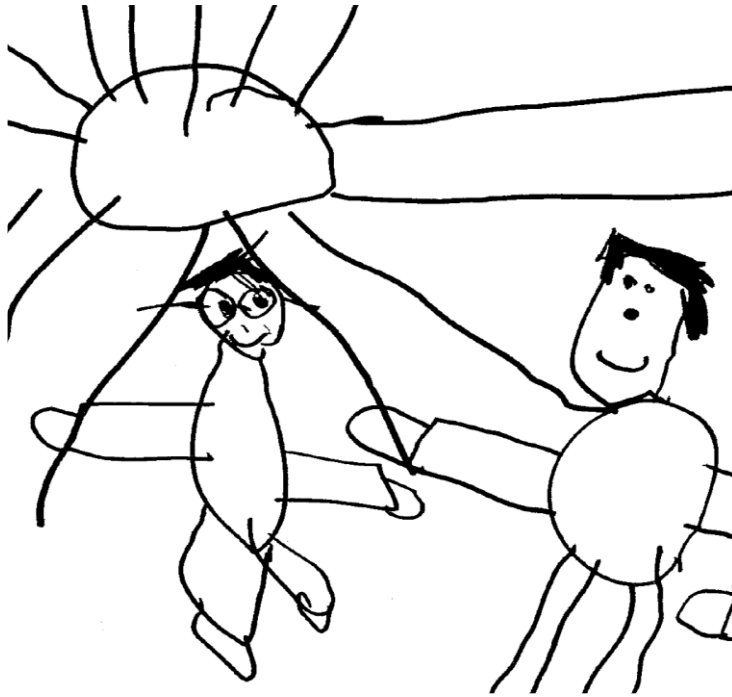


Robert Shaw Primary and Nursery School

A Handbook for Parents and Carers

Nursery 2025–2026



Welcome to Our Nursery

Welcome to Robert Shaw Nursery! We provide a high-quality learning experience led by qualified, experienced, and caring staff.

Our aim is to ensure your child feels secure, happy, and cared for in a warm, supportive environment. We believe that working closely with you, as parents and carers, helps your child become confident, enthusiastic, and curious learners.

We are excited to partner with you to support your child's development and learning. Our nursery is a fun and welcoming place to be!

About Our Nursery

Our nursery is a safe, bright, and lively space for up to 52 children in each session. Children play and learn together using high-quality toys and materials in an encouraging environment where they can explore, discover, and develop.

Nursery session times:

- N2 children: 8:30 am – 11:30 am
 - N1 children (starting January 2026): 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
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Snack Time

- Your child will receive free milk daily through the government's national scheme. Please register your child for milk at www.coolmilk.com.
 - Fruit is provided daily.
 - Please send your child with a bottle of water every day.
 - Inform us of any allergies before your child starts nursery.
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Keeping Safe

Here at Nursery, we take your child's safety very seriously. We strictly follow all statutory guidance and legal requirements to ensure a safe and secure environment for every child. Our staff are trained to protect and support children's well-being at all times, and we have clear procedures in place to keep your child safe while they learn and play.

Our Daily Routine

- Children hang up coats and settle in with play and chat.
 - Carpet time: hello song, group learning activities (communication, language, maths).
 - Outdoor learning and small group tasks.
 - Tidy up time—learning responsibility.
 - Wash hands and snack time (learning about the world).
 - Busy time—child-led or adult-led activities.
 - Maths’s input.
 - Storytime, sharing news, and celebrating successes before going home.
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Getting Ready for Nursery

Ways to help your child:

- Encourage independence (putting on coats).
- Share books, poems, and number books regularly.
- Practice listening and turn-taking.
- Teach nursery rhymes and songs.
- Practice counting rhymes.
- Involve them in simple household tasks.
- Notice letters and numbers around you.
- Talk about initial sounds in names and words.
- Practice blending and segmenting simple words (c-a-t, d-o-g).

You are your child’s first and most important teacher.

Uniform

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey, black, or navy trousers or skirt
- Black school shoes

Please provide spare clothes and choose easy-to-manage clothes like jogging bottoms or leggings for toileting.

Using the Toilet

- Children are expected to be toilet trained before starting nursery.
 - Speak to staff or your Health Visitor if you need advice.
 - Children may need reminders; please let us know if so.
 - We will help with accidents and send wet clothes home.
 - For soiling, we will need to call you to come and change your child.
 - For medical toileting needs, please talk to us to arrange support.
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Settling In

- Transition starts with a 'Stay and Play' session to meet staff and explore the nursery.
 - New children start part-time, building confidence gradually.
 - We support every child to settle comfortably.
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The EYFS Framework – What Is It?

The EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) supports your child's learning and development from birth to age 5. It helps children grow happy, confident, and ready for school.

Areas of Learning:

Prime Areas:

1. Communication and Language
2. Physical Development
3. Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

Specific Areas:

4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Arts and Design

We plan learning around your child's interests and share weekly goals via Class Dojo.

If Your Child Isn't Feeling Well

- Inform the office if your child can't attend.
 - Keep children with infections at home.
 - If unwell at nursery, we will contact you for collection.
 - Inform us if your child has asthma or needs an inhaler.
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Accidents and First Aid

- Minor bumps are treated, and you will be informed.
 - All accidents are recorded, and notes sent home if needed.
 - All Teaching Assistants are first aid trained; we have a full-time paediatric first aider.
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We're Here for You

If you have questions or concerns, please talk to a member of staff. We want the best for your child and family.

School Telephone Number: 0115 9155765