



Fernwood Primary and Nursery School



Nursery Information Pack 2026/27

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Welcome to Fernwood Primary and Nursery School.

We are so pleased that your child is joining us here and look forward to the beginning of a great journey. The Foundation Stage is a hugely important one—we are laying solid foundations for your child to build upon so they can grow and flourish into lifelong learners.

At our Nursery, we aim for all of our children to play and learn within a happy, stimulating and creative environment where they will make friends and learn to love school.

This booklet comprises many of the frequently asked questions you may have and should give you all the information you need. If you still have queries, please [contact us](#).

We're looking forward to seeing you and your children soon.

Ben Waldram

Executive Headteacher



Scan to visit the Nursery page of our website.



KEY INFORMATION

Fernwood Primary and Nursery School

Arleston Drive

Wollaton

Nottingham

NG82FZ

0115 9155727 (press option 2 for the Infant Building).



Scan to see our term dates and other events.

Fernwood Primary & Nursery School is made up of 4 buildings all on one campus: a Junior Building, an Infant Building, our enhanced provision (The Lighthouse) and our Nursery.

The Nursery caters for 52 children in the morning session and 52 children in the afternoon session. Children whose parents are eligible for the Government's [30 hour free childcare scheme](#) may stay for both sessions (morning and afternoon, which may also include a paid lunch-break period). All places are dependent upon availability.

The Nursery is led by a full-time teacher and an experienced team of teaching assistants to support the learning and development of every child.

TERM DATES

The academic year 2026/27 begins on **Tuesday 1st September** with the first day for pupils being **Wednesday the 2nd**. The year ends on **Wednesday 28th July, 2027**. Please see your **individual letter for your child's start date**. A full list of term dates is available on the [website](#).

There will be 5 INSET days throughout the year—this is when the staff will be in school for training. No children will be in school on those days. These will be on the school calendar on the website once announced.

INSET Days

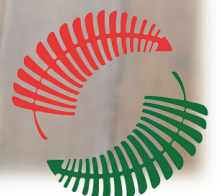
Tuesday 1st September

Friday 2nd October

Monday 22nd February

Friday 28th May

Wednesday 28th July



A DAY IN NURSERY...

Morning session:

arrival between 08:35-08:45 and collection between 11:35-11:45.

Afternoon session:

arrival between 12:35-12:45 and collection between 15:35-15:45.

Arriving: The entrance to the Nursery is just off the Junior School path for part-time children and at the back of Nursery for our full-time children. This is designed to give you the opportunity to speak with a key member of staff and to ease congestion at these busy times.

During these sessions, your child will take part in exciting play-based activities which will cover all areas of learning. Some of these activities may be led by adults and some by the children's interests. Rhymes, songs and story-time occur daily to excite and inspire the children and to introduce them to key skills such as listening, making initial sounds, predicting and repeating phrases.



Our engaging curriculum focuses on many different topics including seasonal activities, focused celebrations and opportunities for the children to share their own cultures and traditions.



We use Class Dojo as a brilliant way of bringing you into the classroom. This is an app where we share photos, stories and key moments from our day. You can also use Class Dojo to share photos from home if your child has done something you want us to see.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...



How can I best prepare my child for Nursery?

By encouraging your child to use the toilet independently and wash their own hands.
By helping them to be able to put their coat on so they can do this independently.
By playing simple games at home where they have to take turns and share.

When can I speak to my child's key adult?

At the end of the session is the best time to speak with the Nursery teacher/key adult. Class Dojo can be used to message the teacher although we have a quiet time set—this is 17:00 until 08:00 the following morning.

When can I come into Nursery?

There are lots of opportunities to join in with us here at Nursery; our Elf Walk and Sing at Christmas is a definite must! There are also two planned meetings during the year where you can come and discuss your child's progress.

The teaching team are always available to talk to if you have a serious concern.

What does my child eat and drink at Nursery?

Milk and fruit. As part of the National Fruit Scheme, all children receive a small piece of fruit each day. A small carton of milk is also offered at this time. Milk is offered free of charge until your child becomes 5 years-old. Water is available and encouraged every day.

If your child stays all day, you will need to send them with a packed lunch. During the lunchtime period, the children are supervised and cared for by a midday supervisor team.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...



Is there a uniform?

We strongly encourage all of our Nursery children to wear our Fernwood Primary uniform. This consists of:

- ✦ red sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the Fernwood logo;
- ✦ white short-sleeved polo shirt with or without the Fernwood logo;
- ✦ grey trousers with elastic waistband, grey tracksuit bottoms or a skirt; or
- ✦ A red and white checked dress for summer.

Our nursery children can wear any colour shoes (but no laces please).

Morleys School Outfitters,
116-118 Bramcote Avenue,
Chilwell,
Notts,
NG9 4DR.

Telephone 0115 9258046

<https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>

Just Schoolwear,
73 Derby Road,
Long Eaton,
Notts,
NG10 1LU.

Telephone 0115 9652869

<https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/>

Please label all your children's clothes clearly with their name.

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...



What do I do if my child is not well?

Contact us by telephone 0115 915 5727, option 2 for the Infant Office or e-mail the office team admin@fernwoodprimary.co.uk or use the *Arbor app: Child's Profile > Attendance > log the reason.*

We must have a reason for all absences from Nursery.

Though we clearly do not want children to attend when they are ill, please ensure that your child has the least possible time off Nursery. **Every day counts!**

If your child does become ill at Nursery, you will be contacted at home, work or via one of your named contacts so please ensure you update us if they change.

What happens if my child is taking medication?

Staff will administer medication for specific illnesses e.g. diabetes and asthma. If necessary, a medical plan will be drawn up with the school nurse or SEND team to support your child's medical needs.

We only administer prescribed medicines that need to be given at a specific time whilst your child is in Nursery.

Useful links

[Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities](#)

[Policies](#)



Scan to see the SEND page on our website.



Scan to see our policies.

