

Nursery

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026



Welcome to Bankfoot Nursery!

We are so pleased to welcome you and your children as they begin the next step of their learning journey with us this year. A very special welcome goes out to our new families joining Bankfoot—we can't wait to get to know you!

Starting school is such an exciting time, and we are here to make the transition as smooth and happy as possible. Our aim is to help your child settle with confidence, while making sure you feel supported too. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) covers your child's learning and development from birth to age five. At Bankfoot, we follow the EYFS framework across our Nursery and Reception classes to ensure every child has the very best start.

We know beginning a new school can sometimes feel a little overwhelming, but please be reassured that we will guide your child gently into daily routines and expectations. In this newsletter, you'll find some helpful information about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Our topic this term is called:

What do I know about me?

Over the next few weeks, the children will be settling in, getting to know their new friends, and becoming familiar with the routines of our unit.

Through this topic, we will be exploring all the wonderful things that make us unique—such as our families, likes and dislikes, favourite

activities, and the things we are good at. The children will have plenty of opportunities to share their ideas, talk about themselves, and celebrate what makes them special.

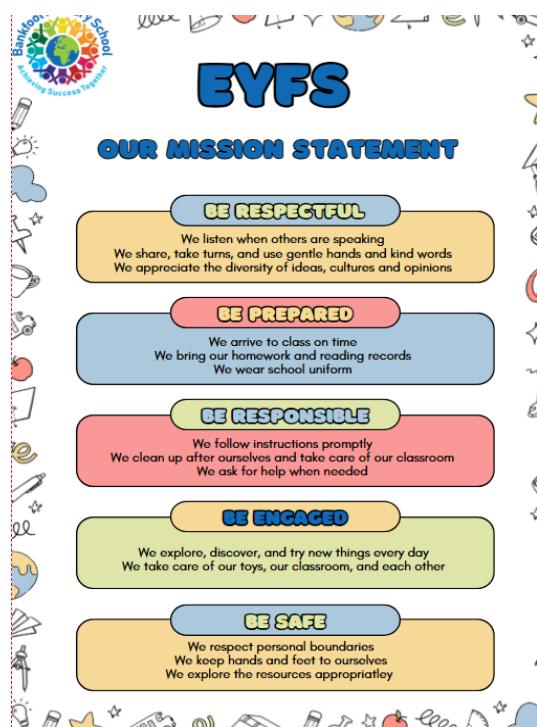
Alongside this, staff will be supporting the children to set new learning targets and encouraging them to build confidence, independence, and positive relationships. This is always such an exciting time of year as we get to know each other and start our learning journey together.



Mission Statement

In class we have discussed how we all have a part to play in keeping our environment a good place to be.

EYFS Mission Statement



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Promoting British Values in EYFS - Statutory Requirement

There are four fundamental British values in the Early Years which are implicitly embedded throughout the EYFS framework. These values are:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect.



In Autumn 1 we will be promoting these through:

Democracy

Developing an understanding of the importance of working together.

Rule of Law

Helping children to manage their feelings in a positive way. Developing and helping children to follow rules for their groups and classroom.

Individual Liberty

Promoting children's rights and responsibilities.

Tolerance and Mutual Respect

Helping children to develop awareness of their own needs, views and feelings and encouraging them to be sensitive to the needs, views, and feelings of others.

Mental health and Well-being

In early years we focus on how we support children with their mental health. We aim for all our children to be able to:

- listen and respond to the teacher's instructions, follow, and understand the rules.
- form positive relationships with other children and with teachers.
- be sensitive to their own and other children's needs.
- know how to share and play cooperatively with other children, are resilient and recover quickly after an 'upset' and move on.

Community values

Kindness

In our Early Years classrooms, kindness is more than just a word – it's something we practise, share, and celebrate every day. From helping a friend tidy up, to offering a smile when someone feels sad, our children are learning that small acts of kindness make a big difference.

Gratitude

In our Early Years setting, we are learning that gratitude means noticing and appreciating the good things around us. Even the smallest moments—like a friend sharing a toy, a teacher helping with a tricky task, or enjoying a sunny day outside—give us reasons to say "thank you."

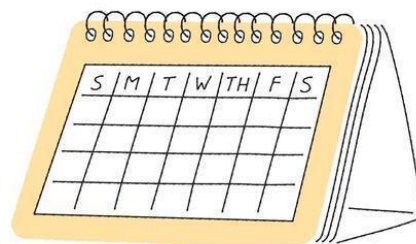


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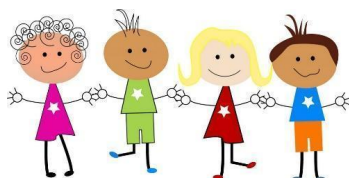
Dropping off and picking up

Please help us to keep your child safe. Ensure you are dropping off and picking up your child on time. If you are unable to pick up your child, please contact the office.



Homework

Nursery: Homework will be given every Thursday and will need to be returned on the following Monday for marking.



Reminders

School uniform

Please remember to clearly label your child's clothes and pumps.

Spare clothes

Remember to provide a bag with spare clothes (including footwear). Please make sure each item is labelled with your child's full name.

Snack

Your child will have free milk and a piece of fruit every day.

Attendance

Missed days and late arrivals can have a significant impact on learning therefore we aim for all children to have 100% attendance and punctuality each half term.

Forth coming events

School closed for Pupils (INSET day)

Friday 2nd October 2026

School closes

Friday 23th October 2026

School opens

Monday 2nd November 2026



Who works in the Nursery?

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Miss Verma – Class Teacher

Miss Begum – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Mir – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Khan – Cover Teacher

Mr Elstub – PE Teacher



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Finally

We very much acknowledge, appreciate and value the support you give your child. The school/home partnership plays an extremely important role in your child's progress and their learning journey.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the EYFS team.

