

Welcome to Blossoms Nursery

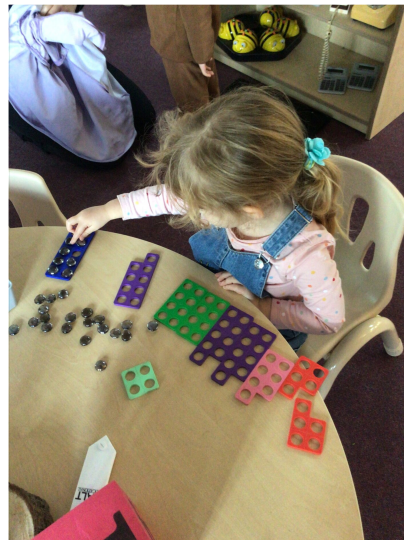
Parkdale Primary School

Welcome

We are delighted that you have chosen our Nursery to begin your child's school journey and to welcome you into our community. Parents and carers, we are here to support you with any questions or queries that you may have. This booklet will give you some key information in preparation for your child starting nursery.

Our learning and development

In Blossoms class, we will be learning through play and investigation. Our exciting curriculum is carefully planned around the EYFS Statutory framework to make sure that all children thrive and achieve. We will be exploring our creativity, learning new skills, investigating the world and everything that lives in it, celebrating festivals around the world and most importantly having lots of fun! Each term you will receive a letter to tell you all of the exciting learning your child will be doing in school.



Hi! I'm Miss Parkin and I am the Blossoms Class teacher. I am so excited to get to know both you and your child this year.



Hi! I'm Miss Desborough and I am the Early Years Lead here at Parkdale. I am so excited to meet you all soon!

Our Nursery day

Our morning session begins at 8:30am and finishes at 11:30am. You can drop your child off at the Blossoms classroom door on the playground at 8:30am and collect from the 'snow door' (pictured below) at 11:30am.

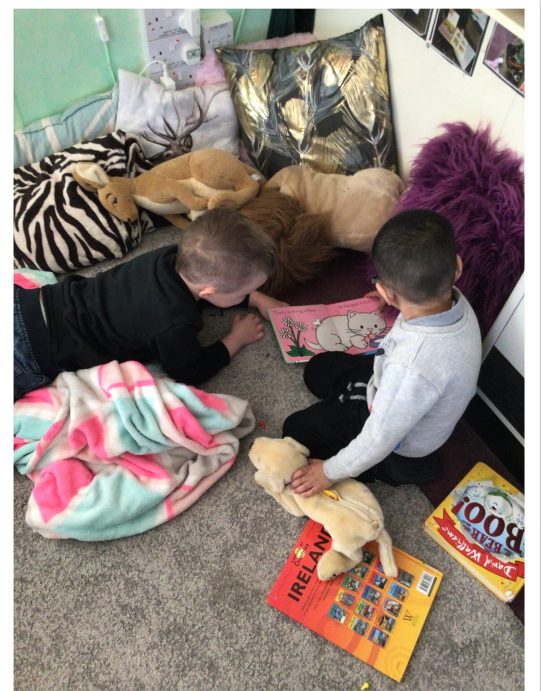
Our afternoon sessions begin at 12:30pm and finish at 3:30pm. You can drop your child off at the 'snow door' (pictured below) at 12:30pm and collect from the Blossoms classroom door on the playground at 3:30pm.

Please be on time to drop off and pick up your child, any late arrivals will be recorded on our school system. If you think your child will be late or absent for any reason please ring the office directly to let them know, so they can record it accurately on our system.

If you would like your child to attend any extra sessions, you must pay and have the sessions agreed to before hand.

Our full admissions policy, detailing the hours your child is entitled to, can be found on our website, if you have any enquiries please get in touch with the office (contact details can be found on the final page).

Please keep an eye on the Nursery Bulletin Board for upcoming events such as Stay and Play sessions and key dates.



Lunchtime

If your child is attending nursery full time, you can choose to send them with a packed lunch or have a school dinner provided by Aspens which you can pay for. You will need an Aspens logon to pay for your child's dinner and you will need to add meal credits before ordering. These details will be available from the office. If your child is having a packed lunch we will



The main school entrance.



The path, as you come in through the main entrance, which leads you to the snow door.

store their lunch boxes in the Nursery classroom and they can be put on the



The snow door, where we will dismiss morning children and welcome in the children arriving for their afternoon session.



The entrance via the playground to the Blossoms classroom.

trolley at the beginning of your child's session.

Transition into Nursery

From July 2023 we will welcome your child into the Nursery to complete independent transition sessions. These sessions will be organised by the class teacher and Early Years Lead. If you have preference of day and time, please contact either Miss Parkin or Miss Desborough (emails can be found on the final page). These sessions will also provide a great opportunity for parents and carers to get to know the Nursery team and to ask any questions you may have before your child begins their full sessions in September.

Our new school year commences on Wednesday 6th September 2023. From this date you are able to bring your child into Blossoms Nursery for their full agreed sessions. On Wednesday 6th September you are welcome to stay for a short while, if needed, and support your child to settle on their first day. From Thursday 7th September onwards, parents will be encouraged to leave their child for their full agreed sessions. If your child needs further transition sessions this can be discussed with the class teacher or Early Years Lead.

At Parkdale we are a family and value our community. We would love a photo of your child with their family to add to our family display, we would also love to know any likes and interests your child has so that we can incorporate them into our environment.

What you need to bring...

We understand that although your child is toilet trained accidents may still happen. Please send your child with a spare set of clothes including pants, socks, bottoms and a top for them to keep on their peg in school. Your child should also have wipes and nappy bags for just in case! Please make



sure everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled with your child's full name.

Your child will also need a labelled water bottle everyday which they will bring home with them at the end of each day and can be collected from the trolley along with their lunchbox. We understand that your child may have a special toy which can be used to support with transition, but we can't guarantee that it won't get lost and staff can not be responsible for any for any toys/items brought from home at nursery. So we ask that toys and other items are kept at home or alternatively put away safely in bags.

Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory in nursery, we would recommend your child wears comfortable, practical clothing that you don't mind getting messy, as your child will be very active, playing both indoors and outdoors, painting, writing and glueing. Ideally, tracksuit bottoms or leggings, no dungarees or overalls (as they are tricky for toileting), shoes or trainers (no sandals or laces) and on colder days warm, labelled outerwear with a hood as we will be outside in all weathers! A labelled pair of wellingtons to keep on their peg would be great too for when we are doing our outdoor learning. In summer we ask that you



also provide a sun hat and apply sun cream to your child before coming to nursery.

We request that all jewellery is left at home as it is very easily lost and broken and can be very dangerous when children are climbing and exploring. Staff can not be responsible for any jewellery at nursery. We recommend that earrings are not worn.

Milk

Every session we will have a snack time. Your child is entitled to free school (cows) milk until the age of 5. Your child has already been registered to receive milk. Unfortunately at present, our milk provider, Cool Milk do not provide a dairy free alternative but if your child has a lactose allergy you can bring their own milk to school and we can store it in our fridge. You are welcome to pack your child a healthy snack, such as fruit, to eat during this time. Please note we are a nut free school, which includes nut based spreads.

Tapestry

In Nursery we use an online interactive system called Tapestry to document your child's progress and share their learning journey with you, which then is continued in Reception. We will set this up with you on your child's first week with us. From this you will have access to their online learning journey and will be able to see all of the lovely things your child is getting up to at school. The school website is also very active and updated with news, bulletins and photos regularly.



Parent Pay

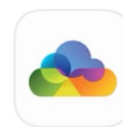
Parent pay is our online banking system that enables you to pay for trips, charity days and many other things all



digitally through an app. You will need a Parent Pay logon to access the system, these details will be available from the office.

ScholarPack

Scholar pack is an app that you can access to view messages from school and view your child's attendance details. You will need a Scholar pack logon, these details will be available from the office.



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Additional services

We are very lucky at Parkdale to be surrounded by additional support services. We have our own Speech and Language Therapist, Mrs Harris with us every Thursday to support with our language needs. We also have Mrs Walker who provides Pastoral care and Family Support. Our SENDCo Mrs Taylor is also on hand to support pupils with additional needs. If you would like any further information regarding these things, please get in touch with them.

Contact details

We are always here to answer questions, offer support and assist you whilst your child is in our care at Parkdale. If you have any questions or queries please get in touch we are more than happy to help.

Miss Parkin , Nursery Class Teacher, dparkin@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

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Mrs Harris, Speech and Language Therapist, info@speechtherapy-tlc.co.uk

Mrs Walker, Pastoral Lead, home.link@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

Mrs Taylor, SENDCo, ataylor@parkdale.notts.sch.uk