



## Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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## Happy New Year!

### Newsletter January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a joyous Christmas with your loved ones and your little ones have had some lovely gifts which we look forward to hearing all about.

#### Nursery open

Nursery and wrap around care return on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. Can I take this opportunity to remind you all to ring the nursery if your child is absent and likewise absent from school? Whilst I do access emails throughout the day, I may not see your email straight away informing of an absence.

#### Fundraising

Thank you to all of you for supporting us with our fundraising events last year. With your help and support with our raffle and disco we raised just under £400. The money raised is going towards the enhancement of equipment in the 2-3's outdoor area.

#### Staffing

I am pleased to say we have a new staff member joining us in the preschool room from January called Chloe. She has been working in a nursery for the past 6 years and comes to us with a wealth of experience. We are excited for Chloe to be joining us at Alcester Nursery.

It is with sadness to inform you that I will be retiring in July and therefore are currently advertising for a manger to take over. I have worked at Alcester Nursery for over 30 years and have thoroughly enjoyed my time looking after the many children who have come through our doors and most who are now parents themselves. I thank you all for your continued support to me and to the nursery.

#### New starters

We are pleased to welcome all our new Families who are joining us this term and I look forward to our new 3 year olds moving into the preschool room.

#### Lunch boxes

This is to remind you and any of our new families that if your child is staying for lunch, then they will require a named lunch box and named water bottle. Children are encouraged to drink during the day, so if they have their bottle it is more accessible.

#### Red drawstring bags

Most children took their bags home for the holidays to be re-stocked with nappies,



wipes and changes of clothes. Can you please ensure all these are returned with your child when we reopen on Tuesday?

### **Peanut & Tree nut free environment**

Before we broke up for Christmas, we found items appearing in lunch boxes that may contain nuts. Can I please emphasise the importance of not sending these into nursery to keep all children with allergies safe.

### **Funding forms**

You will be required to sign for your child's funding for the Spring term so look out for me or Andrea who will catch you to do this. Parents of new children joining us will be required to complete a funding form, but I will issue these to you when you visit.

### **Holiday request form**

If your child is in receipt of a free funded place and you wish to take them on holiday, then you will be required to complete a form detailing the reason for the absence. Just ask Penny if you require one of these forms.

### **Invoices**

All invoices will go out at the beginning of each month and are required to be paid within 14 days of receiving it. If you are facing any struggles or hardship, then ensure you keep Penny informed to avoid incurring a large bill.

### **Clothing**

As we enter the winter months now can you please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. They will require a coat, hat, gloves and footwear for outdoors. Their own changes of clothes would help and can be left in their bag on their peg.

### **School Reception place**

For those of you that have still not applied for your child's school place then you must do it by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026** as this is the closing date.

Here is the link to apply:

[Applying for a Primary School Place – Warwickshire County Council](#)

### **New Key person**

For the children who are moving up into the preschool room after Christmas they will have a new key person. I will email you before we return to let you know who they are and you will have an opportunity to meet them when we return.

### **Parents stay and play – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1.45-3pm**

All parents are welcome to pop in and join your child in play and find out what the children are learning about this term.



### **Paper**

If you have any paper or used cards that you would be willing to donate for the children to draw on, then we would gratefully take your donations from you.

### **Here is a list of our Christmas raffle winners.**

Sasha Green - Large Hamper  
Jane Chilton- Children's hamper  
Gemma Garnett - Ladies pamper Hamper  
Ioana Timofte - Small hamper  
Julia Neale - Lidded hamper  
Tania Fielding - Gentleman's bag of goodies  
Donna Middleton - Wellness gift box  
April Rogers -Basket of pamper gifts  
Hollie Gittus - Scarf and cosmetics  
Stacey Powell - All Things Wild Voucher

### **Kind Regards**

*Penny*

**Manager of Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd**