


Ethelred Nursery School & Children's Centre Information for parents and carers

January




Dates for your diary

Below are listed some key dates coming up:

Spring Term 3 2026

Mon 5th Jan 2026

Home visits to new families-
closed to children

Tues 6th Jan

Inset day - closed to children

Wed 7th Jan

Children return to school

Fri 13th Feb

Last day for all children

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 16th Feb-Friday 20th Feb

Spring Term 4 2026

Mon 23rd Feb

Children return to school

Thurs 26th March

Last day for children

Fri 27th March

Parent Conferencing -
closed to children

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 30th March-Fri 10th April

Summer Term 5 2026

Mon 13th April

First day for all

Mon 4th May

Bank holiday

Fri 22nd May

Last day for all

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 25th-Friday 29th May

Summer Term 6 2026

Mon 1st June

Inset day

Tues 2nd June

Children start

Thurs 16th July

Last day for all children

Fri 17th July

Parent conferencing

Mon 20th July

Inset day

Welcome!

Welcome back and happy 2026! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the term ahead. A warm welcome to our new families who have joined Ethelred Nursery School. Well done to all the children who are settling into the routine and the children who have moved into the Green Room. Our newsletters share with you any news, developments and information on the learning and events that are happening throughout the nursery.

Last half term we celebrated the festive holiday. We all took part in our first Ethelred Christmas Story Trail with a visit from Manor Farm. The children raised money for Save the Children charity and they sang beautifully during the Christmas performance. We would like to give a massive thank you to our Ethelred Santa.

For our new families you will be able to access your child's learning using the tool Evidence me [click here](#) to have a look at the parent help information.

Reminders

If anyone else is collecting your child on your behalf, could you please call the school first and give the name of the person collecting and share the password with them. This will ensure a smooth pickup and children's safety.

In addition, if you are going to be late, please give us a call so we can reassure your child. It is very important that you arrive on time to drop off your child and again at collection time. We would also appreciate that you inform us early and keep us updated if your child is going to be absent.

As part of our daily routine, children attend group times with their key person. To make sure this time is most effective, we will ask that children do not arrive or be collected during these times. We will therefore ask any children arriving during these times to wait in the reception area until group time is finished and we will then welcome you into the classroom.

School Fund

We appreciate all donations we receive towards the school fund. The **weekly** donation for part-time children is £1 and £2 for full-time children. If you prefer to pay by card, we ask that you pay for the half, or full term.

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering at our school or elsewhere in the Federation please contact Monika office@maytree-school.org.uk

Birthday celebrations

At Ethelred Nursery, we celebrate all children's birthday within key groups. If you so wish to please bring in a nut free cake including a list of ingredients for your child to share with their friends.

Nurture Room

This is what we will be learning at school:

PSED

- I am developing understanding of my own emotions.
- I am beginning to engage with peers in play.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

- I learn new words and use them in conversation.

LITERACY

- I use story knowledge to retell and play with familiar stories, using language, roleplay and props.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- I can explore cause and effect toys and to explore how things work.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- I can engage in physical challenges using climbing equipment
- I am developing balance.

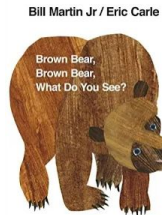
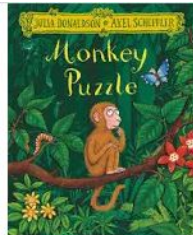
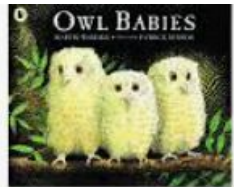
MATHS

- I am starting to tag individual objects with the number word (counting).

EXPRESSIVE ART and DESIGN

- I can join with familiar range of songs and rhymes.

Previous and current core books for this term



Parent corner

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Toilet training

The process of toilet training will be different for each child. Click on the link below for tips to support you and your child with their toilet training.

[Support your child with their toilet training](#)

Positive parent and professional support

A neuro affirming service providing early support for parents and carers of children and young people living in Lambeth.

[Click here for more information and to sign up](#)

Learning at home

Reading

Read daily with your child. Allow your child to lead exploring the books and looking at the pictures.

Nursery Rhymes:

[Click here](#) to sing along with your child a range of nursery rhymes and familiar songs.



Orange Room

This is what we will be learning at school

PSED

- I am confident to explore the environment activities and resources on offer.
- I demonstrate a sense of self through wanting to be independent.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

- I am beginning to use language to express myself to familiar adults and peers and make comments about things I have seen.

LITERACY

- I can join in with repeated reference and action songs.
- I can give meanings to marks I make.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- I engage with a range of small world resources

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- I explore how to use my body in different ways.
- I am developing balance

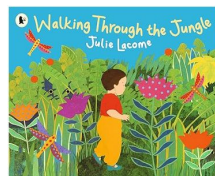
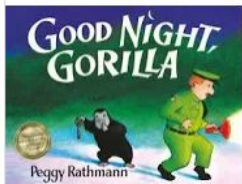
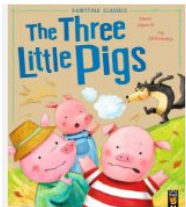
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Morning group time:

Group time will be between 9:15 and 9:25am. Please arrive by 9:10am. Children will be welcomed into the classroom again after 9:25am.

Afternoon group time:

Group time is between 3:15 - 3:30pm. Please collect by 3:05pm or after 3:30pm. Support your child's potty training journey

Learning at home

Reading

Read daily with your child. Allow your child to lead exploring the books and looking at the pictures.

Support your child's fine motor skills.

Pom-pom Pick-up:

Use child-safe tongs, tweezers, or clothes pegs to move pom-poms into a muffin tin or cup.



Green Room

This is what we will be learning at school

PSED

- I can find solutions to conflicts.
- I am becoming more able to adapt behaviour during familiar activities
- **COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE**
- I listen attentively and respond to information by asking relevant questions.
- I learn new words and use them in conversation.

LITERACY

- I understand that print holds meaning, noticing the different purpose of print.
- I play with alliteration, sounds and rhyming words.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- I understand the need to respect our environment and the world around us.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- I can use climbing equipment safely and with regard to other children.

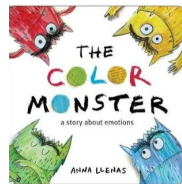
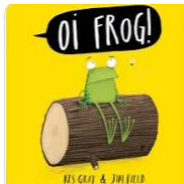
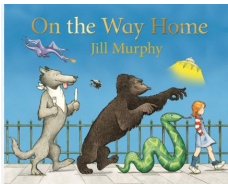
MATHS

- I can recognise changes in the number of things and use 'same' 'more' and 'less' where appropriate.

EXPRESSIVE ART and DESIGN

- I explore colour mixing.

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Afternoon group time:

Group time is between 3:00pm - 3:15pm. Please collect by 2:50pm or after 3:15pm.

Learning at home

Support your child's creativity

Arts & Crafts:

Finger painting, handprint art, collage making, junk modelling or creating paper hats.

Reading

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