Ducklings Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2026-2027!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for an action-packed year filled with fun, laughter and learning!

Hello, my name is Harry, and I am delighted to be the new Room Leader in Ducklings Class this year. I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all of our new children, parents and carers to the Gainsborough Preschool family, and a very warm welcome back to all of our returning families.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children and to sharing a wonderful year together. We have lots of exciting opportunities planned, with plenty of fun, exploring, creativity and learning through play. I can't wait to see the children grow in confidence, develop new skills and make lots of happy memories along the way!

Here's to a fantastic year ahead in Ducklings Class!

Staffing

Preschool Manager

Charlee Lawrence

Room Leader

Harry Lawrence

Teaching Assistants

Taslima Ullah
Nicole Sousa
Marwa Munye
Shanaz Chowdury
Dilek Kisa

Curriculum

There are 3 areas of the EYFS curriculum which we cover in our indoor and outdoor provision within the preschool provision.

These areas are:

· Communication and Language
· Personal, Social and Emotional Development
· Physical Development

Key dates for your diary

Friday 18th September - **Meet the new team** - 8.45am and 12.45pm

Friday 25th September - Wear a recycled outfit

Friday 23rd October - 3.30 - 5.30 - Black History Month Event - Main School

Friday 2nd October - Half term camp email will be sent out

Friday 23rd October - End of term

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - Half Term

Monday 2nd November - INSET day for Hatchlings, Ducklings, EYFS and Years 1-6.

Tuesday 3rd November - Start of Autumn 2 term



Early learning in Ducklings

Our first term will be all about settling in, building relationships and helping the children feel happy, safe and confident in their new environment. We will spend lots of time getting to know one another, exploring our surroundings and developing friendships through play. The children will be encouraged to become more independent as they learn new routines and discover all the exciting experiences preschool has to offer. We look forward to watching them grow in confidence, develop new skills and make lots of special memories along the way!

Meet the new team

On Friday 18th September we would love to invite you to come along to our meet the new team sessions. This open invite for our Ducklings families to come in and meet our new staff team! This is a lovely opportunity to put faces to names, have a chat with the team and find out a little more about your child's key worker and the lovely opportunities that we have planned this year in the Ducklings class.

Key worker allocation

Your child's key worker is a member of the Ducklings team who will take particular responsibility for getting to know your child and supporting their individual needs, interests and development.

The key worker will build a strong and positive relationship with your child, helping them to feel safe, secure and settled within the setting.

Your child's key worker will be your **first point of contact** should you have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share about your child. We encourage you to speak to them regularly, as communication between home and nursery is an important part of supporting your child.

You should have received a letter this week detailing who your child's keyworker is. Please speak to Harry if you are still unsure.

Tapestry

You should have received an **activation link for your child's Tapestry account.** Tapestry is the platform we use to share information about your child's experiences and routines at nursery.

Through Tapestry, you will receive **two weekly uploads** showing some of the activities and experiences your child has been taking part in. We will also use Tapestry to keep you updated on your child's day-to-day routines, including:

- Activities and experiences they have enjoyed
- Daily meals and food intake
- Nappy changes
- Sleep times

We hope that Tapestry will provide you with a valuable insight into your child's time with us and give you opportunities to talk to them about their experiences at nursery.

If you have not yet received your Tapestry activation link, please speak directly to Harry, the Ducklings Room Leader, who will be happy to help.

Please feel free to speak to Charlee or a member of the Ducklings team if you have any questions.

Visit our website for dates, news and other information