

# Stoneygate Nursery School



September 2025

Autumn Newsletter 1

A huge 'Welcome' to all of our families and friends- 'old' and new- after the summer break. We have had a fantastic first week back in school and the children have amazed us all with how well they are settling in to their new routines - we are very proud of them!

## Dates for the Diary

Meet the Teacher drop-in sessions:	Tuesday 23rd September 10.00-11.00 am and 2.00-3.00pm
Bonfire Craft Stay and Play Session	Tuesday 4th November 10.00-11.00 am and 2.00-3.00pm
October Half term:	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October inclusive

## Meet the Teachers

We are holding two drop-in sessions on Tuesday 23rd September. These sessions will give you an opportunity to see how your child is settling into their classroom and the types of activities that they get to take part in during the nursery school day. You will also have the opportunity to chat/meet your child's Key Person and the Class Teacher and ask any questions that you may have! We hope you can make it and look forward to meeting you!

## Stoneygate Uniform

We do have Stoneygate uniform items for sale in nursery. If you would like to purchase any of our uniform, then please feel free to pop into the office where there is a range on display and Janet, our lovely Office Manager, will be happy to help you!



T-shirts: £8.25

Sweatshirts: £10

Hoodies: £11.50

## Nursery Clothing notice

Please can you make sure that your child is sent in to nursery in suitable clothing that complements our ever-changing British weather! If your child has any waterproof trousers then please do send these in with them, as well as making sure they have suitable footwear. Your child also needs a named water bottle and a bag containing a spare set of clothing that can be kept in nursery at all times. Thank you for your cooperation 😊

**Polite Reminder** Please make sure that you drop off and pick up your child at the correct session times. Disruption to your child's learning day can cause them upset and also means they could miss valuable learning time! Thank you for your cooperation!



### School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**CLOSING DATE**  
**15 January 2026**

[lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk)



#### School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.



Applications for Lancashire school places for September 2026 are currently open, with a deadline of January 15, 2026, for primary schools. Parents and carers must apply online via Lancashire County Council's website, even if your child has siblings at the school. Applications are not first-come, first-served, but missing the deadline can decrease your chances of securing a preferred school.

We urge all of our parents to look around the different schools available so that you can make an informed choice about where best to send your child. If you need any advice or support with this process, then please do ask!

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Please visit our school website: [www.stoneygate-nursery.co.uk](http://www.stoneygate-nursery.co.uk)



#### Snack Contribution

Please look out for our letter regarding snack money donations, coming home soon. Payment is now being welcomed via Parent Pay for this half term- thank you!

#### Parent Pay and Class Dojo



Here in nursery, we use the Class Dojo app as our main tool of communication to pass on messages and reminders and most importantly, share pictures and insights into your child's learning throughout their nursery day! The app also allows you to send us messages too, should you need to contact us. The app is free and easy to install on your smart phone/tablet or can be accessed via a web browser. Thank you to all have downloaded this and signed up to the platform already!

We operate a cashless system in school. We kindly ask that all additional payable sessions or snack monies are paid through this account. If you need any help with setting this up, then please pop into the school office where we will be happy to help!

#### Key Persons

Each child in our nursery school is assigned a Key Person. Their role is to help ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs, to help the child become familiar with the setting, offer a settled relationship for the child and build a relationship with you as their parents/carers. You will be informed of your child's Key Worker via Class Dojo over the next two weeks.