Lunches
- 2, 3 and 4 year old, 15 and 30 hours funded places available
- Part-time and full-time places
- Breakfast and After School available



Give your child the best start in a place where **curiosity grows and confidence shines.**

Call us on [0121 675 0362](tel:01216750362) or email us on enquiry@allenscn.bham.sch.uk to find out more information or book onto one of our open days.



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:

- 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.**