

New Beginnings

Day Nurseries

STAFF NEWSLETTER

August 2026



Looking ahead
to September

Growing Together

As we prepare for another exciting academic year, there is so much to look forward to at New Beginnings.

The Department for Education's revised Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) comes into force from **1 September 2026**.

Many of the changes reflect practice we have embedded for years, and we will continue to review our provision to ensure we remain at the forefront of high-quality early years education and care.



SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility. Before the Autumn Term, all staff will complete an EYFS Safeguarding Refresher, giving us the opportunity to revisit our role in keeping every child safe.

The session will include:

- ✓ Our safeguarding responsibilities
- ✓ Updates to the revised EYFS
- ✓ Professional curiosity
- ✓ Recording and reporting concerns
- ✓ Maintaining a safe culture across our nursery

Every member of staff plays a vital role in creating a safe, nurturing environment.



EYFS 2026 UPDATES

Over the coming weeks we will carefully review our policies and procedures in light of the revised EYFS Statutory Framework.

Although many of the revised expectations are already embedded within New Beginnings, it is important that our documentation reflects the updated guidance.

There will be updated policies and procedures which we will reissue with changes.



WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES

September is a time of change.

- We will sadly be saying goodbye to many children who are moving on to school or beginning their next adventure.
- We will warmly welcome many new children and families into our nursery community.

Change can be unsettling for our little people.

Our warmth, reassurance and consistency make all the difference during these important transitions.



KEY CHILDREN AND ROOM TRANSITIONS

Many practitioners will experience change.

- Saying goodbye to some of your key children
- Welcoming new key children
- Moving rooms
- Supporting handovers with colleagues

Further information regarding staffing and room transitions will be shared shortly. High quality handovers ensure continuity and support smooth transitions for every child.



WATCH US GROW – OUR ENHANCED CURRICULUM



We are pleased to share that our enhanced Watch Us Grow curriculum is now being introduced across the nursery.

- Using Pinterest for inspiration and ideas
- Making the most of the Family Calendar to share events and learning
- Themes and topics to enrich children's experiences across the year

Our curriculum is child-centred, play-based and designed to ignite curiosity and a love of learning.



BIRTH TO 5 MATTERS

The Birth to 5 Matters guidance has recently been republished. We will be holding a dedicated training session in October.

- Staff will be notified if they have Safeguarding Level 2 to complete or a refresher.
- We will explore the updated guidance, how it complements the EYFS, and its impact on our practice.

Further details will follow nearer the time.



Thank you!

Thank you for everything you continue to do every day. The professionalism, care and kindness shown by our team is what makes New Beginnings such a special place for children and families.



Together
we nurture.
Together
we grow.
Together
we thrive.



Coming
soon...



EYFS
Safeguarding
Refresher
Before Autumn Term



EYFS 2026
Update Guide
(Coming soon)



Watch Us Grow
Curriculum
In Action
(This month)



Birth to 5
Matters Training
(October)



Room Transition
Information
(Coming soon)

Here's to an exciting year ahead – full of learning, growth and new beginnings!

