

Welcome!

We have had a busy start to the term with lots of children beginning their nursery journey, settling back into the nursery routine, moving rooms and getting to know their new key person.

Key Person system

Every child has a key person who helps them feel happy, safe and secure. They will get to know your child, support them as they settle in, follow their interests and celebrate their achievements. Your child's key person is also here to support you and answer any questions you may have about your child's development or nursery journey.

If you're unsure who your child's key person is, or haven't had the opportunity to meet them yet, please ask a member of the team.

Reminders

Your child's day

Important information about your Child's nursery day such as toilet visits nappy times sleep and meals can be found on Famly. Alongside this staff will give you a brief update on how their day was at handover. If you would like a more detailed handover or would like to discuss something in particular please can we ask that you arrive 5-10 minutes earlier than your child's collection time or contact the office to make an appointment.

Absences

If your child will be absent from nursery, please make sure you record this on Famly and include a reason, such as high temperature or a family day out. If no reason is provided or your child does not attend as expected, a member of the team will contact you to follow this up.

Contact Information

As the new term begins, please can we ask all families to take a moment to check that their contact information on Famly is complete and up to date. Please ensure you have an emergency contact listed and that there is a clear photo for each contact.



Baby News

Amy will be leaving us at the October half term to begin her maternity leave, followed by Rhi in December as she starts hers. We're very excited to welcome the newest honorary members of the Little Footsteps family and wish both Amy and Rhi all the very best as they begin this exciting new chapter.



Diary Dates for This Term

October

13th - Parents evening

December

8th - Transition evening 6.15-7.15pm

More diary dates will be posted on the newsfeed shortly

Term Dates

23rd - Friday 30th October - Half term

2nd November - Term starts

18th December - last day of term for term time only children

5th January - First day of term

The nursery will **be closed to all children** on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Boxing Day as well as New Years Eve & New Years Day.



Bank staff

We are pleased to welcome Annabelle and Debbie to our team of bank staff. Both will be working across all rooms to cover annual leave and staff sickness alongside our other bank staff.

Pips

We've had a lovely start to September, welcoming back our returning little ones and getting to know our new Pips! 🌱

We also have a few team updates to share. Chelsea continues to lead the Pips room, supported by Maisie-Ann as Senior Practitioner. Aaron will be spending Mondays and Tuesdays in Pips and joining Seeds on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We're also very happy to welcome Leanna to the Pips team, and she is already settling in beautifully and getting to know the children.

Just a couple of reminders for the new term:

- We cannot give babies any formula that states "follow-on milk," so please bring an alternative. This is due to our guidelines and policies.
- Please Remember to label all of your child's clothing and items clearly.
- We ask for one or two sets of spare clothing, including socks, in a small named bag.



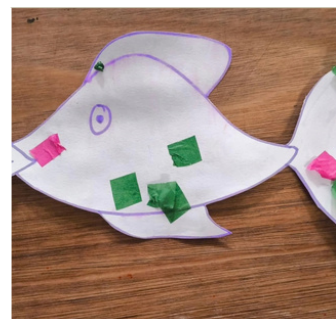
Nathan - 15 months
Very Hungry Caterpillar

Seeds

Seeds have had a lovely start to the new term and have already been very busy! 🌱 The children have enjoyed lots of sensory and creative activities, stories and songs, as well as exploring our new Seeds greengrocers and developing their independence through play.

We have had a few changes to our Seeds team too! We are very happy to welcome Keeley, Alice and Amy T to the room, alongside Toni who will be joining us shortly working across both Seeds and Shoots. Aaron will also be joining us in Seeds every Wednesday and Friday.

We are delighted to announce that Candace has been promoted to Senior practitioner in Shoots but she will continue to spend time in Seeds and Pips to offer support.



Isabella - 23 months
Fish

Shoots

Last term we enjoyed a range of activities including baking, crafts, garden games and even a zoo trip!

We have welcomed Candace to Shoots as a Senior Practitioner alongside Leah. Candace will continue to be a frequent visitor to Seeds and pups to lend her support when needed.

Over the summer, Darryl joined us as an apprentice and will now be working full time in Shoots and has already formed some lovely bonds with the children.

Georgie has also moved from Seeds to Shoots as an Apprentice Practitioner and dedicated 1:1 support and is settling well into her new role.

Harriet, who joined Little Footsteps as a bank practitioner earlier this year, will also be working regular hours in Shoots. The children already know her well and particularly enjoy singing and dancing with her.



Margot - 32 months
Lion

Buds

Last term we said a fond farewell to our Buds school leavers with a brilliant trip to Roar Dinosaur Park, followed by a lovely graduation ceremony at the Memorial Hall. We wish them all the best as they start their big school adventures!

This term we're excited to welcome our new and returning Buds children and have lots of fun activities planned. Towards the end of term we'll be preparing for one of our favourite events of the year - the Buds Nativity. Keep an eye on the newsfeed for more details.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter over the coming months, please ensure your child brings a named coat to nursery each day.

Your child will also need a small backpack style bag in to each session containing in a full spare set of clothes. To help in reuniting lost belongings to the right child, please make sure everything is clearly named.



Rory - 41 months
Goldilocks - Baby bear

Buds Wraparound

Our Holiday Club children had a fantastic summer, enjoying plenty of crafts, cooking and trips out. We also visited Dereham Cancer Care, where the children helped to paint stones for their colourful caterpillar, which was displayed in the Queen Mother's Garden.

At the beginning of September, we said a sad goodbye to Rachael as she set off on a fantastic new adventure. Thank you to everyone who contributed to her scrapbook and helped us give her a lovely send-off.

Looking ahead, with Rachael leaving, Rhi beginning her maternity leave in December and the number of children attending Orchards reducing, we felt it was the right time for a new adventure of our own. Buds and Orchards have now merged into one room, with Orchards becoming Buds Wraparound to mark this new chapter.

Reception 2027 Key Dates

For children starting Reception in September 2027



Applications open

**23rd
September 2026**



Applications close

**15th
January 2027**
at midnight



National Offer Day

**16th
April 2027**

Who needs to apply?

Children born between
**1st September 2022 and
31st August 2023.**

How to apply

Complete your application via the
Norfolk Admissions Online system.



Nursery rhymes for this term

September

Wind the bobbin up

October

Row, row, row your boat-

November

Inch wincy spider

December

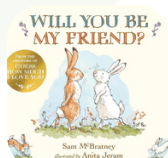
Hot cross buns

Book of the month



Pips

My first lift the
flap fairy tales



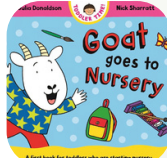
Shoots

Will you be my
friend?



Seeds

Lift & look Fruits &
Vegetables



Buds

Goat goes to nursery

