

## Nursery Peek at the Week

### Weekly News

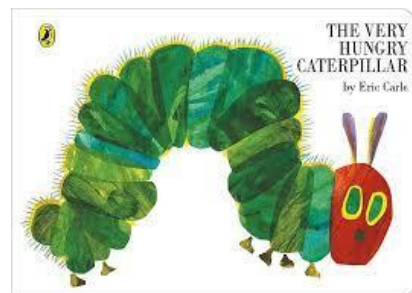
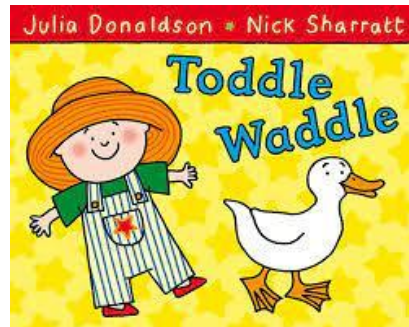
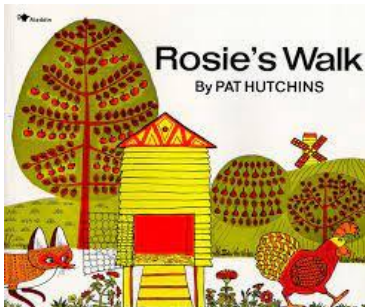
This week in Nursery, we have been getting to know each other better and making friends. We have played lots of games to learn each other's names; our favourites were the 'knock' game where a friend hides behind a paper door and we all say hello when they reappear and the 'rolling ball game' where you can only roll the ball to a friend if you say their name. We have also been enjoying some different sensory experiences and had lots of fun making cornflour gloop. The children were also very helpful when we had to clean up afterwards, washing the plates and tables. These experiences have helped us to learn our school rule of 'Respectful' being respectful to our peers and our resources.

We have also continued our Dough Disco which helps the children to develop muscle strength in their hands to aid their fine motor skills in preparation for writing. See if your child can demonstrate the moves that they have learnt.

I was really pleased to welcome parents/carers to our 'Welcome to Nursery Coffee Morning/Afternoon.' I hope this helped you to understand a bit more about life within Dorchester Nursery and to meet some other parents/carers. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at parents evening next week to discuss how your child has settled and their next steps.

[aglover13@suttonmail.org](mailto:aglover13@suttonmail.org) -Annabel Glover-Nursery Class Teacher, EYFS lead and Phonics Lead

**3-a-day Stories:** These are stories that the children hear every day. These stories have been carefully chosen to help the children to develop a love of reading and to help them to develop early reading skills. These stories have key elements that support the children to retell them for example many of them use rhyme or repeated phrases. Please read these at home too, if you do not have them, you could borrow them from a library or watch them on YouTube.

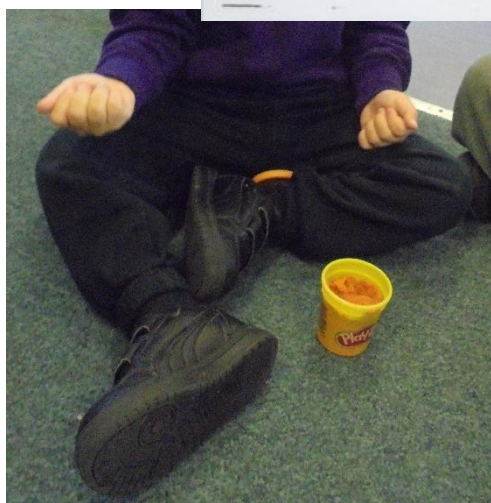


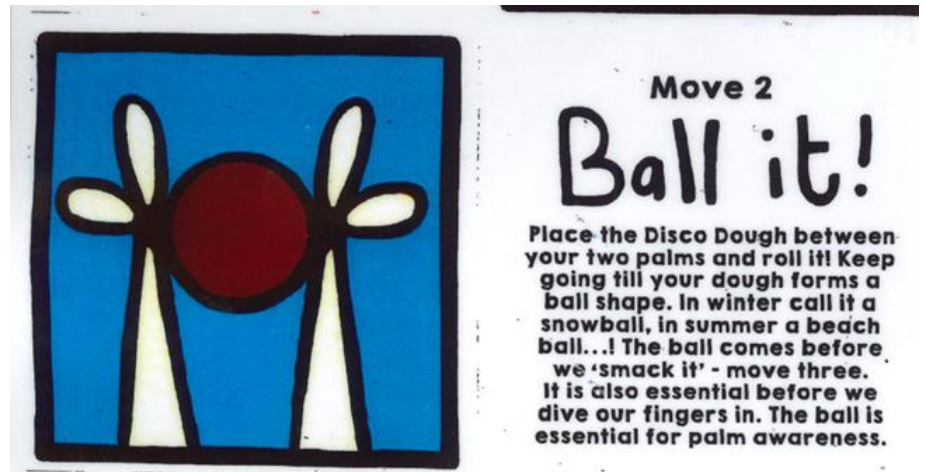
## Dough Disco



Maybe you can make some playdough.

Can you practise these moves at home?





### Sensory Exploration

How did the cornflour gloop feel?

What happens when you squeeze the gloop?





### Dip and Do

- Can you practise the Dough Disco moves that we have learnt, Squeeze, Ball it and Smack it?
- Can you name some of your new friends?
- Can you play a turn taking game?
- Can you practise putting your coat and welly boots on?
- Can you help to clean something at home?

**Coffee Morning/Afternoon Slides** (Please ask if you have any questions)



# Welcome to Nursery

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026

## Staff

EYFS Lead and Nursery Class Teacher



Annabel Glover

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## Staff

Carol Stephens



Foundation Stage  
Assistant

Gemma Lauer



Zoe Brice



Learning Support  
Assistants



## PPA staff



**Jennie Frost-Class Teacher**

Every Wednesday morning and all day on Thursdays

## Key worker groups



**Amber Group**



**Key worker: Annabel**



**Casper Group**



**Key worker: Carol**



**Jimmy Group**



**Key worker: Gemma**



## Class Rep

Marta-Otilie's Mum



Please join the Nursery WhatsApp group. This is not in any way affiliated to the school but is a useful way to get information about Nursery and Friends of Dorchester School (FODs/PTA)



School Gateway - All communication will be through this app and will arrive as a message on the app or as an email directly to your registered email address.

Payments and Willow Club/after school slots can also be managed through this app.

## Peek at the Week

### How to access Peek at the Week

If you download the School Gateway app you will receive a message each week with a new link to the school's newsletter.



Once you scroll down the newsletter you will see the Nursery photo and a key question to ask your child. You can then click 'read more' to find our peek of the week. If you need help to do this please ask one of us.

If you do not want the app you can find Peek at the Week on the school website. The current news articles are at the bottom of the home page, just scroll along to Nursery. Peek at the week will be at the bottom of the Nursery article.

## Peek at the Week

- Question of the week
- Summary of each week's learning
- Information about future learning
- Messages for parents/carers
- Dip and do activities
- Key Dates
- Photographs - please ask your children to talk about the photographs even if they are not in them.





## How we Learn in Nursery: Curriculum

### Seven areas of learning and development in the EYFS

The **three prime areas** are crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.



Communication and Language



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Physical Development

The three prime areas are strengthened and applied through the **four specific areas**.



Literacy



Mathematics



Understanding the World



Expressive Arts and Design

### What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage A guide for parents

#### 3 & 4-year-olds: Literacy

I understand five important things about print:

- print has meaning;
- print can have different purposes;
- we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom;
- the names of the different parts of a book;
- we read pages in story books one at a time.

I am learning to tune into the different sounds in English. I am developing my phonological awareness, so that I can:

- spot and suggest rhymes;
- count or clap syllables in a word;
- recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother.



[What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](#)

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## Nursery Timetable

8:30-9:00 am : Self registration and Play and Learn  
12:15-12:45 pm

9:00-9:20 am: Hello song and Zones of Regulation  
Carpet Session 1-Phonics/Maths/Topic  
12:45-1:05 pm

9:20-11:05am: Play and learn ( Choose different activities in the environment and do challenges Outdoors and Indoors. Staff carrying out Objective Led Planning)  
1:05-2:50 pm

10:00am-10:20am Optional snack  
2:00-2:20 pm

11:05am-11:15am: Tidy up time  
2:50-3:00 pm

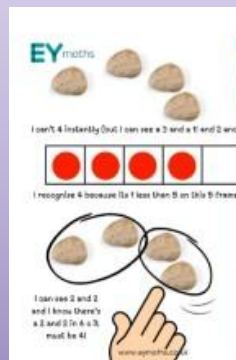
11:15am-11:30am: 3 A Day stories/Rhyme  
3:00-3:15 pm

11:30am Home Time/ Lunch Time  
3:15 pm



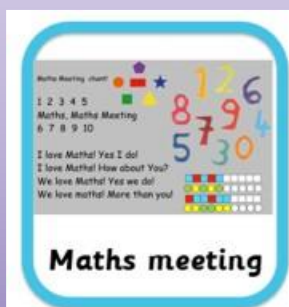
## Parents/Career Events

| Nursery Parent/Carer Events 2026-27                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>September</b><br>Settling Sessions                                                                                                  | <b>October</b><br>Welcome to Nursery<br>Coffee morning/afternoon<br>Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30-15am/<br>2:45-3:15pm<br>Copper Class (meet at Nursery Gate)                                                                 | <b>November</b><br>Early Birds Rhyming Activities: World Nursery Rhyme Week<br>Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30-15am/2:30-3:15pm<br>Nursery |
| <b>December</b><br>EYF5 Nursery<br>Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>9:30-10:30am<br>Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup><br>2:15-3:15 pm             | <b>January</b><br>Phonics Workshop<br>Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30-15am/<br>2:45-3:15pm<br>Copper Class (meet at Nursery Gate)                                                                                              | <b>February</b><br>Early Birds: Free Meter Activities<br>Friday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30-15am/2:30-3:15pm<br>Nursery                         |
| <b>March</b><br>Live 'Spriggle while you Wiggle' (Nursery singing)<br>Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>11:10-11:30am/2:30-3:15pm<br>Nursery | <b>April</b><br>Maths Workshop<br>Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>8:30-15am/<br>2:45-3:15pm<br>Copper Class (meet at Nursery Gate)                                                                                                  | <b>May</b><br>Live Phonics Session<br>Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>11:10-11:30am/2:30-3:15pm<br>Nursery                                       |
| <b>June</b><br>Live Maths Meeting<br>Friday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>11:10-11:30am/2:30-3:15pm<br>Nursery                                   | <b>July</b><br>Early Birds: Summer Holiday Activities<br>Wednesday 8:30-15am/2:30-3:15pm<br>Nursery<br>Nursery: End of Year Celebration<br>Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>10:00-11:00am<br>Nursery & Early Birds<br>11:00am-12:00pm | <b>August</b><br>SUMMER HOLIDAYS                                                                                                             |



## Live Teaching Sessions

For these sessions you will get to watch your child within a lesson and see how their class teacher teaches different lessons.



## Wow moments



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Wow Moment!**

In the box below, please tell us any significant news about your child and family. Have you noticed something new they can do now? Have you been anywhere exciting as a family or have friends been to visit you? Please share these exciting occasions with us.

Today: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a photo if you have one.

## Behaviour Policy



## Zones of regulation



## Uniform



*We want our children to be ambassadors for DPS and be proud of their appearance.*



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Worcester Park, Surrey,  
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### **Upcoming Dates**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Parents Evening 3:40pm-5:30pm**

Please book an appointment via Gateway

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Parents Evening 3:40pm-7:00pm**

Please book an appointment via Gateway

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October last day of Nursery**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October INSET Day, School is closed to children**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Half Term Holiday, School is closed to all children**

You may book your child into Willow Holiday Club please see School Gateway for details.



# Nursery Parent/Carer Events 2026-27

## September

Settling Sessions

## October

Welcome to Nursery  
Coffee morning/afternoon  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am/  
2:45-3:15pm  
Copper Class (meet at  
Nursery Gate)

## November

Early Birds: Rhyming  
Activities: World Nursery  
Rhyme Week  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am/2:30-3:15pm  
Nursery

## December

EYFS Nativity  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-10:30am  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
2:15-3:15 pm

## January

Phonics Workshop  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am/  
2:45-3:15pm  
Copper Class (meet at  
Nursery Gate)

## February

Early Birds: Fine Motor  
Activities  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am/2:30-3:15pm  
Nursery

## March

Live 'Squiggle while you  
Wiggle' (handwriting)  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
11:10-11:30am/2:30-  
3:15pm  
Nursery

## April

Maths Workshop  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
8:30-9:15am/  
2:45-3:15pm  
Copper Class (meet at  
Nursery Gate)

## May

Live Phonics Session  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
11:10-11:30am/2:30-  
3:15pm  
Nursery

## June

Live Maths Meeting  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
11:10-11:30am/2:30-  
3:15pm  
Nursery

## July

Early Birds: Summer Holiday Activities  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am/2:30-3:15pm  
Nursery

Nursery End of Year Celebration  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
10:00-11:00am in Hall  
Nursery Family Picnic  
11:00am-12:30pm

## August

SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS



We would love to include photographs of the children within this newsletter. Please make sure that you have completed the Nursery admission Form using this QR Card.



Please use this QR code to join the Nursery WhatsApp group which is managed by our Nursery Class Rep Marta (Ottillie's Mum)

### **Apply for your child's Primary School Space**

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are due to start primary school in September 2027.

Applications open on 1 September 2026 and close on 15 January 2027.

National offer day will be on 16 April 2027.

If you are Sutton resident, please use the website below:

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-start-primary-school/primary-and-infant-schools-sutton>

**Please remember that attending Dorchester Primary School Nursery does not automatically mean that your child will get a space in the school, you do still need to apply.**

We hope that all of our children will remain with us for their primary school journey but we understand that this is a very important decision to make as a family. If you would like to view the rest of the school before making your application, please come along to one of our open events.

## Register for an Open Event

Open Events will include a presentation from the headteacher and members of the leadership team, and a tour of the school to see our wonderful learning environment. Please register below to attend one of our Open Events.

Tuesday 6th Oct - 9.30am - 11:00am

Wednesday 4th Nov - 9.30am - 11:00am

Thursday 26th Nov - 7pm - 8:15pm

Friday 11th Dec - 9.30am - 11:00am

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/form/?pid=21&form=16>