

Going to Primary School - Sept 2026

Even though many of our children are just settling into nursery, it is time for parents to be thinking about applying for a Reception place at Primary school next September. Many parents are surprised at how far in advance they need to apply for a school place for their child who may only be 3 years old at the time of applying. Applications are invited every Autumn term (Mid-September/early October) and the closing date for submitting applications is 15 January each year. If you live in Sheffield you should have already received a leaflet and covering letter from the Council explaining how to apply.



Children are able to enter Reception for the first time from the September after their 4th birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 your child will start school in September 2026. You can apply online now at:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/apply-school-place

It is recommended that you apply online as it is quick, safe and secure. You will receive an immediate acknowledgement via email to confirm receipt of your application and you will be emailed by 16 April 2026 with which school your child has been allocated. **The closing date for online applications is 5th December 2025 at noon.**

The Guide for Parents: Entry into Primary School 2026 can be found at this web address www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare (a paper form which can be downloaded at the above website or can be requested by phoning (0114) 2735766

Lots of schools hold open days so that you can go and have a look at what they have to offer your child. If you are applying for a place at a church school you will also need to fill out an additional form and send it directly to the school where you would like a place.

If you feel that your child will not be ready for school in September 2026 then they may be able to stay at Broomhall for longer, especially if they are born between April and August. You can request to defer entry until later in the academic year such as January or after Easter (but they must be attending school full time from the beginning of the term after their 5th birthday). Parents wishing to defer entry until later in the academic year, should discuss this with their child's school after allocations are confirmed in March/April. **If you would like any advice about choosing schools or the process involved, please come and speak with the office or come to our coffee morning on 7th October.**



Harvest Donation

Each year we collect donations for the Archer Homeless Project. This local City Centre charity supports the homeless community by offering hot food, showers and somewhere to sleep. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it into the Donation Box in the nursery foyer by **Friday 24 October**. For a full list of items we are collecting, please see the poster next to the donation box.

BROOMHALL NURSERY NEWS



Broomhall Nursery School

Autumn 2025

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Teaclub: 07842717889

Important Dates

- 7 OCT Parent/Governor Coffee Morning (9am)
- 11 OCT: Autumn Saturday Special (10.30-12pm)
- 23 OCT: Tempest Photography taking children's individual portraits.
- 27 OCT –31 OCT: Nursery Closed for Half-Term Holiday
- 3 NOV–Nursery CLOSED for Staff Training
- 10–14 NOV : Parental Consultations with your child's key person
- 10 Dec–Xmas Family Singalong 11am & 3pm
- 16/18 DEC Children's Xmas Parties
- 22 DEC–2 JAN: Christmas Holidays
- 5 JAN–Nursery CLOSED for Staff Training
- 6 JAN (TUE): First day of new Spring Term

Welcome

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new children and families to Broomhall this term. Parents who are new to nursery, including many who are new to Sheffield, might welcome the chance to join us at one of our regular Coffee Mornings in the staff room. It is a chance to chat with other parents and get to know a bit more about nursery and what is on offer in the area. See below for details of our first one of the term. Further dates will be advertised on the A Frame in front of the nursery main entrance and via email.

Our First Coffee Morning of this Term - Starting School

7 October (9-9.30am)

- Do you have questions about your child starting school in September 2026?
- Do you need help with completing your application?
- Do you want to come and chat with other parents who have children at Nursery?

Please pop into the **Staff Room on Tuesday 7th October at 9am**

Black History Month

We are celebrating Black History Month (October) this year in lots of ways including sharing stories, such as those about the Windrush journey and Rosa Parks' bus journey.

We are also undertaking different types of art work such as Rock Art, the oldest form of indigenous art, which was originally found in Australia 28,000 years ago.

This involves using lots of tiny dots to form pictures and patterns on different media. The children will also be taking part in some African dancing on Thursday 2nd October.



CLOTHES

As the weather is turning colder please ensure your child has a coat and warm layers including jumpers or cardigans, hats and gloves, wellies are handy too. This is because a lot of the learning takes place outside every day whatever the weather. Please could you also ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name so that we can identify it should it get misplaced.



CHAT WITH YOUR CHILD'S KEY PERSON w/c 10th November

Parents and carers are always welcome to chat with their child's key person regarding their progress at nursery or to talk about any concerns. We also offer more formal parent/carer consultations every term.

Nearer the time you will receive an email and a link to our Booking System to select a time slot to speak with your child's key person. The meetings will take place in the nursery, normally held in the Staff Room. If you cannot make any of the dates/times because of work commitments, then please email the office or speak with your child's key person who will arrange a time at the start or end of day to speak with you.

The Learning Journey is accumulated from observations that staff make on a regular basis with the children. The information is gathered via iPad and relates to their development according to the Early Years Foundation Stage. These progress records eventually form part of the transition documentation that goes to primary school and you will be able to take your child's Learning Journey here to keep when they leave our setting.



Individual Photographs Thursday 23 October

Tempest Photography will be visiting nursery on Thursday 23 October to take individual portraits of the children. The photographs will be available to purchase in various combinations. These high quality photographs make excellent gifts for friends and family as well as being beautiful mementos of your child's time at Broomhall. If your child does not normally attend on a Thursday or you would like them to be photographed with their siblings then please bring your child/children in at either **9.30am** or **1:30 pm** to have their photos taken.

Things to Remember!

With lots of new children and families in Nursery it is useful for us to remind everyone of some of the simple rules we have at nursery to keep everybody safe. Please can all parents and carers remember:

- Mobile phones are not to be used in nursery or in the grounds at anytime.
 - To close the gate, slide the bolt and lift over the safety catch when you enter and leave nursery
 - To be patient when waiting for the office staff to buzz you through on the gate or door—wait for the 'Door is Open' announcement.
 - Not to bring snacks containing NUTS into nursery—this includes peanut butter, Nutella and sesame products.
 - Please can we ask that you do not bring in Hard Boiled Eggs/Egg Mayonnaise sandwiches in packed lunches
 - To phone us in the morning BEFORE 9.30am if your child is ill or not attending nursery that day. We are required to monitor absence by the Department for Education and by the FEL funding team. If your child has a hot lunch and you cancel before 9.30am, you will not be charged.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhea they should not come into nursery for at least 48 hours (or 2 clear days without any symptoms) This is to avoid the spread of infection to other children in the classroom. If you are unsure if you should send your child to nursery the NHS have the following guidance which you may find helpful:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
 - If you arrive late for your session please come via the office so we can add you to the register. If you are picking your child up early, please also let the office know so we can sign you out for that day.
 - You must tell the office if you are taking your child out of nursery on holiday. The terms of your FEL agreement state that if more than 20 days are taken in any one school year within term time then childcare fees will apply. It is important to note that attendance at nursery is important for your child's learning and development and missing weeks at a time can affect their attainment and friendships.
 - Please let the office know if your contact details change (phone number, email

address or if you move house)

- To park safely and considerately around nursery. Do not park on double yellow lines or the zig zag white lines outside of our gate - this is illegal and dangerous for your child and for other people's children. Please do not park in the resident's only bays on Wharncliffe Road - we want to be good neighbours. You can use the Parking App to secure 15 free minutes at drop off and pick up times.
- Please ensure your child is collected on time at the end of their session. Failure to do so may mean staff cannot get their lunch break or leave on time at the end of the day. You may be charged for the next session if you are consistently late.
- If your child attends Tea Club this is the number for the Tea Club Mobile **07842 717889**. This will get you straight through to the member of staff on Tea Club Duty after the main office has closed at 4pm. Please note that tea club closes at **5pm** and that you should ensure you are out of the nursery grounds promptly so that staff can lock up.