Nansloe Academy
& Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

8th September 2025

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the children into the Reception Class at Nansloe Academy. We are delighted with how well they are settling in, thank you for your support with this. The children have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and getting to know adults, new friends and classroom routines. From Monday 8th September, Miss Pollard will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Richards will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

Topic
This half term, our focus for the first few weeks will be settling into school. Following this, our topic will be 'Autumn'. The children will be taking part in activities indoors and outdoors to build on the skills and knowledge that they already have. During the second half of the autumn term, our topic will be Let's Celebrate. Further information about our curriculum can be found on the school website.

Phonics/Reading
Phonics will be taught daily following the Read, Write, Inc scheme. Through their phonics lessons, the children will learn sounds and use them to blend to read and segment to spell. We would like to invite you to a meeting to explain how we teach phonics in Reception. There will be two sessions, one at **4:30 pm on Tuesday 16th September** and one at **2:30 pm on Wednesday 17th September**. Both sessions will be the same, so you only need to attend one of the sessions. We hope that one of those times will be convenient for you to attend. During the meeting, we will also talk about the reading books that your child will be bringing home.

Busy Learning
Each day the children will have sessions of Busy Learning where they can work indoors or outdoors on activities of their own choosing. During these sessions, the children will develop their independent skills, have opportunities to explore, be creative and imaginative, as well as consolidate prior learning.

Items to stay in school
If they have not already done so, please could your child bring a pair of Wellington boots (named inside) into school. If you feel that it is appropriate for your child, please could your child bring in a drawstring bag with some spare underwear and socks, to stay on their coat peg, in case it is needed.

Items to bring into school daily

Please could the children bring a coat, water bottle and bookbag to school each day, all clearly labelled with your child's name. Please can we ask that the children do not bring rucksacks/bags into school as we do not have room to store them, they do not fit on our coat pegs and they become a trip hazard in the corridor. Also, can we ask that the children do not bring toys, pencil cases etc into school as these can easily be lost or damaged.

P.E.

Our P.E. lessons will take place on Tuesday mornings. Please can the children come to school on Tuesdays dressed in P.E. kit – white t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and trainers. Our first P.E. lesson will be on Tuesday 16th September.

Tapestry

We will share your child's learning with you via Tapestry. If you have not already done so, please follow the email link to activate your account. This will also be the main way that we will be communicating with you.

Our first parent's evenings will be held on 15th and 16h October. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Kind regards,

Miss Pollard and Mrs Richards

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