

Aclet Close Nursery School, Aclet Close, Bishop Auckland,
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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. 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 John Watson, Sehrish, Frankie-Louise, Kalia, Cruz, Ada-James, Theo, Ste, Aaliyah-Rose, Velvet, Gabriella, Enid and Roman. We hope you will be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery School - exciting times ahead!



The following children celebrate their birthdays in September:

Lottie, Milo, Ralphie, Jordie, Miss Harrison and Miss Stott!

In October Cruz, Grayson, Rowan, Raiden-Jay, Florrie, Albert, Miss Mangles 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.

Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027?

If so, you will need to apply for their Primary School place. Applications have already opened and close on 15th January 2027. We have shared information with families this applies to and you can access at: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The Team at Aclet Close Nursery School...

- **Office:** Mrs Suzanne Staines (Head Teacher) and Miss Amy Lambton (Admin Officer) Caretaker: Mrs Barraclough
 - **Main Nursery:** (3- and 4-year-olds) Miss Sian Maddocks (Deputy-Head Teacher), Miss Charlene James Miss Perri Newton, Miss Emma McGuinness, and Miss Ruby Stott
 - **2's room:** Mrs Nicky Steggle (ams), Miss Hollie Harrison, Miss Laura Jayne and Miss Natasha Clish (pms)
 - **Baby Acorns:** Miss Sarah Shepherd and Mrs Lianne Metcalfe
 - **Early Years Educator Apprentices:** Miss Mia Jardine and Miss Grace Mangles
- ☺ Please don't hesitate to give us a call if you have any questions or concerns

Suzanne Staines
Head Teacher

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Dates for your diary...

Tues 1st Sept: School closed for Staff Training (1)

Wed 2nd Sept: School open for children

Weds 16th Sept – Weds 21st Oct: First block of swimming lessons for older children (6 lessons)

Friday 25th Sept: 'Macmillan Cake Sale'

Tues 20th Oct (am): Spooky Stay and Play (info to follow)

Thurs 22nd Oct (pm): Spooky Stay and Play (info to follow)

Friday 23rd Oct: School breaks up for half term

Mon 2nd Nov: School reopens after half term

Weds 4th Nov: Swimming Group 2

Thurs 10th Dec: Proposed Christmas family trip (to be confirmed)

Wed 16th Dec: Proposed Nativity (to be confirmed)

Fri 18th Dec: Christmas Party (to be confirmed)

Children break up for Christmas

Tues 5th Jan: School reopens

Fri 12th Feb: School breaks up for half term

Mon 22nd Feb: School reopens

Thurs 25th March: School breaks up for Easter

Mon 12th Apr: School reopens

Fri 30th Apr: School closed - Staff Training (2)

Mon 3rd May: School closed Bank Holiday

Fri 28th May: School breaks up for May Half Term

Mon 7th June: School reopens

Weds 14th July: Mini-Graduation for School Leavers (to be confirmed)

Fri 16th July: School breaks up for Summer

Mon 19th, Tues 20th, Wed 21st July: School closed for Staff Training (3, 4 and 5)



Friday 25th September...

The children will have the opportunity to make / decorate biscuits and crispy cakes. The children will be able to bring their creations home and also have them for snack.

Any donations for MacMillan would be greatly appreciated and a QR Code, will be available closer to the time.

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 Sian Maddocks, Miss Grace Mangles and Miss Amy Lambton to the team.

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.

Suzanne Staines
Head Teacher