



Nursery Parent Information for the Week beginning 14th October 2024

The children in Nursery have loved learning all about the season of Autumn and going on an Autumn hunt around the school. They enjoyed crafting their own number block 2 in class and driving the cars around the number shaped road tracks to form numerals.

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and you live in the slough borough, please refer to the information document on the last page of this parent planning on applying for a Reception school place. The portal for applications is now open.

If your child has been changed into any of the Nursery spare clothes as they have had an accident in school, please can you return the Nursery's emergency spares once cleaned as we are now running very low. Many thanks.

This week we will be learning about baptism please send your child in with photos from their baptism in their book bags or email these to the nursery@olopprimary.co.uk email.

On **October 18th the school will be taking part in 'Wear Red Day' which is promoted and organised by 'Show Racism the Red Card'. The children are asked to continue to wear their school uniform but are permitted to wear an item of red within it.**

School Uniform and bags

- **Please make sure that you are labelling all of your children's belongings including spares**
- Please send your child to school with a suitable coat and a pair of clearly labelled wellies.
- Please label your child's uniform. Please may we also ask that children wear school shoes, not trainers.
- Please provide a bag of spare clothes, as sometime children may need to change, due to a toileting accident/ engaging in messy/water play throughout the day.
- Please send your child to school with their reading books in their maroon book bag every day. They take home letters and any crafts they have done in their book bags too.
- Remember to send your child with a labelled water bottle every day.

Phonics



During the first half term we are looking at Phase 1 in phonics and exploring several types of sounds in the world around us. This week we will be exploring rhythm and rhyme. Making rhyming silly soup.

In order to allow all of the children to fully settle into the Nursery we are yet to hand out any lilac reading books to date. We will be handing out these reading books in the first week after the half term.

Please share rhymes with your child at home and take them to the library to share books with them.

Literacy



This week we will be looking at the book 'Handa's surprise' and thinking about the different animals and fruits we see in the story- we will be making our own fruit baskets in the craft area and making fruit kebabs practising our fine motor cutting skills.

At home think about the different animals, we have in Britain and compare them

Maths



In maths this week we will be looking at the number 3. We will be making our number 3 numberblock. We will be looking at the story of the 3 pigs and finding 3's in the environment, and where we see the number 2 as well as trying to form the number ourselves in sand and rice as well as on paper.

At home go on a number 2 hunt. Where can you find 2 things in your environment?

RE



This week in RE we will continue our half termly topic 'Covenant and creation' We will be looking at baptism and being welcomed into the church family and God's family.

At home show your child pictures of their baptism- send in pictures of your child's baptism or any other early celebration in your faith to welcome children into the religious family to the nursery email

Topic



This month we will be learning about Black history month and celebrating figures from this community and how they have shaped history, built communities and inspired change. We will be learning about Lubaina Himid, Lorraine Pascale and Dame Elizabeth Anionwu; alongside others over the course of the month of October.

At home talk about anyone in your family who has inspired you and what they did.

We will endeavour to answer any questions at pick up times throughout the Nursery day but it can be quite rushed as we have so many children and parents. Please use the following email to contact your class teacher if you have any questions or queries: nursery@olopprimary.co.uk

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.
Miss Petford, Ms Richardson and Mrs Featherstone



Starting Infant, Junior & Primary School in Slough Borough Council 2025/26

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions



IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION WHICH OUTLINES THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, and you live in Slough, you can now apply for a Reception school place in an infant or primary school for September 2025. The Citizen's portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, lives in Slough and currently attends an infant school, they will need to transfer to Year 3 in a junior school.

You will also find the *Starting Infant, Junior and Primary School booklet* on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of Slough Secondary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for a school place for September 2025.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 12 September 2024. **To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 15 January 2025.**

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- You **MUST** submit an application with any required documents/supplementary forms on time.
- Your child **MUST** meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

and there is

- **NO** automatic transfer from a nursery to into a school.
- **NO** automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

Apply online at
www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions
Closing date to apply 15 January 2025

What happens if I miss the closing date?

For the avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (15 January) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How do I apply?

If you live in Slough you **MUST** apply through Slough Borough Council. The easiest way to apply is online.

Go to slough.gov.uk/school-admissions and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

Who can make the application?

Applications must be made by a parent or carer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

Contact the Admissions Team

If you would like more information about the school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting Infant, Junior or Primary School' booklet

Or visit: www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions
Email: _admissions.help@slough.gov.uk
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Best wishes,
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