

Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to what we hope will be the beginning of a positive and supportive partnership between you, your child, and the team at Ovingham Under 5's.

Our goal is to do the very best for your child, and your input plays a vital role in helping us achieve that. To support your child's smooth transition and development, we kindly ask that you complete or update the **"All About Me"** section on your child's **Tapestry** account.

Please also feel free to post any updates about your child's interests or experiences outside of nursery—such as swimming lessons, family outings, or special events. This helps us to build a fuller picture of your child and enriches our interactions and planning.

This Term's Topic: All About ME

We're kicking off the year with the theme **"All About Me,"** which is a core element of the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** curriculum. This topic helps children explore their identity, understand emotions, and build communication and social skills through fun, inclusive activities.

As part of our continuous provision, we'll be exploring:

- The Seasons
- Friendships & Kindness
- Colours and Shapes
- Numbers

You'll also receive **home activities** throughout the term. These are designed to extend learning into your child's familiar environment and can be tailored to suit their unique needs.

Attached: Your First Home Activity

Please find a **place setting picture** to decorate with your child. You can add words, drawings, or photos of their favourite foods. This will help us create our **new lunchtime menus**, which we'll share with you soon.

Please return all completed activities to nursery as soon as possible. These will be added to your child's **Learning Journal**, which is yours to keep when your child leaves nursery.

Library Books

Children will begin bringing home **library books** each week. These are not part of a formal reading scheme, but they're a great opportunity to develop a love of books and reading together at home. Please return the book in order to receive a new one the following week.

Meet Billy Bear!

We're excited to soon introduce the children to **Billy Bear**, our cuddly nursery mascot! Billy loves to go on adventures and will be spending time with each family during the term.

If you have a special occasion coming up and would like Billy to join you, just let a member of staff know. Billy comes with a bag of clothes, a storybook, and a diary for you to help fill in. This is always a favourite with the children and helps strengthen home-nursery connections.

Fee Update – Effective 1st September 2025

As a voluntary committee-run nursery, we do everything we can to keep costs low. However, due to rising operational expenses, we will be updating our fees from **1st September 2025**:

- **Hourly Rate:** £6.20
- **Snack:** 50p
- **Lunch:** £2.50

We greatly appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Can You Help?

If you are able to contribute, we would be grateful for donations of the following everyday items:

- Kitchen roll
- Bleach
- Toilet rolls
- Antibacterial surface spray
- Tissues

Your help makes a big difference!

Upcoming Fundraiser: Spooky Disco!

Please find attached a flyer for our upcoming **Spooky Disco** fundraiser. We look forward to seeing you there—it's always a fantastic event and a great way to build community spirit.

Half Term Dates

Nursery Closes: Friday, 24th October 2025

Reopens: Monday, 3rd November 2025

As always, if you have any questions or would like to chat with a member of staff, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Warm regards,
The Ovingham Under 5's Team