

# Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School

## Autumn 2024 Newsletter



### FREE Full and Part Time Places

Spread the word to friends and family, we have **FREE Full and Part Time Places** available for

2, 3 and 4 year olds .

You can pick up a registration form from the front office or call 0121 675 3065 for more information.

It has been lovely to welcome back those of you who were with us last academic year.

We are delighted to welcome new children and families to Shenley Fields and for us all to begin the Autumn term together.

We recently made a video about life at Shenley Fields. The script for this video was compiled completely from children's feedback about their experiences of nursery. The link for this is below to enable you to watch it again or for the first time. We hope you enjoy it.

Shenley Fields - <https://hosting.sch.life/shenley-fields/Shenley-Fields-Nursery-4K.mp4>



# Our Curriculum and TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Did you know that we use Tapestry to share lots of information with you about our curriculum and the learning opportunities and experiences on offer to your child?

This includes:

- Our planning for each area of continuous provision both indoors and outdoors.
- Observations and photos of the activities detailed in our planning in action.
- The core book we are focusing on, including the key vocabulary we will be teaching.
- The song/rhyme we are focusing on from our Shenley Rhyme Time and how these enhance our planning for phonics and maths.
- Our Makaton sign/s of the week
- Our rights respecting focus
- For children in Sunbeams (3-4's), we also include Early Years Picture News and Concept Cat, both of which include home learning opportunities.

Please activate your Tapestry account and log in to have a look. You can also add photos and share information about things you have done at home together.

If you have any difficulty activating your account or logging in, please let us know and we will problem solve to enable you to access your child's Tapestry journal.

## Library

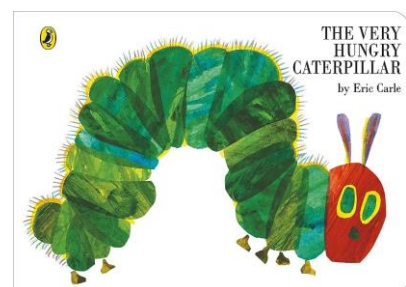
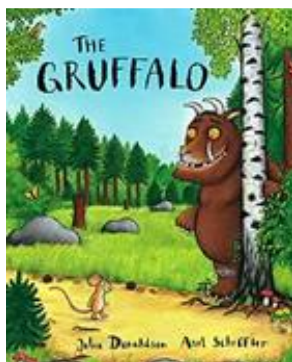
Have you been to visit our library yet?

It is a lovely space to spend time with your child, with a great range of books to share and enjoy together. Every child has their own book bag to take the book they have chosen home.

Our school library will be open every day from 8am-9.30am.

You can use the library to share books with your child or just choose one to take home and enjoy together.

Your child can change their library book as frequently as they would like to. Just bring your book back and choose a new one.





# WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



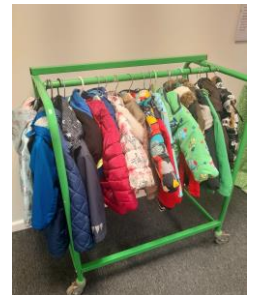
**Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.**



We are very proud to be a Gold Rights Respecting School. We were first awarded gold status in January 2021 and maintained gold at our reaccreditation in January 2024.

We have a coat exchange scheme. Shenley Fields coat exchange aims to encourage us to recycle and donate coats that children have outgrown rather than putting them in the bin. Please bring in your unwanted coats and if your child needs a coat, please take one free of charge from inside the main entrance. When you no longer need it or your child grows out of it, bring it back and swap it for another coat.

We will keep you updated weekly on the focus of our rights respecting work.



## Attendance

“Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.” (DfE)

To recognise and celebrate good attendance, each half term, we will give attendance certificates to every child who has at least 90% attendance (appointments for children with medical needs and SEND will not impact on this.)

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★ Amazing Attendance Certificate ★

Congratulations to

For % attendance this half term

★ Well done! ★

Date: ★

We would love to give as many of these out as possible each half term.

# CHILD SAFETY CONCERNS

The access that leads to our entrance is a private road intended for the shopkeepers, householders and garage owners. They share our concern regarding the volume of traffic using this access at busy times, which has led to a number of 'near misses' between cars and children.

Our advice is that cars are parked on the surrounding roads.

Alternatively, if you live within walking distance, leave your car at home and encourage your children to get into the habit of walking. A number of families do use the access road due to their personal circumstances with our knowledge and consent.

"We park at the shops then walk holding hands into nursery."



WALK TO SCHOOL



"The children are sad because the cars are parked outside nursery and it is not safe."

"Children might get hurt."



## Dates for Your Diary

### Pre-Writing Workshops:

We will be offering pre-writing workshops from 9.15 – 10.15 every morning from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The aim of these workshops is to:

- Help parents/carers to understand effective ways to support their child in writing.
- Demonstrate some of the things children need to develop good writing skills.
- Share some of the tools that we use at Shenley Fields.
- Empower parents and carers to encourage early writing at home.

If you would like to attend a workshop with your child, please sign up for a space at reception. If you have any questions, please ask Kate.





## Family Forest School Trips:



**Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School**  
**Forest School Trips to Ley Hill Park for all the Family**

In response to the feedback from parents last term, we have planned more forest school sessions for this academic year. These sessions are for you and your children to join in with. The sessions will take place at **Ley Hill Park** with our forest school leaders.

Our first visits will take place on: **Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th October 2024.** These sessions will start at 9.30am and finish at 10.30am. Our forest school leaders will meet you at the play area. Your child must be accompanied by an adult and will remain your responsibility throughout the visit.

Shenley Fields will provide wet suits, wellies, a healthy snack and forest school tools and equipment. (Please let the admin team know if your child requires wellies or a wetsuit).

If you would like to attend a forest school session with your child please ask at reception. For further information please speak to **Sally or Lynsey**.



**180 Katie**



**Sammy Skills**



**Active Azra**



### Half Term:

October half term is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. All of our provisions are closed during this week. We will be running our holiday club. Booking forms are available from reception. Places are offered on a first come first served basis.

### Inset Day:

We will be closed to all children on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November for staff training.

### Photographer:


We have booked the photographer for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We will send out a letter with further information nearer the time.

## Children in Need 2024

**Wednesday 13th November**

We invite children to join in the fun and dress up in something colourful, spotty or their favourite outfit for a voluntary donation. 100% of the proceeds will be passed on to the "Children In Need appeal".

**Thanks for all your  
help and support**



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Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School are celebrating World Children's Day.

On

**Wednesday 20th November 2024**

Children have their rights denied every single day. We want to build a world where every child is in school and learning, safe from harm and able to fulfill their potential, and we know you do too. It's time to put children back on the agenda.

At Shenley Fields the children will be taking part in activities throughout the day that support our children learning about their rights.

### Parent/Key Person Consultations:

We offer every family the opportunity to have a booked appointment with their child's key person each term. Our consultations this term will be week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. These meetings provide the opportunity to share how your child has settled, their interests, development and anything else you would like to discuss.

### Food Bank Collection:

This year for Christmas we want to help our community by donating food for our local food bank run by "The Life House". We would greatly appreciate your kindness in gifting a food donation large or small into nursery during the week beginning 18th November 2024. There will be boxes placed in provisions for you to put your donations in. We would like to donate as much as possible for this worthy cause, as the work of the "Food Bank" is invaluable within our local community to fight hunger and to help care for each other,

### Christmas Stay and Play Sessions:

## CHRISTMAS STAY AND PLAY

**You are invited to join your child for a morning of Christmas themed activities at nursery.**

<div style="text-align: center;">  <b>Raindrops</b>  </div> <p><b><u>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b><u>9.15-10.30am</u></b> Red Group: Christine Blue Group: Julie</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 19th December</u></b> <b><u>9.15-10.30am</u></b> Orange Group: Sunny Green Group: Hayley/Katie</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <b>Sunbeams</b>  </div> <p><b><u>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b><u>9.15-10.30am</u></b> Red Group: Louise Blue Group: Emma</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 19th December</u></b> <b><u>9.15-10.30am</u></b> Orange Group: Jessica Green Group: Sara</p>
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**Sunshine (Baby Room)**


Please let your child's key person know which session you wish to attend.

Come and visit Father Christmas in his grotto!





# Please Remember.....

Please can we ask that you do not bring the foods containing the following to nursery:



Nuts



Eggs

There are children at nursery who could become very poorly if they come into contact with these foods. Thank you.

**Labelling your Child's Belongings** - Please name your child's belongings - especially coats, bags and lunch boxes. We have lots of coats and bags that are the same.

**Spare Clothes** - Can you please send your child to nursery with a set of spare clothes in their bag and return any borrowed items as soon as possible.

## Collection Timings:

Your child's day at nursery starts at 9am. Please make sure they are on time to enable them to make the very most of their day with us. If you arrive later than 9.10, you will need to take your child to our main reception.

Collection time is 3pm. If you have any circumstances which make this collection time difficult, then please discuss this with us.

Wednesdays are the only exception to this:

If your child's place is the beginning of the week, drop off is at 9am and collection at 12 midday.

If your child's place is at the end of the week, drop off is at 12.15 and collection at 3.15pm.

Drop off and collections outside of these times is hugely disruptive and impacts on the experiences on offer to the children.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.