

Yokerburn Nursery

Parent Newsletter Autumn 2025



AUTUMN

The leaves are turning and the weather is finally starting to change. As we move into the autumn and winter months please ensure your child comes to nursery prepared to play every day.

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO NURSERY WITH:

- THEIR OWN BAG (NO DRAWSTRING BAGS PLEASE)
 - WARM, WATERPROOF JACKET
 - WELLIES
 - SEVERAL CHANGES OF CLOTHES
 - SEVERAL SPARE PAIRS OF SOCKS AND PANTS
- SPARE SHOES OR WASHABLE SHOES (I.E CROCS ETC)
 - SUNHAT

If your child comes to nursery without any of the above items you may be called and asked to bring them to the nursery - this ensures your child can safely and comfortably participate in all activities offered during their time at nursery. All items should be labelled with your child's name. If your child has been sent home wearing spare nursery clothes please ensure these are returned to the nursery as soon as possible. This ensures we continue to have spare clothing available for all children within the nursery.



You can also order clothing name tags for your child's belongings from My Name Tag - please visit www.mynametags.com and use the school code **108839** to order personalised name labels for your child's clothing and personal items. It is important that all items of clothing and shoes are labelled with your child's name as this help to minimise the amount of lost property throughout the nursery and helps us to quickly return any lost items to their rightful owner.



CARE INSPECTORATE

You may remember that we had a Care Inspectorate inspection just before the summer holidays. We would like to extend again our thanks to all of our children and families for your support and time during the inspection - we are so proud of the staff and the children and we are happy that this has been reflected in the report. To read the full final report you can follow the link below:

<https://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/care-services?detail=CS2003017155>



HALLOWEEN SPONSORED WALK AND BAKE SALE

To raise money for the Toy Fund we will be holding a **Halloween Sponsored Walk and Bake Sale** on **Friday 31st October**. The children will take part in a sponsored walk around the local area. We would like to welcome parents and carers to join us for the walks - if you would like to take part please let us know. We will also be offering cakes and bakes for sale on these days in our Halloween Bake Sale! We will be welcoming any donations of homemade cakes and bakes on these days (please note we are a nut free establishment) The funds raised during these events will go towards providing Christmas presents and Christmas parties for all of the children. Sponsor forms will be coming out to all families soon!



UNIFORM

Yokerburn Nursery branded polo shirts, T-shirts and fleeces are available to purchase from MyClothing.com - flyers are available from the nursery foyer or you can visit www.myclothing.com and select Yokerburn Nursery to place an order.



CHILD SAFETY

To ensure the safety and security of the children during their time at nursery we would like to remind all parents and carers that **we operate a NO PHONE policy within the nursery**. We would ask all parents and carers to please store their phone in their bag or pocket when you are inside the nursery building. Please do not take phonecalls or have your phone out within the nursery environment. If you are using your phone within the nursery you will be asked to put it away.

If someone different is collecting your child from nursery such as a grandparent / aunt / uncle / family friend etc please make the staff aware as soon as possible. You will be asked to set up a password for your child - you must then inform the person collecting your child what the password is. The password system allows us to safely identify the person collecting your child and adds an extra layer of security. Please bear in mind we see a lot of faces each and every day so please do not take offence if you are asked who are collecting - this is only to ensure the safety of the children at all times.



DONATIONS WANTED!

To enhance our nursery environments we are currently looking for donations of stainless steel teapots, coffee pots and cups. Please raid your cupboards and if you have anything you no longer use we would be more than happy to take it off your hands - all donations can be handed in to the office. Thank you!



CELEBRATING ALL FAMILIES

At Yokerburn Nursery our families celebrate many different events throughout the year. We like to create an environment where children feel safe and secure enough to celebrate and talk about the important events in their life. If your family celebrates anything special throughout the year whether this be a family tradition, cultural celebration or special event we would love to hear about it! You can send pictures or write a short explanation of your special celebration - do you wear special clothes? Do you eat special food? Is there music, dancing, presents? We want to hear all about it! You can email headteacher@yokerburn-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk if you would like to share anything.



PARENTS MEETINGS

Parents meetings will be taking place in October and November. Your child's keyworker will contact you to book a date and time to come to the nursery for a short chat about your child's progress.



BENEFITS OF RISKY PLAY

Our fantastic team leader Tracy has been taking part in Stramash training in order to enhance our outdoor area. Stramash's Vision is "Children are inspired to play and develop outdoors, connected to nature and their place and community." Inspired by this training and ethos Tracy and some of the staff & children have been working hard together over the past few weeks to create a semi-permanent play space within our outdoor area - please see pictures below. This fantastic structure allows the children to take part in risky play. Risk is an essential element in the development of children's physical, emotional and intellectual development. The children have really enjoyed building and exploring the structure and Tracy is working to expand on the outdoor area further. Well Done Team - what fantastic work!



CHRISTMAS PHOTO SESSIONS

Glasgow Family Photography will be in the nursery on **Tuesday 21st October** and **Wednesday 22nd October** for their Christmas Photo Sessions. Some of you may remember this from last year and I think you will all agree that the photos were fantastic! Every child will have their photo taken - families will then be given the option to purchase the photos. Please note you are not obligated to buy! More details will follow on which day your child's photo will be taken.



DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

We would like to remind all parents & carers that you must bring your children to nursery at their allocated start time and ensure they are collected at their allocated finish time. Staffing rotas are formulated using the numbers of children attending throughout the day. If you bring your child to nursery early or collect them late this can mean the staffing to child ratio is over during this time. Please ensure you stick to your child's allocated nursery times, if you are unsure of what these are please speak to the office. If you bring your child before their allocated start time you will be asked to wait in the foyer until their correct time. If you are running late, which we understand will happen from time to time, please call the nursery ASAP to let us know.

We would also like to remind all parents that unfortunately, due to ongoing staffing levels, we are still operating a reduced service. All children should be collected no later than 4pm each day.



TOY FUND

Thank you to all those parents & carers who have donated to our Toy Fund recently! Your donations ensure we can continue to provide special experiences. Toy Fund envelopes are handed out from the office however you are more than welcome to collect these at any time.

DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

We are aware some parents and carers sometimes struggle with paying Toy Fund as they do not always have cash on them. We are now able to offer you the option to pay via a bank payment. Please see bank details below:

ACCOUNT NAME: YOKERBURN TOY FUND

SORT CODE: 83-17-10

ACCOUNT NO: 00708939

If you do make a payment directly to the bank account please use your **child's name** as the payment reference which will allow us to track and log the payments. Thank you!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 26th September 2025 - Nursery closed to ALL children (September Weekend)

Mon 29th September 2025 - Nursery closed to ALL children (September Weekend)

Fri 10th October 2025 - Nursery closed to ALL children (In Service Day)

Mon 13th October - Fri 17th October 2025 - Nursery closed to all Term Time children (October Week)

Fri 19th December 2025 - All Term Time children finish for Christmas Holiday

Wed 24th December 2025 - All 52 week children finish for Christmas Holiday

Mon 5th January 2026 - All children return to nursery.

A list of the holiday dates for 2025 are available from the office.