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The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn.

—Maria Montessori



The Yorkshire  
**Montessori  
Nursery**

### Staff Training

Our company is committed to supporting and developing staff through appropriate and necessary training. We believe this directly contributes to the outstanding care and learning experiences we provide for the children at our nursery.

We would like to share some recent achievements and acknowledge staff who are beginning their training journeys. Our staff diligently work towards their qualifications alongside their nursery duties, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication.

Ursula and Ty were recently awarded certificates for completing their IMP (Integrating Montessori Practice) course. The course looks deeper into Montessori practice, philosophy and use of materials. It culminated in assessed practical sessions with the Preeti Patel from MCI spending a week with Ty and Ursula and students from other parts of the country. Zahra is underway with the course now.

Ty has also recently achieved his Level 5 Lead Practitioner qualification.

Ruby and Aaliyah achieved their Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification with excellent results.

Kelly and Khalisha are embarking on their Level 5 course and will be working hard over the next 18 months to complete this.

### Baby room

In Baby room we have been enjoying lots of food sensory play. We have explored spaghetti, jelly and more! The babies have loved using their senses to investigate the different food. We focused on our transferring skills and spooning from one bowl to another using hands and a variety of tools

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a great September and things have settled back into routine after the Summer holidays. As always, we have had a busy month welcoming in lots of new children who have begun their journey at nursery.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Art Themed Stay & Play session. The children have enjoyed looking at different artists and exploring different media to create wonderful works of art!

With Autumn now upon us, we are all looking forward to all the exciting activities and events that this time of year brings, please could we remind parents and carers that children must come to nursery in weather appropriate clothing. A change of clothes and a warm, waterproof coat are needed to ensure every child can explore the outdoor area to its full advantage in the coming months. Could we also request that all children bring a pair of clearly named wellies to nursery, these can be stored at nursery if needed.

Staying with the theme of Autumn, if you are out enjoying an Autumn walk this month, we'd love you to collect some 'Autumn treasures' on your journey, such as conkers and leaves. The children love to investigate them; we would also love to see your Autumn adventure photos on Tapestry.

### Staff News

We are delighted to welcome Ellie to nursery; she will be working in Pre school and is looking forward to getting to know everyone.

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We all enjoyed celebrating Teddy Bear Day and had lots of cuddles with our favourite bears.



To celebrate Roald Dahl Day we looked at George's Marvellous Medicine and created our own potions using shaving foam, sand and powder paint - the children had a great time mixing and spooning their concoctions!!



Coming up in October we will be exploring lots of Autumn activities such as leaf painting and pumpkin carving. It would be great if you could collect some Autumn items and bring them into nursery for us to use in our activities.

Thank you to everyone for sending in your family photos for us to create the booklets for us to share with the babies.

We will be having a Halloween Stay and Play on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. 4-5pm - we do hope you can come and join us!

### Toddler room

Toddlers have loved taking part in Art Month and made some beautiful mosaic pattern pictures after looking at the work of artist Alma Thomas.



With lots of new children starting in Toddler room, we have been focussing on Montessori 'Activities for Everyday Living' activities. We have been supporting the children with the work cycle - choosing an activity or piece of equipment, carrying it to their chosen place of work, completing the activity and returning it to the shelf ready for the next person to use.



Leading up to Halloween we have looked at the life cycle of pumpkins and done lots of activities with pumpkins and apples.

We have collected conkers and used them in our maths activities.

Thank you for returning our Autumn collection bags full of Autumn treasures.

Toddler room currently have a lot of lost property. Could we kindly ask parents to check in the lost property baskets.



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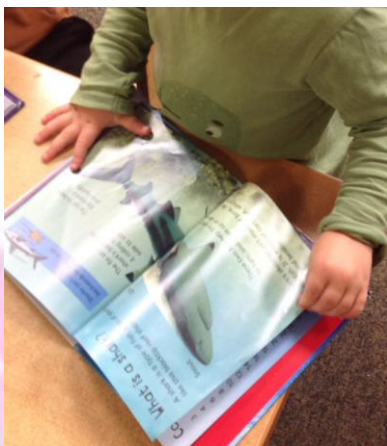
### Pre-school room

Preschool have been enjoying learning about the change of seasons. We have been looking at different Autumn colours and how the leaves change from green to red, yellow and brown and practiced our colour mixing to recreate the shades we looked at. We have been reading lots of Autumn stories and taking trips out of nursery to do a leaf hunt. The children used the eaves they collected to create individual pictures and also worked together to create a class Autumn tree.



Inspired by the change of season, we have learned all about the life cycle of apples and even made a delicious apple crumble!

Construction and factual books have been two big sparks this month. The children have explored different materials to create 'really big towers'. Looking at factual books has led to discussions about sharks and France in particular!!



Thank you to everyone who has sent in family pictures for our All About Me Board - there is

still time to add to this so please add some family photos to Tapestry.

### Home learning

Books are crucial in early years for fostering language development, cognitive growth, and emotional well-being by expanding vocabulary, building concentration, and strengthening the bond between caregiver and child through shared stories. Regular reading promotes early literacy, stimulates imagination and curiosity, and establishes a foundation for academic success and a lifelong love of reading.

What are your child's favourite books, we would love to know so we can share them at nursery. We would also love to hear about visits to your local library.

### Events to come

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

##### October-Nursery photographs

The nursery photographer will be coming in to take our annual photographs. These will be ready to order for Christmas, please feel free to bring some smart clothes for your child to wear if you would prefer. Further details to come.

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need.

Wear Your Pyjamas Day! Staff and children are welcome to come to nursery in their pyjamas. We will be collecting donations for Children in Need.

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Fair

Family and friends are all invited to our Christmas fair, 9:30am-12:00.

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December -Toddlers and Babies Christmas concert. And Christmas Jumper Day.

Parents and carers are invited to join us from 4.30pm for a Christmas singalong concert.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December- Pre-school  
Christmas concert. 10.00am Parents and carers are invited to come and watch/join in

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with the pre-school children for their Christmas concert.

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December-Nursery Christmas party.**

Children are welcome to come to nursery in their party clothes and we will be welcoming a visit from Santa Claus.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-Nursery Christmas lunch.**

Children will be enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner lunch cooked by Jane.

#### **Safeguarding**

The designated safeguarding leads for our setting are **Christine Coates** and **Ursula Rowe**.

Screen time can be a big topic of discussion in parents, and there can also be a lot of guilt around how much we use screens. The following is a link to a lovely webinar that I attended that is very informative (and realistic). Anisa Lewis is a parenting coach who hosts monthly webinars on different topics that some of you may find useful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L12k7jcrRNQ>

#### **Extra sessions**

Just a quick reminder that if you require any extra sessions for your child to attend nursery these must be confirmed either with a member of the team in the office or via email.

We would also like to remind that extra sessions are to be invoiced separately and will require payment by Tax-Free Childcare, Voucher or BACS.

We will do our utmost to help with arranging extra sessions for your child, however please remember these may not be granted at short notice due to staff ratios.

#### **Illness**

We ask that you please respect our policy to reduce illness spreading and keep children out of nursery for 48 hrs after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help prevent everyone else catching it, including staff who

offer the continual care valued by your child. If antibiotics are being used we kindly ask that you keep your child away from nursery for the first 48 hrs following initial medication.

#### **Twitter/Facebook**

If you'd like to follow us on twitter and Facebook, we'll keep you up to date with lots of activities here and other related interests too. Photos follow our strict guidelines and we never identify a child by name or photo.

#### **Invoices and payments**

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare, Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, in line with our terms and conditions. Thank you.

If you are changing the way you pay, e.g with the Tax Free Childcare payments, please let our accounts team know as soon as possible, or by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month on

[headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk)

so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help.

**Notice re payments after the 1<sup>st</sup>:** Some payments have been increasingly irregular, especially as new payments methods have been introduced, such as Tax Free Childcare, bank payments and present voucher payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the 1<sup>st</sup> of a month. Thank you.

A 'late payment charge' of £100.00 will be made where fees continue to be late. Our thanks again for your help.

#### **Nursery Holidays for 2025.**

Close Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
re-open on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026.

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