



Sherburn Hungate  
Primary School

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# Nursery Prospectus

## Sherburn Hungate Primary School – Our Nursery

Welcome to Sherburn Hungate Primary School Nursery. The nursery forms part of the school Early Years provision which includes the Reception class. The classroom is situated in the main building of school with adjoining doors that link to this reception classroom. We also have an outdoor area of provision. We currently offer places for up to 26 children and, in collaboration with our local child-minders, we are able to provide full day care. Sessions in our nursery are mornings only and we have the added flexibility to suit your childcare needs.

The Nursery class is the first step for many of our local children in our school and we greatly value the experience and learning opportunities that the children receive.

This handbook is addressed to all our parents and friends and we hope it will be useful to you. In it we have put down our aims, brief outlines of the Nursery curriculum, some details of our organisation and certain matters of routine, which help to keep the Nursery running smoothly. Please keep the prospectus safe so you can refer to it when necessary in the future.

You can also find further up to date information about the school on our website: [www.sherburnhungate.net](http://www.sherburnhungate.net).

We hope your child will enjoy a happy, interesting and fruitful time in our Nursery class and I look forward to meeting you in the future.

Best wishes,

Mrs Julia Weights  
EYFS Leader

## Staffing

Nursery Teacher: Mrs Julia Weights  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Jayne Everitt

## Admissions

Please see the 'Admissions Policy' at the back of this prospectus.

Children are admitted to the Nursery from the start of the term following their third birthday, providing places are available.

Date of Birth	Start Date
31 <sup>st</sup> August – 30 <sup>th</sup> December	At the beginning of Spring Term
31 <sup>st</sup> December – 30 <sup>th</sup> March	At the beginning of Summer Term
31 <sup>st</sup> March – 30 <sup>th</sup> August	At the beginning of Autumn Term

If there are any vacant places available once all the government funded places have been allocated, children who are 'rising three year olds', i.e. will be three years old at the beginning of the next term, may access a paid place for one term. Please contact the office for further details.

You can register your child's name for a place in the Nursery class by contacting the school office (the earlier the better). You will then be asked to confirm your request for a place a few months in advance of the start dates so that if your application is unsuccessful you are able to make other arrangements.

If you are interested coming and meeting our wonderful nursery team, please contact us by phoning school or visiting our website at [www.sherburnhungate.net/our-nursery](http://www.sherburnhungate.net/our-nursery)

## Sessions

The Nursery has one session each day, in each week during term time. In collaboration with our local child-minders, you may be able to sure full day care.

There is a morning session (0845 to 1145) for 26 pupils.

## **In our nursery**

We aim to create a stimulating and varied environment in which your child feels safe and happy and will flourish socially, physically and academically. We want children to grow in confidence and take positive steps towards independence.

Our nursery and reception classes are situated adjacent to each other and there are adjoining internal doors which are often open to allow free-flow of provision. This means that our nursery children can mix with a wider range of children and staff, and access activities which are extremely well-matched to their learning needs.

We offer your child a variety of activities to meet our aims whilst fulfilling national expectations called 'Early Learning Goals' for children. We will help your child to develop through carefully planned activities in three prime areas and four supporting areas:-

- Personal, Social, Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Most of the activities will be founded in your child's play, and most of the themes followed will come from your child's ideas and interests. Your child will be involved in making decisions about the resources they need and the type of activities they wish to do. The classroom is set up in a way that allows your child to know where resources / toys / equipment are kept so they can be as independent and inventive as they wish.

**Above all, Nursery is FUN. Please remember Nursery is a time to play - play is your child's work.**

## **Each day**

When your child enters the Nursery we hope they will hang up their own coat and bag and then find their own name and 'post it' in the question box. This helps develop independence.

There will then be a choice of educational play activities available, usually based on tables or areas of the classroom, such as:

**Sand** - damp or dry

**Water** - sometimes coloured or bubbly

**Natural materials**, i.e. in addition to above - peat, salt, sawdust and flour

**Home corner / role play** - hospital, shop, travel agents, fire station, airport and three bears' cottage

**Small world imaginative play** - play people, railway, farm and wild animals, dinosaurs, doll's house, garage and cars

**Malleable materials** - play-dough and clay

**Mark making** - pencil, fibre-tip, coloured pencils, charcoal, chalk and markers

**Creative experiences** - painting, box modelling, fabric work, collage, marbling, printing and drawing

**Large construction** - variety of large bricks, planks, crates, drainpipes etc.

**Small construction** - wide variety joined in different ways. e.g. Lego, Brio, Duplo, magnetic blocks and wooden bricks

**Books** - wide selection of stories including 'Big Books', poetry, jingles, rhymes and listening tapes

**Table top activities** - games and puzzles; sorting, ordering, grading materials; matching activities; pre-reading / pre-writing activities

**Outdoor activities** - which facilitate climbing, sliding, crawling, balancing, riding, catching and throwing. We operate a free flow system where the children have access to outdoors for a majority of the session. It is therefore vital that the children come with the correct footwear, coat, gloves, hat (winter / summer), sun cream (when weather permits).

**Music** - singing using a variety of instruments and activities to develop musical awareness e.g. keeping rhythm.

**Computer** - ICT skills through games which also develop children's experience of pattern, shape, matching and phonics on a computer and smartboard

**Snack time** - each day at a time during the session that the children chose for themselves

## **Baking**

In all areas, children are encouraged to make decisions for themselves, to work collaboratively with other children, and to know that what they have to offer is valued.

We also visit the main parts of school on a regular basis when we use the school hall and experience small apparatus, circle time, movement to music and singing.

## **Records**

We keep records of your child's progress in each of the 'Early Learning Goals' in your child's 'Pupil Profile'. This profile is made up of observations and photographs of your child's experiences as well as more formal assessments. There is also the option for you to send us 'postcards' of your child's experiences outside Nursery. You can keep track of your child's learning by following our secure Twitter feed. Please request access by logging on to Twitter and searching for @2026hungate. The feed will follow your child throughout school until they leave us in 2026!

In October and February you will also have the opportunity to meet with Mrs Weights to discuss your child's progress. You will also receive a report in July. Please feel free to make an appointment to see Mrs Weights or Mrs Everitt at any time to discuss their progress or if you have any concerns.

## **Parents**

A classroom noticeboard is present in the nursery classroom, keeping you abreast of up-and-coming dates and significant information. In addition, there will be a half termly newsletter which will be sent to all parents of children in the Early Years setting.

We're always seeking help from parents and you are most welcome to come along and volunteer. You may even want to volunteer in other areas of school.

We look forward to working with you and hope you will feel at home with us in our Nursery class.

## General Information

1. We do everything we can to make the Nursery a warm and welcoming place for both adults and children. We hope children will settle down quickly and be happy. Parents can help us to achieve this by bringing your child to Nursery regularly and punctually.
2. If your child is ill and is unable to attend Nursery please contact school by telephone before 0900 on each day of absence so that the absence can be recorded accurately. If you do not contact us the absence will be marked as unauthorised.
3. If you are taking your child out of school for any reason other than illness or medical appointments please request a Leave of Absence form which must be completed and handed in at least six weeks before the absence.
4. If your child has a medical problem, which may affect them in the Nursery, please let us know so that we can help.
5. If your child is brought to school by car please park on the unmarked areas of North Drive or North Crescent. Unfortunately our car park is only large enough for staff and visitors.
6. When you pick your child up please come in good time, as your child will worry if you are late. If there is a problem collecting your child please telephone school. Remember your child must be collected by a responsible adult. If someone different is collecting your child please tell us.
7. Children do not need to wear a uniform in the Nursery, although school uniform items such as sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces and house colour t-shirts are available and can be ordered and purchased through ParentPay.

Please DO NOT dress your child in their best clothes as although we do provide aprons for 'messy' activities we cannot promise to always keep them clean. Do let them wear washable clothes and trousers which simply pull up, as well as Velcro fastening shoes where possible to encourage their independence. We work both inside and outside the classroom on most days so appropriate outdoor clothing, especially in hot or cold weather, is essential.

8. A bag with spare clothing left on your child's coat peg, just in case, helps dry and clean.
9. If children are not fully potty trained please send them in "pull-ups" and with a change of underwear and wet wipes left on their peg.
10. Please help us by making sure all clothing and footwear are clearly named. Labels are available from many suppliers; if you buy them from Easy2Name, school receives a small amount of commission.
11. We operate a lending library where your child can choose from a range of activities (books, puzzles, games, story sacks). Simply take the item you require and return it once you have done with it.
12. Milk is provided free of charge to children under 5 using the Cool Milk service. To help us provide the children with a daily snack we ask for voluntary contributions of 50 pence a week which is paid once per term payment through ParentPay. Your contributions also help fund our baking activities and occasional treats. Please tell us if your child has any food allergies. Children are provided with a piece of fruit each day at going home time.
13. Home visits – you will all have the opportunity for a home visit where the Nursery staff will visit you and your child in your own home to find out any information you need to share with staff before your child starts Nursery. Any information shared is confidential and aims to make your child's time at Nursery as happy as possible. On your child's first day in nursery, you are welcome to stay for a little while if you wish, but your child can then be left to enjoy Nursery on their own.