

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024



Breakfast Club...
is available daily
on a drop in basis.
Come and join us
from 8am -
8.30am at a cost
of £2.50 per
child.



Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year!

We are so glad to be back and have missed you all. The children have grown so much and have really done you proud, they have settled into routines very quickly!

The end of the last school term did not end how we wanted it to, and we are so grateful for your continued support and kind words. The majority of the work has been completed, including new flooring, wall panelling, shelving and radiators. We are excitedly awaiting the deliveries of our resources and furniture, and will share our transformation in the next coming weeks!

In July we held mini-graduations for our school leavers, with family groups coming to say goodbye in the beautiful surroundings of The Spanish Art Gallery. 30 big girls and boys have left us to start Reception Classes in Primary Schools - we wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing how they get on.

New friends have already joined us... a very warm welcome to Harmony Rose, Millie, Seraphina, Santana-Marie, Owen, Valentina, Viktoria, Lottie, Kayda, Thomas, Jordan, Tilly, Ayla, Jonathan, Hanna, Ralphie and Sienna. We hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!

The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:

Annie, Benito, Myles, Inari, Lottie, Kylo and Miss Harrison!

In October Coby, Milo, Tommy, Reo and Miss James will be celebrating their birthdays!

We hope you all have a lovely time! ☺

Your child's safety is very important to us...

- Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk.
 - Please be mindful of our neighbouring residents by parking in the lay-bys whenever you can.
- Thank you for your continuing support.

School uniform...

is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 664097) You can call in the shop at your own convenience throughout the year. Business cards are available from the office.

Friday 27th September...

We will be holding a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. All donations welcome - cash payments only.



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The Team at Aclet Close Nursery School...

- **Office:** Mrs Jenkins (Co-Head Teacher) and Mrs Beal (Admin Officer) **Caretaker:** Mrs Barraclough
- **Main Nursery:** (3 and 4 year olds) Mrs Staines (Co-Head Teacher), Mrs Metcalfe, Miss Newton, Mrs Emberson, Miss Harrison (2's pm), Miss James, Miss Ballan and Miss Bainbridge
- **2's room:** Mrs Steggles, Miss Garvey and Miss Francis

☺ Please don't hesitate to give us a ring if you have any questions or concerns

**Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2025
and 31st August 2026?**

If so, you will need to apply for their Primary School place. Applications have already opened and close on 15th January 2025. We have shared information with families this applies to and you can access at: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Dates for your diary...

Please note that schools are required to complete 5 days of training this academic year, 2 of them will be during term time

Wed 4th Sept: School closed for Staff Training (1)

Weds 18th Sept – Weds 23rd Oct: First block of swimming lessons for older children (6 lessons)

Friday 25th Sept: 'Macmillan Cake Sale' - cash donations only

Tues 22th Oct (pm): Spooky Stay and Play (info to follow)

Thurs 24th Oct (am): Spooky Stay and Play (info to follow)

Friday 25th Oct: School breaks up for half term

Mon 4th Nov: School reopens after half term

Weds 4th Dec (pm): Theatre Trip for older children (info to follow)

Tues 10th Dec: Winter Wonderland (info to follow)

Thurs 12th Dec: Winter Wonderland (info to follow)

Wed 18th Dec am: Proposed Nativity (to be confirmed)

Fri 20th Dec am: Party morning at Bamboozles soft play (info to follow)

Fri 20th Dec: Children break up for Christmas

Mon 6th Jan: School reopens

Fri 21st Feb: School breaks up for half term

Mon 3rd Mar: School reopens

Friday 11th Apr: School breaks up for Easter

Mon 28th Apr: School reopens

Mon 5th May: School closed - Bank Holiday

Tues 6th May: School closed for Staff Training (2)

Fri 23rd May: School breaks up for May Half Term

Mon 2nd June: School reopens

Weds 16th July: Mini-Graduation for School Leavers (to be confirmed)

Fri 18th July: School breaks up for Summer

Easy Fundraising...

Do you shop online? Since November 2020, some of our staff and supporters of the school have been using a fundraising website/app called Easy Fundraising. Lots of retailers donate a small amount of commission to us (at no extra cost to you) and it soon adds up for us! So far we have raised almost £800!

It is really easy to register with them and search for us (Aclet Close Nursery School)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aclet-close-nursery/>

You just shop as you usually would, but always click on Easy Fundraising first.

So far we have used Amazon, Screwfix, Etsy, Studio, Gap, Sainsbury's Groceries, Just Eat, H Samuel, John Lewis, Marks & Spencers and Ebay.

There's lots of other retailers there... feel free to ask your friends and family to support us too.

Every penny is spent on nice things for the children ☺

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Governors are currently working on the School Development Plan for the academic year ahead.

Improvements to Nursery grounds...

Over the Summer break, we have had lots of work completed due to the flood damage. Nursery is beginning to look as it should and will soon be filled with new resources and furniture. We are so excited to share this with you!

We are also hoping for the work on our Sensory Garden to start in the near future. Another fantastic addition to our Nursery!

Lisa Jenkins and Suzanne Staines
Co-Head Teachers