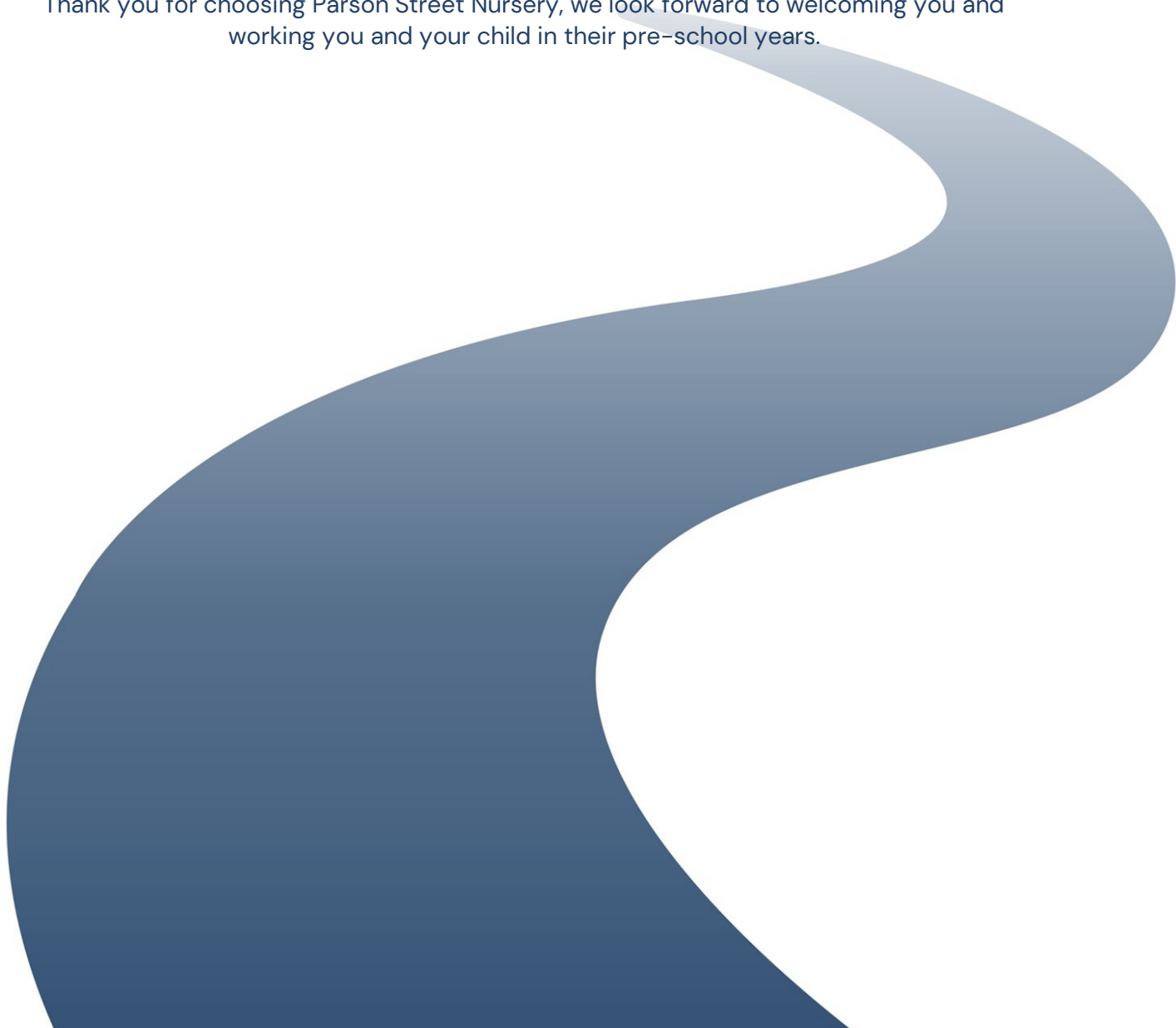


Parson Street Nursery Welcome Pack 2026-27

Thank you for choosing Parson Street Nursery

Thank you for choosing Parson Street Nursery, we look forward to welcoming you and working you and your child in their pre-school years.

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A Very Warm Welcome to Parson Street Nursery

This booklet contains useful information that you will need to refer to during the year. However, you can also communicate with us and receive updates of what your children have been up to and how they are progressing through our apps; Arbor and Class Dojo.

School Times

- Flexible Opening from 8.50am
- Start of the day/registration 9.00am
- End of the day 3.30pm (Nursery and Reception flexi-collection time from 3.20pm)

Contact Details



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Term Dates for 2026–2027		
Autumn Term Terms 1 & 2	Spring Term Terms 3 & 4	Summer Term Terms 5 & 6
Thursday 3 rd September to Friday 23 rd October ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 2 nd November to Friday 18 th December	Monday 4 th January to Friday 12 th February ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 25 th March	Monday 12 th April to Friday 28 th May ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 7 th June to Thursday 22 nd July
INSET days – 2026/2027 (The dates below show when the school is closed to pupils for staff training.)		
Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
Thursday 3 rd September Friday 4 th September Friday 27 th November	Monday 4 th January Monday 1 st February Monday 22 nd February	Friday 25 th June

Nursery Sessions and Times

You will have been allocated one of the following sessions:

30 hours: Monday – Friday – 9.00am – 3.30pm (Flexi drop-off from 8.50am & Flexi pick-up from 3.20–3.30pm)

15 hours:

**All day Monday and Tuesday – 9.00am – 3.30pm (including lunch)
(Flexi drop-off from 8.50am & Flexi pick-up from 3.20–3.30pm)**

**Wednesday Morning – 9.00am–12.00pm (no lunch)
(Flexi drop-off from 8.50am & from 11.30am)**

Or.....

**Wednesday Afternoon – 12.30pm – 3.30pm (no lunch)
(Flexi pick-up from 3.20–3.30pm)**

**Thursday and Friday – 9.00am – 3.30pm (including lunch)
(Flexi drop-off from 8.50am & Flexi pick-up from 3.20–3.30pm)**

Settling into School

Our aim is to help your child to settle into school – relaxed and happy! We believe that we best achieve this by introducing each new aspect of school life to them ***gradually***. We therefore have a staggered entry with small numbers of children starting each day throughout September.

We want your child to have the opportunity to be part of a small group when they first begin school so that it is easier for them to learn our rules and routines, make friends and get to know the Nursery staff. It also gives us some quality time with each child to see what they can do and how we can best support their learning.

We appreciate that, as busy parents, you may find the phased starting arrangements difficult **but...**

Past experience has shown our methods to be a very calm and caring way to admit young children to their new class. We have significantly reduced the induction period in recent years and this has worked extremely well.

If your child appears upset when you drop them off at school, ***please*** try not to worry! Their tears rarely last more than a few minutes but, if any child remains distressed, ***rest assured, we will contact you.*** Our staff are very experienced in dealing with this and will soon have your child happily engaged in their daily activities.

Meet the *wonderful team*

Jo Stevenson
Nursery teacher
Monday -
Wednesday



Erica Tindall
Nursery Teacher
Wednesday -
Friday



Janet Richards
Nursery Teaching
Assistant
Monday - Friday



Gemma James
Head Teacher



Vicky Nichols
Assistant Head Teacher



Claire Pringle
Assistant Head Teacher
& Early Years Lead



Environment

At Parson Street Nursery, we aim to provide a welcoming, safe and stimulating learning environment where children can learn through play. The Nursery area comprises a classroom and the outside learning area which includes, a meadow and access to the adventure playground.

Staff are present in each area for your children's safety and to support and extend your child's learning.

Children are encouraged to explore, take risks and experiment across all the learning environments as part of their learning experience.

Through enjoyable learning in our Nursery, we know your children will:

- feel confident to *explore*
- learn through *play*
- *make friends* and share with them
- make their *own choices*
- have *respect* for themselves and the world we live in
- *listen* to each other
- have *fun*

Routine

Some of the activities that your child will take part in during the day are:

Welcome Time

Time to say hello in key groups and get to know each other

Small Group Time

An adult led activity reflecting children's interests in small groups.

Child Initiated Learning (Play)

Children plan their learning across the learning environment.

Snack Time

Fruit and milk time for children to access in their key group.

Tidy-Up Time

Children are encouraged to take a very active part in putting toys away and caring for our classroom

Circle Time

Children come together to talk about their interests and learning.

Story/Music/Rhyme

Time to come together to share stories, songs, rhymes and poetry.

We value outdoor play, and the children have access to outdoor learning daily.

Developing Partnerships with Parents

The school values partnership between child, parent, teacher and community. We believe that the children benefit if we work together as much as we can. We offer a number of activities to help support this:

Home visits

With the parents'/carers' consent, two adults from the Nursery, a teacher and a teaching assistant will visit you at home. One adult will concentrate on talking to your child and one to you the parent/carer. This provides you with an opportunity to get to know "key" members of staff, share information about your child and ask questions about life in Nursery. It also helps us get to know your child which will help us settle them in when they come to school. We will also check your child's date for starting Nursery and gather some information from you about you and your child. Please check your pack for pack for date/time.

Beginning/end of the day

A member of the Nursery team will be there to greet you and your child at the beginning of the session. Our focus will be on greeting and welcoming your child into Nursery, this is an opportunity to pass information or news, however if you need more of our time, we can always be available after school, or you can arrange an appointment.

Meet the teacher

During the year we arrange to meet with you formally to talk about how your child is getting on. However, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff as soon as you can. Please don't ever think it's 'too silly' because if you are worrying about something, it's important that we try to help.

Class Dojo

The school has an online learning platform called ClassDojo. You will be invited to sign up to the nursery and whole school pages, once your child has started. Class dojo is where we can share and celebrate through photos and messages the learning that goes on during the school day.

Attendance and illnesses

Although at this stage your child is not required to attend school, we do have a duty of care to the child and their welfare. Therefore, we ask that if your child is going to be absent from Nursery that you ring the school office to let us know and the reasons why.

Please ring the office on 01179030226 – please select option 1 to leave a message with name, class and reason for absence.

If your child suffers from any sickness and diarrhoea then to avoid spreading of the illness we ask you to keep your child at home for at least 48 hours after they last showed any symptoms.

The Everyday Essentials

Clothing

You will see from our prospectus that we are a uniform wearing school. The children wear either a navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan, blue polo shirt (optional school logo), trousers/shorts or a dress/skirt. It is **ESSENTIAL THAT ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED** so when it is mislaid it can be returned to its rightful owner.

We do encourage the children to be as independent as possible and to help them we ask that you please buy your child clothes and shoes that they are able to take on and off easily themselves e.g. those with zips and Velcro.

During the school day the children take part in activities that can sometimes result in them getting a little messy (despite the fact that they are wearing an apron!) such as painting and in the mud kitchen.

Spare Clothing

Although your child will hopefully be toilet-trained by the time he or she starts Nursery, there may be "accidents". We do have some spare pants, trousers, joggers, shorts etc in the Nursery but it is a good idea to send your child with a bag containing spare clothes and wet wipes that they can keep on their peg in the event of any accidents. Spare clothes do not need to be uniform.

Outside clothes

We love to play outside and spend a large proportion of our school day in our outside areas. When the weather is warm, we ask that you send your child to school with a hat, we also ask that you apply sun cream to your child before the school day. In winter your child will also need suitable clothing to keep them warm such as gloves, a woolly hat, a scarf and warm coat. We do have spare hats and gloves.

Footwear

Please ensure that you buy shoes/trainers for your child that they can take on and off themselves and that they are an enclosed toe and velcro is a good idea. At our school, children are expected to wear **plain black** shoes/trainers.

Jewellery

Please do not let your child wear jewellery to school as it can be dangerous or can get lost. If your child has pierced ears, only studs are allowed, and we will ask you to remove hoops etc.

Toys

Children **should not** bring toys from home unless we have asked them to bring something in e.g. a teddy bear when we are doing something special at school. Loss and damage to favourite things can cause a lot of distress.

School Meals

Nutritious meals are cooked daily onsite by AIP at Parson street primary school. A menu is provided and rotates over a 3 week period and each child is provided with a main meal and pudding. We can provide a range of alternative meals including, but not limited to, vegetarian, vegan and halal. If your child has any specific meal requirements or allergies please contact Luisa Noel (LNoel@parsonstreet.com) who will then liaise with our catering team.

All school dinners must be paid for in advance by using the Arbor app. Alternatively, you can provide your child with a pack lunch.

Packed lunches

At Parson street we like to encourage all our children to eat a healthy and balanced lunch, including those who bring a packed lunch. Here is some helpful information to support you with this lunch option.

According to *NHS choices* a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes, or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs, or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

All children are provided with water during lunch time and have access to their water bottles all throughout the day. We encourage children to drink as much water as possible, especially in warmer weather.

Fruit and Milk

All children are supplied with a piece of fruit and a carton of milk each day.

Nut Allergies

We are a Nut free School and ask parents not to give your child nut products in their lunch box as. Thank you for your co-operation.

A Water Bottle

Please supply your child with a named water bottle each day. We have cups if you forget.

The School Year

Details of arrangements for each term, with dates of holidays and events, are circulated in newsletters and available on our website.

Friends of Parson Street Primary School

All parents are members of the *Friends of Parson Street School* (PTA). The Association works very hard for the benefit of the children and you are advised of all its activities by letter. Parents help in all sorts of ways and Nursery parents are particularly welcome.