



# Acorn Preschool Class

## Spring Term Newsletter 2025



Welcome back to Acorn Class and a Happy New Year to you all.

A special welcome to Oliver, Arlo, Seth and Imala, who are joining our class this term. It has been a super first week and we are delighted with how well the children have settled into the classroom and supported their new friends.

### Topics and Activities -

Our activities this term will combine "in the moment" planning and more structured Topic based activities for the older pre-Reception Class children. Focus Areas are outlined in the Spring Topic Web.

We will continue to encourage all the children to develop their independence, especially those starting in Reception Class in the autumn.

In literacy activities the children will be exploring rhyme and early letter sounds through songs and games. In maths activities, we will concentrate on number recognition for numbers 0-10 and understanding numbers as quantity. We will also investigate simple 2d shapes, introduce 3d shapes and look for shapes in the environment. We will continue to build on the children's learning from last term and support them as they practice and develop new skills.

### Preschool and Whole School Events -

You will be notified of events happening in the classroom or in school, via Google Classroom or Parent Mail. New children will receive their Google Classroom Sign In details shortly.

### Dates for your Diary -



Acorn Class children will be taking part in Forest Schools activities at school on Thursdays after half term. Your child will attend either in the morning or the afternoon during a normal pre-school session depending on their attendance. Further information will be sent out by letter nearer the time.

### Just a couple of reminders as we start the new term.

If you have not already done so, please could you bring in at least one complete change of clothes for your child. As you know we spend a large proportion of every day outside regardless of the weather it is important that your child has dry clothes to change into if necessary. If wet or soiled clothes are sent home, we would ask that you send replacement items in with your child when they next come into school. Please note that if your child needs changing and we do not have spare clothes available we will contact you to collect your child or to provide clean clothes.



Please could your child also have a pair of slippers/indoor shoes and a pair of wellington boots in school at all times. **Please can we ask you to make sure all items are clearly named.**

### Shoes -

There is now an expectation that the older pre-reception class children will be able to manage changing their shoes independently. **Please can we therefore ask that your child comes to school in shoes that you know they can confidently manage themselves.**

### **Lunch -**

If your child is staying all day, please note that lunchboxes stay in the classroom, and we do not have facilities to refrigerate food. Please could we remind you that lunches **must not** contain nuts or nuts-based products in line with the 'No Nuts' school policy.

**This includes chocolate spreads such as Nutella.**

### **Acorn Google Classroom -**

We will post preschool/school information on Google Classroom, as well as sending out letters via Parent mail. There will be details of events and activities as well as photographs so that you can see what the children have been doing in school.

**If you would prefer not to have photographs of your child posted on Google Classroom, please email me before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.** New children will receive log-in details in due course.

### **Illness -**

**Please be aware that if your child has a sickness bug, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea - this is for the mutual benefit of all preschool children and staff.**

If your child displays symptoms of Coronavirus, please contact the school office and follow the guidelines on the school website. *Thank you.*

### **Drop Off/Pick up arrangements -**

Pick up is from the preschool gate at either 12pm or 3pm depending on your child's attendance. Please note that the preschool gate will usually need to be closed promptly in the morning as Mrs Claydon/Miss Dilley are required in the classroom as soon as possible.

**If you are late dropping off, or collecting your child and the gate is already closed please go to the main school entrance.**

As I am sure you will appreciate, it is not always possible for me or Miss Dilley to speak to you at the gate when you drop off your child. If you do need to contact me, please email and I will reply/call you as soon as possible.

**In an emergency, please contact the school office.**

I can be contacted as follows [jclaydon@bottishamprimary.org](mailto:jclaydon@bottishamprimary.org)

If you need to make changes to your child's usual pick-up arrangements, please ensure that staff are notified when you drop your child off in the morning or that you email the office **and** myself before the end of your child's session.

**Please note that we will not allow your child to leave school if we have not received notification from you regarding changes in collection.**

**As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will reply as soon as possible or if you prefer, make a mutually convenient time to meet with you after school.**

We are looking forward to a very enjoyable spring term.

Best wishes

Mrs Claydon