



**Nursery
Mrs Marsden
Autumn Term 2026**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of what will be a fantastic year in Nursery. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead. In Nursery this year, Miss Rourke will support the children in class with me. This year we will be working very hard and having lots of fun along the way. If you have any questions, then please remember we are always here to help; either speak to us at the end of the day, message me on class dojo or email the school office:

office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk

Mrs Marsden

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Read with your child at home. If possible, please read a story to your child every day.
- Talk with your child at every opportunity. This will help to develop listening, speaking and understanding skills.
- Encourage your child to develop their independence, encouraging them to use the toilet independently, walk into nursery independently and put on their own coat.
- Collect items to show, related to topics being taught in class.
- Log in to Class Dojo to see what we have been doing in class and carry out similar activities at home.

We are...

**Aspirational
Resilient
Kind**

THINGS TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY – We will have our 'Forest School' sessions on Friday morning. Please send your child into school wearing clothing suitable for the weather (wellies and waterproofs, or sun hat and sun cream). Also please send a bag of spare clothes. **Please note: we will not be starting these outdoor learning sessions until after the October half term. I will send out a reminder on class dojo.**

UNIFORM: Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled; we have so many children that items of uniform are easily lost. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble.

WATER BOTTLES: Please send your child to nursery with a freshly filled named water bottle every day. Please ensure water bottles are filled with only **water**.

HOMEWORK: Children in nursery will not receive weekly homework. However, we encourage parents to share children's home experiences

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 23rd October** - School finishes at 3:30pm for 2 weeks
- **Monday 9th November** – Back to school
- **Friday 13th November** - Diwali Party
- **24th and 25th November** – Parent's Meetings
- **Friday 11th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 11th December** – Christmas Fair
- **Friday 11th December** – Christmas Lunch
- **Tuesday 15th December 10am**– EYFS Nativity
- **Thursday 17th December** Christmas Party
- **Friday 18th December** – School finishes at 2pm
- Monday 4th January 2026** – Back to school

with us which we can use towards evidence of their learning. Please share photos on class dojo for me to see.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Your child will bring home a library book every Wednesday. Please read to your child every day. Library books will be changed once a week (Wednesday) and a new book will be allocated. If your child does not attend on Wednesday, please speak to Mrs Marsden.

OUTDOOR AREA

Please ensure your child does not use the equipment in our outdoor area before or after school. This area is an outdoor classroom for use during the school day.

SNACKS

We provide fruit and milk daily. You are welcome to send a **healthy** snack with your child each day in a **named** clear container. Please place these in the trolley outside as you arrive each day.

SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

Our topics this term include:

Marvellous Me

Celebrations

Physical Development:

Hand eye coordination

Gross Motor Skills

Independence

PSHE: Being me in my world.

MATHS: Number - We will be focussing on matching, sorting and comparing as well as focusing on the numbers 1,2 and 3.

LITERACY: We will be carrying out daily phonics activities to develop listening skills, listening to environmental sounds, sounds of instruments and animal sounds.

This term we will be working on the following books focussed around our topics : The Colour Monster, Owl Babies, Autumn non-fiction books, Room on the Broom, , Rama & Sita, , One Winter's Night and the Christmas Story.

Understanding the World:

Autumn and Winter.

Marvellous Me

Bonfire Night & Remembrance Day

Diwali & Christmas

Expressive Arts & Design:

Ourselves – Creating collages of ourselves.

Diwali/ colour & pattern – Rangoli patterns using a range of media. Diva pots

Autumn – Hedgehog models

Christmas production songs

Nursery rhymes

Instruments names

Christmas cards

Winter art

Firework pictures

SCHOOL RULES

Ready...Respectful...Safe

Class Dojo

Children will earn dojos in class all year which will contribute towards earning a medal or a trophy when they have collected 10 dojos. Dojos will be awarded for following our school rules and values.

Autumn 1							
Week 1 1.9.26	Week 2 7.9.26	Week 3 14.9.26	Week 4 21.9.26	Week 5 28.9.26	Week 6 5.10.26	Week 7 12.10.26	Week 8 19.10.26
Nursery visits and Settling in	Settling in and Baseline assessments	Baselines	Baseline/ Marvellous Me	Baselines/ Marvellous Me	Marvellous Me	Marvellous Me	Celebrations Bonfire Night & Halloween

Autumn 2					
Week 1 9.11.26	Week 2 16.11.26	Week 3 23.11.26	Week 4 30.11.26	Week 5 7.12.26	Week 6 14.12.26
Celebrations Diwali	Autumn & Remembrance Day	Autumn	Winter	Celebrations Christmas The Christmas story	Celebrations Christmas The Christmas Story

