



## A Warm Welcome

September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

On behalf of all the staff at North Islington Nursery School, we extend a very warm welcome back to all our returning families and a special greeting to those who are joining our nursery school community for the first time. We are thrilled to have you and your child with us!

We understand that starting or returning to nursery school is a significant step for both parents/carers and children. Our aim is to make this transition as smooth, happy, and rewarding as possible. Please keep in touch with your child's key person or room leader so that we can ensure your child is supported as best they can be by the staffing team.

Our dedicated team of educators is passionate about providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive. We believe in fostering a love of learning through play, exploration, and meaningful interactions.

### Meet our Team

Office Based	Baby Room	Toddler Room	Ocean Room
Head Teacher: Sally Deputy Head/Senco: Becky Finance Manager: Louise Admin Officer: Natasha Receptionist: Noreen	Room Lead: Yvonne Key Person: Monika Key Person: Bek Early Years Educator: Paige Early Years Educator: Sharon Early Years Educator: Medyana (agency staff)	Under Three's lead: Shelley Key Person: Noorheza Key Person: Carol Key Person: Kara Key Person: Tara Early Years Educator: Michelle Early Years Educator: Khadijah Early Years Educator: Shamma Early Years Educator: Yasmin	Class Teacher: Andrew Key Person: Marion Key Person: Merita Key Person: Ruzi Nursery Nurse: Karen Early Years Educator: Joni Early Years Educator: Carly Early Years Educator: Charlie Early Years Educator: Ursula

Premises Manager: Blah

Early Years Educator: Patience (agency staff) – works across the school

Speech and Language Therapist: Colette

Cook: Francois

Kitchen Support: Isata

### What to Expect this Term

North Islington Nursery School lead on and develop throughout the school year, a play-based curriculum that meets all children's needs across the 7 areas of Learning as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage. These are:

- Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts & Design

As a school, we have developed our unique set of Learning Aspirations for all children to work towards during their time here. Our aim is for all children to leave our setting with the following, skills, knowledge and dispositions:

*I am a confident and able talker*

*I can control my body movements and actions*

*I can form positive relationships and manage my feelings*

*I love reading*

*I am an effective mark maker*

*I can use mathematical concepts in everyday life*

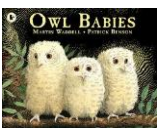
*I am interested in and know some things about the world around me*

*I am a confident and enthusiastic learner*

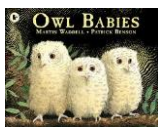
More information on our Learning Aspirations can be found on the school's website and paper copies can be found in the main office.

In Baby and Toddler rooms, the staff will be observing the children closely and planning exciting activities which will enable children to develop key skills and knowledge. Staff also pay close attention to specific patterns in play called Schemas. More information on schemas can be found in the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

In toddler room the core books are:



In Ocean room the core books are:



Ocean room's Long-Term Plan for the school year is attached to this newsletter.

## Important Information

Please ensure you adhere to the drop-off and pick-up times to avoid disrupting the nursery schedule. Punctuality is greatly appreciated. If you are going to be late, please do inform the nursery so that we can make the necessary adjustments. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please do

inform the school office. We operate a first day calling system so will call families if their child does not attend school. Our Attendance and Punctuality Policy and our Late Collection and Non-Collection Policy will be forwarded to you this week. Please make note of the late fees applicable after the end of your child's session time.

Kindly provide your child with a change of clothes, comfortable shoes suitable for indoor and outdoor activities, weather-appropriate outerwear (such as a jacket or hat).

We will be using Parentmail for regular updates, photos, and important announcements. Please ensure you have downloaded the app and are receiving notifications. We can also be contacted on **Telephone:** 02075274844 **Email:** [northIslington.EYC@islington.gov.uk](mailto:northIslington.EYC@islington.gov.uk) **Head Teacher:** [sally.franklin@islington.gov.uk](mailto:sally.franklin@islington.gov.uk) **SENCO:** [rebecca.powell@islington.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.powell@islington.gov.uk)

## Snack Time & Cooking Activities

If you would like to donate towards our snack fund/cooking activities, you can pay £1.00 per week via our parent mail app. Alternatively, you may wish to donate for a whole term at £15.00. These donations are voluntary, and we appreciate all monies collected so that we can continue to offer a range of delicious fruits and other ingredients for cooking activities.

## Key Dates:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Development Morning. Schol opens as 10am
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Primary School admissions meeting 9.15am
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October: FUN FRIDAY – Autumn. You are welcome to join in Autumn activities with your children from 9-10am
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup>-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October: HALF TERM. School closed for TTO children

We are looking forward to a wonderful term filled with fun, learning, and growth.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Sally and the staffing team at North Islington Nursery School