



Sherwood Green Nursery
Gateway

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and a joyful New Year. A warm welcome to our new families joining Sherwood Green Nursery—we're thrilled to have you with us!

We're so excited for our new starters and can't wait to see the friendships and memories they'll create as they begin their journey with us. Rest assured, we're here to support each child every step of the way as we grow and learn together.



On behalf of the Sherwood Green Nursery team, we want to thank you for the kindness and generosity shown before Christmas. Your thoughtful cards, gifts, and kind words truly touched our hearts and highlighted the wonderful community we have here.

For details about our approach, activities, and January events, please keep reading this newsletter!



STAY CONNECTED

Please remember to share your child's interests with us via the Blossom app or when dropping them off. Your insights help us tailor our care and activities to each child's needs and preferences.

Don't forget to stay connected with us on social media and our website for updates, photos, and more. We love sharing the magic of Sherwood Green Nursery!

Instagram - [sherwoodgreennursery](#)

Tiktok - [sherwood.green.nurseries](#)

Upcoming Events

WINTER

All Month

The children will be exploring the wonders of winter discovering seasonal changes and enjoying lots of fun, hands-on activities! As part of our policy, children will head outdoors in all weathers everyday to get fresh air, so please ensure your child comes dressed in warm, weather-appropriate clothing, including a waterproof coat, hat, gloves, and wellies. Let's embrace the magic of winter together!



Please make sure your child comes dressed in warm clothing for our daily outdoor activities. Providing a wetsuit, wellies, hat, scarf, and gloves will help keep them comfortable and warm.

ALL ABOUT ME ALL ABOUT MY FAMILY

w/c 05.01.2026
w/c 12.01.2026

All About Me and My Family is a special time for children to share who they are and learn about the people around them. Children talk about their names, likes, and what makes them unique, helping them feel proud and confident. They also learn about their families—who lives with them, what they enjoy doing together, and what makes every family special. Through stories, pictures, songs, and play, children get to know their classmates and teachers, helping new starters feel safe, welcome, and familiar with their new environment as they begin their learning journey.



LOHRI

13.01.2026

Lohri is a vibrant festival celebrated in January, marking the end of winter and the harvest of crops in Punjab, India. It's a time for families to come together around a bonfire, sing traditional songs, and share festive treats like popcorn, jaggery, and nuts, symbolizing joy, gratitude, and new beginnings.



WINNIE THE POOH DAY

16.01.2026

We are excited to announce a special day that promises to bring the enchanting world of "Winnie the Pooh" to life right here at our nursery on January 16, 2025,



Date: January 16, 2026

Theme: Winnie the Pooh

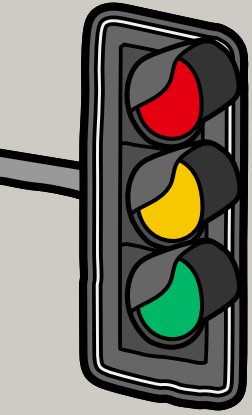
Activities:

- **Bring Your Favourite Teddy:** We encourage your child to bring their beloved teddy bear or stuffed animal to join in the fun.
- **Dress Up as a Winnie the Pooh Character:** Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite Whinny the Pooh character (Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, and more).
- **Reading Activities:** Dive into the enchanting world of Whinny the Pooh through interactive reading sessions and storytelling.
- **Winnie the Pooh Themed Picnic:** We'll enjoy a delightful picnic together, filled with themed snacks and treats.



INTEREST WEEK

w/c 19.01.2026



PRESCHOOL – Transport Week!

Transport Week is planned based on the children's interest in different modes of transport. Children come dressed as or talk about their favourite vehicle during circle time, building confidence and language skills. They take part in transport sorting activities to support early math skills and create a simple transport craft to encourage creativity and fine motor development.



TODDLER ROOM – Colours & Colour Mixing

Colours and Colour Mixing is planned based on the older toddlers' interest in exploring colours. Children engage in hands-on colour mixing activities, discovering how new colours are made while building curiosity and early thinking skills. They enjoy simple art experiences using different colours, supporting creativity, sensory exploration, and fine motor development, while learning to name and recognise colours.

BABY ROOM – Exploring Textures

Exploring Textures is planned based on babies' natural curiosity about the world around them. Children engage in hands-on activities with soft, rough, bumpy, and squishy materials, discovering different sensations while developing sensory awareness and early cognitive skills. They enjoy touching and feeling a variety of textures, supporting fine motor development, curiosity, and early language as they learn words to describe what they feel.



NATIONAL HANDWRITING DAY

23.01.2026

Get ready to grab those crayons and practice those first letters on January 23, 2026, as we celebrate National Handwriting Day with fun and engaging writing activities at nursery! Handwriting isn't just about forming letters—it helps develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and early literacy, while giving children a sense of pride as they see their own creations come to life.

- **Preschool Room:** Children will practice forming letters and their names using crayons, pencils, and tracing sheets. They'll also explore fun writing games and activities to build fine motor skills and early literacy in an engaging way.
- **Toddler Room:** Toddlers will enjoy mark-making with crayons, paint, and finger-paints, experimenting with shapes, lines, and early letters. These activities encourage creativity, hand-eye coordination, and confidence in making their first strokes.
- **Baby Room:** Babies will explore sensory writing experiences using safe, textured materials like finger paints, sand trays, and soft crayons. These hands-on activities support sensory development, early hand control, and curiosity in a fun and playful way.



NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

29.01.2026

Get ready to exercise those little brains and have a blast on January 30, 2025, as we celebrate National Puzzle Day with a day filled with exciting jigsaw activities! Puzzles are not just fun, they also offer a plethora of cognitive benefits for your child's development.





PLANTING

W/C - 26.01.2026

The children will be enjoying planting activities as part of their outdoor play! They will listen to the story Jasper's Beanstalk to learn about how seeds grow, understand the basic steps of planting, and then get hands-on experience planting their own beans. Children will have the exciting opportunity to care for their plants and watch them grow over time, developing an understanding of nature, patience, and responsibility while having lots of fun in the garden.

Planting activities in early years provide children with hands-on learning about nature, growth, and the life cycle of plants. They develop fine motor skills through digging and watering, explore their senses with soil and seeds, and build patience as they watch plants grow. Caring for plants also encourages responsibility, curiosity, early science skills, and language development, while fostering creativity and a connection to the natural world.



STAR OF THE MONTH

GABRIELLE



Our Star of the Month!
Gabrielle,

Your incredible support in the preschool room and the positive impact you have on everyone around you truly stand out. You've settled into the nursery so seamlessly, and your "can-do" attitude and willingness to help make such a difference every day. You're a fantastic team player, always positive and ready to lend a hand. Thank you for all your hard work — keep shining, Gabrielle!



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PHONICS

We have Robot Reg Phonic classes
Every Thursday 12:30pm -1:00pm
at Sherwood Green Nursery
Gateway For Our
Pre-School Children for more
information please speak to our
nursery manager



★Phonics★

At Sherwood Green Nursery Gateway we have Phonic sessions by Robot Reg. We believe The play opportunities and language development readily available at Sherwood Green Nursery Gateway make it the perfect setting for children to begin their phonics journey. We would appreciate if a contribution of £7 per month could be made.



Phonic Classes for
Pre school children



Reading becomes
better



Improves vocabulary
and language
development



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Shake, Rattle, and Boogie!

Join us for our exciting Shake, Rattle, and Boogie dance class with Kim!

July 17 Every 2 weeks on Wednesday
 **10:30 PM - 11:30 PM**
For all nursery age groups -
Babies, Toddlers, and
Preschoolers

☀️ Get ready to move, groove, and have fun! This interactive session is designed to encourage rhythm, coordination, and a love for dance in a fun and engaging way.

Let's shake, rattle, and boogie together! 🎵 ✨



Encourage Rhythm



Improves physical, and emotional development.



Dance can also help children learn to communicate

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NURSERY LIBRARY IN THE RECEPTION

Reading helps children grow their imagination, language skills, and love for learning. Our nursery library is full of wonderful books, and we'd love for you and your child to join in. Here's how it works:



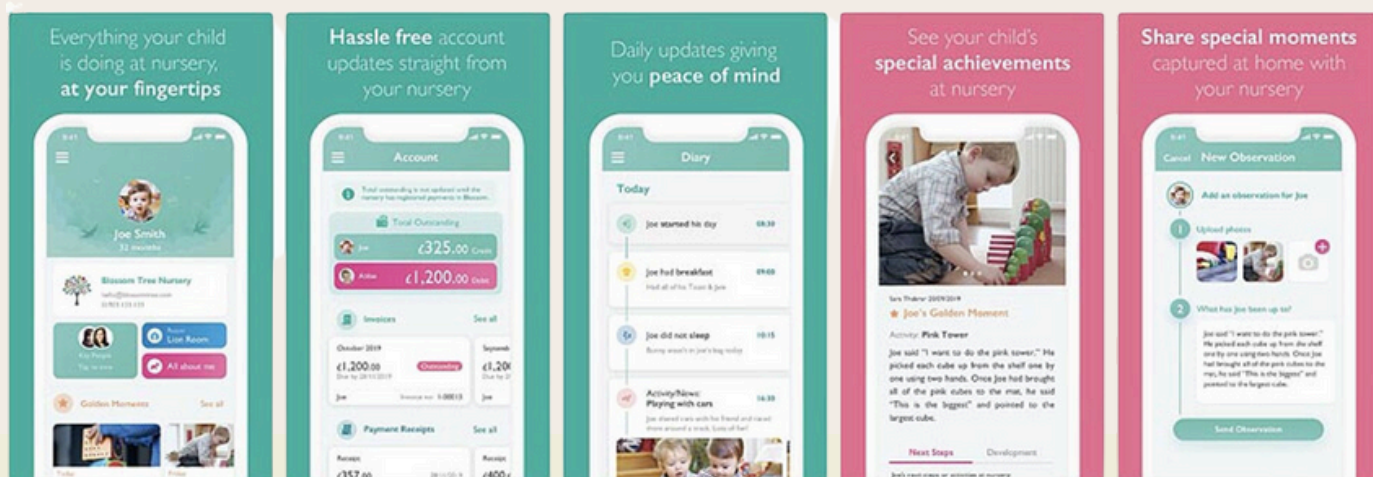
- 1. Choose a Book:** Let your child pick a book that interests them. We have a variety of picture books and storybooks for all ages.
- 2. Borrow a Book:** After choosing a book, fill out the borrowing sheet.
- 3. Read and Enjoy:** Take the book home and enjoy reading it together. This helps build a love for books and strengthens your bond.
- 4. Return and Repeat:** Once you're done, return the book and pick a new one to enjoy!

BLOSSOM APP - STAY CONNECTED!

We are excited to remind you about our Blossom Parent App, a dedicated platform where you can stay updated on your child's daily activities. Through the app, you can view your child's diary, including their meals, naps, and activities.

You can also share your child's interests, updates, or any special moments with us using the Blossom Message feature. This helps us stay connected and ensures we are supporting your child's individual needs and interests.

If you have any problems downloading or accessing the app, please let us know, and we'll be happy to help you.





DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY - JANUARY 2026

- **Cookery classes** - Once a week
- **Boogie Dance class**- Every other Monday
- **Robot Reg Phonics Class**- Every Thursday
- **10.45am-11.30am**
- **Winter activities** - All month
- **All about me** - 05.01.2026
- **All about my family** - 12.01.2026
- **Lohri** - 13.01.2026
- **Winnie the pooh day - 16.01.2025**
- (children will have a picnic, dress up in Winnie the pooh and bring in their own favourite teddy)

- **Interest week** - w/c 19.01.2026
- **Preschool:** Transports
- **Toddlers:** Colours / Colour mixing
- **Babies:** Textures

- **National Handwriting day** - 23.01.2026
- **Planting** - w/c 26.01.2026
- **National puzzle day** - 29.01.2026

ATTENTION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ

Absence

Please note that we are unable to swap days or offer an alternative day if your child is absent from nursery. We are now extremely busy, and it is impossible for us to do this for all children. This is stated in our terms and conditions. Thank you for your co-operation.

Labels on Clothing

To avoid items being lost, please can you ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled including their coats, hats, scarves and wellies. If your child brings gloves to nursery, we strongly advise for these to be attached and threaded through their coat to avoid any gloves going missing.

High Temperatures and Fevers

Please can we kindly remind parents that children cannot attend nursery if they have a high temperature (37.6°C). If a child develops a temperature whilst at nursery, parents will be called to collect them, as supported by our policies and procedures.

No Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be used whilst on nursery site, including taking photographs and having conversations. This is part of our Safeguarding policy. Please use this valuable time to converse with your child or get to know other parents at Sherwood Green.. Our staff will politely remind you of this policy..

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