



Lea Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the warm weather. It feels like a long time ago now!

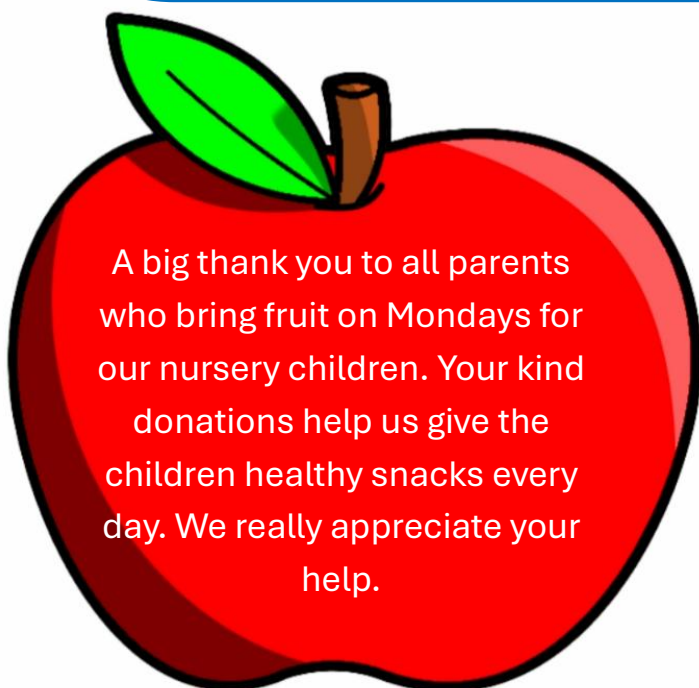
Thank you for your patience in waiting for the first newsletter of the academic year. We have been preparing to launch our new school communication system, and we are delighted to share it with you. If possible, please download the app to your phone using the details provided in this newsletter. It is the quickest and easiest way to communicate with us and is completely free to use.

It has been a real pleasure meeting your children and seeing how quickly they have settled into nursery life. They have shown growing confidence as they become familiar with our routines and environment.

I strongly believe in working in partnership with parents and carers and welcome your ideas, feedback, and suggestions as we move forward together. Building positive relationships between home and nursery is key to helping children thrive, and I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and months.

Kind regards

Michelle Birch



A big thank you to all parents who bring fruit on Mondays for our nursery children. Your kind donations help us give the children healthy snacks every day. We really appreciate your help.

Half Term

School Closes:

Friday 16th October 2026

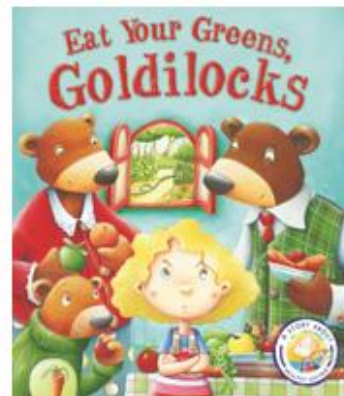
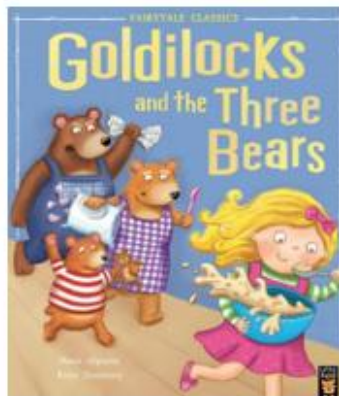
School Opens:

Monday 2nd November 2026

Our books for this term are:

Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Eat your Greens, Goldilocks!



We will be holding Harvest Singing Assemblies on

Tuesday 13th October 2026.

Morning Session at 11.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session and 30 hrs. children at 2.20 p.m.



It is important that you send your child to school for every session to which they are entitled. Although it is not statutory for children of nursery age to attend school, nursery helps them build confidence in group settings, develop early routines, and begin exploring foundational skills like communication, numbers, and letters. It supports with setting the stage for a smooth transition into school life.



Due to some of our children having serious allergies we are a nut-free school.

This also means that children cannot bring Nutella sandwiches.

Thank you for helping to look after and keep all our children safe.

In keeping with our healthy school policy, we do not allow sweets, crisps, biscuits or cakes for birthday celebrations.

If you would like your child to celebrate their birthday at nursery, please bring in foods they can share.

Ideas of such foods include fruit they really like, yoghurts or cheese.

We will sing Happy Birthday and make our child feel special without cake and party bags.



**THIS CAR PARK
IS FOR
STAFF PARKING
& DISABLED
BADGE
HOLDERS ONLY**



Over the last few weeks, you will have noticed that we have been having gates and fencing installed, this is to fully comply with the Department for Education and Ofsted requirements for safeguarding and security.

The pedestrian gates will be open between the following times (so there is no need to use the buzzer)

Morning 7.50 - 9.00

Lunch 11.25 - 12.40

Afternoon 2.55 - 3.45

Outside of these hours the gates will be closed, and you will need to buzz to get in.

There will be NO access to the car park for parents, unless you are in receipt of a Blue Disabled Parking Badge. The office will need to physically see this so they can take a copy for our records and have proof you are allowed access.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Healthy Movers is an early childhood development programme created by the Youth Sport Trust to improve physical literacy, social skills, and emotional wellbeing in children aged two to five. One of our staff is training to be a Healthy Movers Lead, which is great news for the children at Lea Nursery.



Physical activity for early years (birth - 5 years)

Active children are healthy, happy,
school ready and sleep better



Builds
**Relationships
& social skills**



Maintains
Health & weight



Contributes to
**Brain development
& Learning**



Improves
Sleep



Develops
Muscles & Bones



Encourages
**Movement
& Co-ordination**



Get Strong. Move More. Break up inactivity

Starting infant, junior & primary school in Slough 2027/28

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions



It is important that you take time to read this information which outlines the application process for a reception school place

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, and you live in Slough, you can now apply for a reception school place in an infant or primary school for September 2027. The Citizen Portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, lives in Slough and currently attends an infant school, they will need to transfer to Year 3 in a junior school.

You will also find the *Starting infant, junior and primary school booklet* on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of primary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you must apply for a school place for September 2027.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2026. To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 15 January 2027.

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- You **MUST** submit an application with any required documents/supplementary forms on time.
- Your child **MUST** meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

and there is

- NO automatic transfer from a nursery to into a school.
- NO automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

Apply online at
www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions
Closing date to apply 15 January 2027

What happens if I miss the closing date?

For the avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (15 January 2027) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How do I apply?

If you live in Slough you **MUST** apply through Slough Borough Council. The easiest way to apply is online.

Go to www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

Who can make the application?

Applications must be made by a parent or carer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

Contact the Admissions Team

If you would like more information about the school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting infant, junior or primary school' booklet

Or visit: www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions

Email: _admissions.help@slough.gov.uk

Contact Centre:

Telephone: 01753 475111 (Monday to Friday)

Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

Best wishes,

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This is a link to the parents' and carers guide for registering for school places

[Starting Infant, Junior & Primary School in Slough Borough Council 2027/28](http://www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions)

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Borough Council

Starting infant, junior & primary school in Slough 2027/28

Starting school
Transferring to a junior school
Moving into the area

A guide for parents and carers
for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023



Lea Nursery School

We play, we learn, we succeed

Schoolgateway

The easiest way to interact with your school

Download the free smartphone app

The easiest and fastest way to stay in touch with your school



Creating an account is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:



1. Register

Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school



2. Four digit PIN

School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN



3. Login

Login, you are ready to go



SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about a child, please report them to

Mrs Birch or Mrs Sharma on 01753 536492

Live in Slough?

Is your child aged 2 or 3?

Help protect them from flu this winter

Children aged 2 or 3 on 31 August 2026 are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination (born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2024).



Quick • Painless • Free on the NHS
Most children are offered the nasal spray vaccine. A porcine free vaccine is also available.

Choose where to get your child vaccinated



GP surgery

Contact your child's GP surgery to book.
You do not need to wait to be invited.

Available from 1 September 2026.



Community pharmacy

Book at a participating NHS pharmacy.

Click here to book at a community pharmacy.

Appointments from 1 October 2026.



Slough community clinic

The School Age Immunisation Service is also offering flu vaccination to eligible 2 and 3 year olds at community clinics.

Click here to complete a consent form using school code BK88881.

Available from 1 September 2026.



Find out more about the children's flu vaccine at [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)
Flu can make young children very unwell. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and also helps stop flu spreading to family and others.



Protect your child. Help protect vulnerable family members.

Flu. A healthier winter for a brighter tomorrow.

CURVE VENUE OCTOBER HALF TERM

Kathakali

A vibrant dance show filled with storytelling, music, colourful costumes and spectacular makeup!

Suitable for all ages

Friday 23 October 7.30pm

The Amazing Bubble Man

'Greatest Bubble Show on Earth'
San Francisco Chronicle

Wednesday 28 October 2pm

Suitable for all ages

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