Ethelred Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 Term September 2026

Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome all our children and families new and Old back to Ethelred Nursery. It has been a wonderful start to the term, and the children are settling in slowly but surely! They have returned with big smiles, lots of enthusiasm and a real eagerness to explore, learn and make new friends. We are so proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been!

What We've Been Learning

Already the children have been:

- Exploring the outdoor environment, including water play, puddle jumping and painting in the rain.
- Developing language through stories, rhymes and conversations
- Building friendships and learning how to share and take turns
- Being creative with mark-making and climbing over apparatus.

Book based Learning

This half term the children will be developing their Communication and Language and Early Literacy skills through these amazing books – Owl Babies, The Colour Monster and Supertato!

Important Dates

25.09.26 Meet the New Head of School
Coffee Morning & Afternoon 9:15-9:45 & 12:45-1:15
08.10.26 **Trip to Brixton Market**
20.10.26 Coffee morning for parents – **Vision and Values & School Development Plan**
22.10.26 **International Dress up Day -Last day for children**
23.10.26 **Parent Conference meetings**

Allergy Safety

Following recent guidance of Benedict's Law, the school now has 2 spare auto-injector devices on site. If we believe a child is having an anaphylactic attack and there may be a risk to life, we will administer one of these to the child.
https://benedictblythe.com/benedicts-law/

Home Learning Idea

Blow bubbles together and talk about where they go! This supports language development, curiosity and thinking skills.
Big questions build brave thinkers!

Child's Voice

"Where do the bubbles go?"
"Splash! My boots are jumping!"
"I made some tea".
"I like my friends!"
We love listening to the children's ideas, questions and imaginations, they inspire us every day!

Working in Partnership

We love hearing from you! If your child has achieved something special at home, please share it with us so we can celebrate together. Together we make a difference!

Reminders…

- If you are sending someone else to collect your child at the end of Nursery, they will need to know your passcode.
- Please remember we are a 'NUT FREE' school. Packed lunches must not contain any nuts or nut related products.
- We would welcome any spare pants, socks, vests and shoes if you can spare any.

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Autumn 1 Curriculum Focus

This term our topic will be '**Wonderful me**'. The children will learn about **themselves**, their **homes** and **family** and their **community** and **environment.** We will also focus on the children's interests and already we can see how popular Spiders can be!

For next week, we are asking all parents to send in a picture of themselves with their child to support the development of Communication and Language and the wider world.

Key Person Corner

Your child's key person is observing and supporting their development closely. They will be sharing updates and next steps with you regularly. Please do speak to them at drop-off or pick-up if you have any questions or updates from home.

SEND

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

My name is Jo and I am the SEND Lead Teacher. At Ethelred we warmly welcome children with SEND and emerging needs. I will be working with children, families and key staff to help identify early signs of need and to coordinate support for children that need it. If you have worries about your child's learning and development please let your key person know and I am on hand to offer help and advice, if needed.

Don't forget....

24.10.26 -**Half Term Break** 26.10.26-30.10.26
02.11.26 **Inset day for staff** – No children. **Children commence school 03.11.26**

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Thank you for being part of our Ethelred family