

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025



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!

In July we held mini-graduations for our school leavers, with family groups coming to say goodbye in the beautiful surroundings of St. Peter's Chapel at Auckland Palace. 19 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 Willow, Tristan, Harlan, Phoebe, Tayla, Ruby, Sarah-Anne, Novah, Blaine, Harry, Destiny-Pearl, Willow, Trey, Nancy, Coel, Jordie and Victoria. We hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!

Building work has begun on our new Baby Room including drainage and kitchen fitting; the furniture and resources have been ordered and we are excitedly awaiting our registration from Ofsted, which will allow us to open. We cannot wait to welcome our newest and littlest members into our Aclet Close Nursery School family!

The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:  
Annie, Benito, Thomas, Lottie, Kylo, Milo, Ralphie, Miss Harrison and Miss Stott!  
In October Sienna, Milo, Ellis, Raiden-Jay, Annie, Leanna, Albert, Jordie  
and Miss James will be celebrating their birthdays!

#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> September...

We will be holding a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. All donations welcome - there will be a QR code to scan on the day and we will also share it on Class Dojo.



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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, Miss Stott (Miss Shepherd, Miss Harrison and Miss James until our baby room opens)
- **2's room:** Mrs Steggle (ams), Miss Harrison (pms), Miss Francis and Miss Byrne

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

**Does your child turn 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027?**

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

**Dates for your diary...**

Please note that schools are required to complete 5 days of training this academic year, 3 of them will be during term time

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** School closed for Staff Training (1)

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** First block of swimming lessons for older children (6 lessons)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 'Macmillan Cake Sale' - cash donations only

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct (am):** Spooky Stay and Play (info to follow)

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct (pm):** Spooky Stay and Play (info to follow)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School breaks up for half term

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** School reopens after half term

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec (pm):** Theatre Trip for older children (info to follow)

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec am:** Proposed Nativity (to be confirmed)

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec am:** Party morning at Brewsters for older children (info to follow)

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Children break up for Christmas

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan:** School reopens

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** School breaks up for half term

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** School reopens

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr:** School breaks up for Easter

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr:** School reopens

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed - Bank Holiday

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** School closed for Staff Training (2)

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** School breaks up for May Half Term

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June:** School reopens

**Weds 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Mini-Graduation for School Leavers (to be confirmed)

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July:** School breaks up for Summer

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July:** School closed for Staff Training (3)

**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 just over £890!

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.

We are delighted to welcome new staff members, Miss Shepherd and Miss Byrne to the team, as well as a new Governor, Georgia Hendry.

**New Baby room**

Over the Summer break, work has started to enable the School to admit 6 babies from 9 months old. The room will open when minor building work has been completed and official paperwork has been signed off.

*Lisa Jenkins and Suzanne Staines  
Co-Head Teachers*