

The following information was written on Monday 11th May in line with Government guidance and advice and could be subject to change.

The Nursery Family:

We are very excited to welcome you into our Marvels Lane Nursery Family. Nursery sessions run as follows:

AM session:	9.00 am - 11.30 am
PM session:	2.45 am - 3.15pm
Full time:	9.00 am - 3.15pm

Ms Castro and Ms. Whatley are the Nursery Teachers and Ms. Bradley is the Nursery Nurse.

Part time children attend 6 sessions across the week. Five in their core session (either AM/PM) and one additional fixed session by arrangement with the Nursery staff once they have fully settled in. Part-time children will be able to stay for lunch on their full day which is a wonderful way to prepare them for their transition into Reception class next year!

Full time children (those with 30 hour governmental entitlement) will be attending 5 full school days per week and having their lunches at school with a specially allocated Nursery lunch supervisor.

We cannot wait to meet all of our wonderful children and show them our around our amazing Nursery and outdoor space!

Starting in September:

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We hope that home visits will be planned during the week beginning 31st August and 7th September. Children will then have a staggered start from the week beginning 14th September. To ensure that your child is happy at school we settle new children into nursery carefully. Even if your child is used to spending time without you, the Nursery is an unfamiliar place with new routines to get to know. We would ask that on your child's first day you both stay for an hour. On the second day we would ask that you leave your child for a short period of no longer than an hour. This is to help the children to become familiar and confident with each other, staff and routines within a smaller class size, allowing the staff to give your child lots of attention to help them to settle. Some of our children may be ready for their full sessions within a few days, for others it may take a couple of weeks, and that is absolutely fine! We will be working closely with you to make sure your child's settling in period is as stress-free as possible for both you and your child.

The Curriculum:

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum where learning is developed through play. The areas of learning are:

3 Prime Areas: Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

4 Specific Areas: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Learning happens best when a child is relaxed, confident and having fun! That is exactly the environment we strive to provide!

You will be receiving a more detailed welcome pack in the post over the summer, as well as a small visual book about a day at Nursery for you to look at and chat about with your child. We have also made a short welcome video which is on our website.

What can you be doing now?

Please do not feel anxious about recent nursery closures and the recent pressures of home schooling. We are ready to welcome and support our lovely new families and children joining us for the first time, as well as welcoming back and assisting all of our existing children and families on their return to school.

We are an experienced early years team with lots of exciting ideas of how we can get your children learning best! Here are our 'five steps to success' that you can be focusing on at home during the summer holidays:

- I can use the toilet independently; I can wipe myself, flush the chain and wash & dry my hands.
- I can attempt to put my coat on by myself.
- I enjoy listening to stories read by my adult.
- I know how old I am and I am beginning to join in with counting when singing Nursery rhymes.
- I am beginning to draw or paint a picture using my own marks and talk about what I have drawn. (it can be with chunky chalks, paint brushes dipped in water, sticks on mud, etc.)

The most important thing you can do is get chatting! Talk, Talk and more Talk!!!!

Over the summer holidays we also ask children to gather their favourite items for our 'Show and Tell Box' which they can bring to school in September to share with their new friends. This is a lovely way to get the children excited about talking in class by sharing things from home. It could be anything from natural materials which you may have picked up together on a walk in the park, a family or a pet picture, or an item which makes your child excited to talk and share.

Welcome To Marvels Lane Primary School



Parent Involvement:

We very much believe that when we work in partnership with parents our children can truly become the best that they can be!

We have Stay and Play sessions, trips and workshops throughout the year for you to get involved in and to feel a part of the Marvels Lane Family. We look forward to celebrating your children's successes with you so please share with us anything that they achieve at home!