October 2026 Newsletter

Headteachers update

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to nursery, and an especially warm welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined us this term.

September was a busy month as the children settled into their new routines, got to know their keyworkers and began to build new friendships. We have been so proud of how well the children have settled in. Each day we are seeing children becoming more confident and independent as they explore everything nursery has to offer.

This half term, the children have been exploring the topic, 'All About Me'. They have been learning about themselves, their families, their friends and what makes each of us special and unique. This is a lovely topic for the beginning of the year as it gives us lots of opportunities to get to know the children, talk about the people who are important to them and help them develop a sense of belonging within our nursery community.

At Chalvey Nursery School, we want children to be curious, confident and independent learners. Much of their learning happens through play, and exploration, which usually means they have had a very busy day learning!

It was also lovely to see some of our parents at our recent 'Meet the Keyworker' sessions and toilet training workshops. Working closely with our families is such an important part of what we do, and we hope these sessions gave you useful information, ideas and an opportunity to talk to our staff. There will be lots more opportunities for parents and carers to join us for workshops, events and activities throughout the year, and we look forward to welcoming you into nursery.

As we move into autumn, please remember that we use our outdoor environment throughout the year and in all weathers, so children will need suitable coats, shoes and clothing as the weather begins to change.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping us to make the start of the new nursery year such a positive one. I am looking forward to another exciting year at Chalvey Nursery School and to seeing all the adventures, learning and achievements that lie ahead.

Emma Lister

Theme Days:



After we celebrate World Animal Day on Monday 5th October, our next theme day will be 'Wear Something Bright for Bonfire Night'. Children are invited to come to nursery in their brightest, sparkliest and most colourful outfits – like a firework. This will take place on Thursday 5th November, with a voluntary donation going towards our Festive celebrations.



Reception Class Applications:

If your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023, now is the time to apply for their Reception Class School.
School applications are now open and will close on 15th January 2027. You must apply before this date!
To apply please visit: www.slough.gov.uk/admissions
If you need help with your application, please let Sarah in the office know, and she'll book in a time to help you.



Parent Consultations:

The end of term one-to-one parent chat's will be taking place on Thursday 10th December and Friday 11th December (Depending on your child's keyworker). Farhat and Casey's meetings will be on Thursday 10th, and Ana, Mrs Khan and Zaina's meetings will be on Friday 11th December. Timings will be sent out in the next few weeks. The nursery will be open to the children as normal.



Last Week of Autumn Term:

Tuesday 15th December

Parents are invited to attend our first ever Nativity. Details including times to follow.

Wednesday 16th December

The children will be enjoying our Christmas Party, and are invited to wear their best party outfits.

Thursday 17th December

Santa and some of his elves will be visiting the children at Nursery. There will be a Winter Wonderland to visit, including some 'snowy' animals, and each child will receive a gift from Santa. This is also the last day of the Autumn term.



Half Termly Attendance:

On the last day of each half term, every child that has attended Nursery every day, and on time for that half term will get a certificate. Of the 72 children currently on our register, we have 16 on track for a 100% prize on Friday 23rd October.

Full Time at Nursery School:

If you want your child to be considered for a full-time place, if both parents (or one parent of a single-parent family) are working, you can apply for a 'working parent funding code'. This code would allow them to do 8.30am to 2.30pm at our nursery, with the option of buying an extra hour until 3.30pm. If this is something you may be interested in, please speak with Sarah in the school office.
You may also be eligible for the full-time hours if you claim carers allowance.

!! Parent Notices

Don't forget to check the notice board on the window for updates



Appropriate Clothing:

Children need to be wearing clothes which are suitable for lots of activities like climbing, running, rolling, sitting, jumping. Dresses, jeans, shirts, Crocs, flip flops etc. are not suitable for these activities. The children need to be dressed comfortably. Suitable clothing items are tracksuits, leggings, trainers.

Children also need to dress appropriately for the changing weather. We will be going outside WHATEVER the weather. This means if it is raining, your child needs to be wearing a raincoat.

Getting Reception-Ready

As part of helping the children develop their independence, we will be teaching them how to put on and take off their coats independently.
We would really appreciate it if you could mirror this at home by encouraging your child to practise putting their coat on and taking it off themselves. Your support will help them build confidence and develop this important self-help skill.
Please keep their coats on them when you're in the line to the nursery gate at drop off.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th October 2026	World Animal Day
Friday 23rd October 2026	Last Day of Autumn 1
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 2nd November 2026	Start of Autumn 2
Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December 2026	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Christmas Nativity
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December 2026	Santa Visit to Nursery and Last Day of Autumn 2
Friday 18th December 2026	INSET Day
Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027	Half Term – Nursery Closed

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance.
If you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Miss Lister – Safeguarding Lead
Miss Hualde – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mr Siddiqui – Safeguarding Governor