



# Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all our existing children and their families—it's wonderful to see you again, and we hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas break. We would also like to extend a special welcome to our new starters. Our dedicated nursery team—myself, Mrs Burns, and Mrs Jacka—are excited to get to know you and your children over the coming days and weeks.

Our first week back has been a great success! The children have loved sharing their Christmas stories and photos, and it's been lovely to hear all about their holidays.

For returning families, you will already be familiar with our key worker system. Over the coming week, we will confirm any changes to your child's key worker. For new families, your child's key worker will introduce themselves and take time to chat with you about how your child is settling in, as well as answer any questions you may have.

After the first two weeks—giving children time to settle back into their routines—we'll begin our exciting new topic: *Winter, Snow, and Ice*. We hope the recent snow flurries and the delayed start due to icy conditions have added a little seasonal excitement! During this topic, children will explore the natural environment, learn about seasonal changes, experiment with ice, and (hopefully) investigate some real snow. Learning will take place through whole-group sessions, small-group activities, and independent, child-led exploration within our continuous provision.

We will continue our 'Rhythm and Rhyme' sessions this half term, offering engaging activities during whole-group and busy learning times. In maths, we will focus on numbers three, four, and five through a variety of activities and play-based learning opportunities.

P.E. sessions will now take place on Wednesday mornings for the first half of the spring term. If your child attends on a Wednesday, please provide a named P.E. kit (shorts, t-shirt, and comfortable shoes). We will support the children in

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changing independently and then head to the main school hall for dance-based activities. Alternatively, the children are welcome to come into nursery already wearing their PE kits if this is preferred.

Each week, you will receive a Tapestry post outlining our nursery rhyme and maths focus, along with ideas to support learning at home. Sharing stories and books from an early age has a huge impact on children's love of reading, so we will also visit the school library weekly. Your child will choose a book to borrow and share at home—please return these each week so they can select a new one.

## Daily reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings a named coat, packed lunch (if needed), their reading record, and library book each day.
- We provide individual water bottles for children to help themselves to throughout the day.
- If needed, please supply nappies/pull-ups and wipes (these can be left at nursery or brought in daily).
- For children who are toilet training, care plans will be sent home shortly.
- Named spare clothes, in case of any accidents
- Wellies and a muddy puddle suit (although nursery spares are always available) for outdoor play.

If you have any questions, please speak to me or your child's key worker at drop-off or pick-up, or contact us via Tapestry—we're always happy to help.

Finally, if you haven't already, please activate your Tapestry account to access photos and key information.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Kind regards,

Mrs Dalley

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