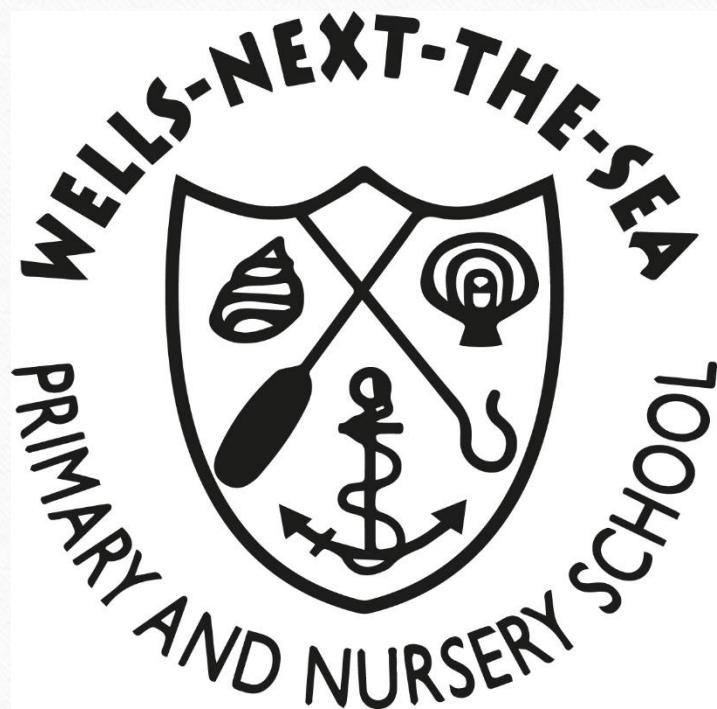


Welcome to our Nursery School



Firstly, we would like to welcome you and say thank you for choosing
Wells next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School.

We understand that starting Nursery School is an important milestone for both you and your child. Hopefully the information included below - and in the accompanying 'online pack' - will help you and your child prepare, and look forward to this exciting next step.



The Nursery Sessions

All children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to 15 hours of Nursery provision a week. Some children are eligible for 30 hours. You can check if your child is eligible for 30 hours by visiting www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

We offer morning places, afternoon places and all-day places - or a combination of them all to suit you and your child's needs. You can buy extra sessions at a cost of £12.50 per session.

The times of our sessions are:

Morning: 8.30-11.30

Lunch cover: 11.30-12.00 (£1.50 to cover lunch time supervision)

Afternoon: 12.00-3.00

Your Child's Learning

- The children begin and end each session with a short carpet time. Carpet time normally includes a daily story and a number song, game or activity, in addition to a variety of other activities such as singing, rhymes, conversations about a topic, a demonstration of new skill, or a discussion about a particular interest.
- The rest of the session is dedicated to child-initiated play. Play-based learning provides the best foundation for children to develop; they find out about their own interests, abilities and limitations, and they imagine, investigate and explore.
- Nursery staff support and extend child-initiated play through interactions with the children. We watch and listen to what each child is doing and may, for example, offer new, explanatory vocabulary or suggest a different resource. Alternatively, we may just join in!
- Through these interactions we build our knowledge of the children in order that we are able to plan in that moment what we can offer to extend and build on their thinking and expertise.
- The curriculum is called the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and is made up of 7 areas.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the phrase used to describe the time in your child's life between birth and the age of 5. The play-based curriculum allows children to explore and learn in an environment that is secure and safe.

The EYFS curriculum is made up of 7 areas of learning:

The Prime areas of learning



Specific areas of learning



“Children learn as they play. Most importantly,
in play children learn how to learn.”



Lunchtimes

When your child is ready to stay for lunch, you can choose to bring a packed lunch from home or have a school hot dinner. The menu is on a 3-week rotation and changes every term. We display a menu in the Nursery and it is also available to view on the school website. You don't need to book hot dinners in advance - simply have a look at the menu and pay in the canteen on the day. Nursery staff collect the hot dinners from the canteen and all the Nursery children eat lunch together in the Nursery.

Packed lunch



Cooked lunch (cost £2.30)



What to wear...

We recommend that children don't wear their best clothes to Nursery! Children are encouraged to explore and investigate, and they will get muddy, painty and messy! Instead, your child should wear old, comfortable clothes that they can put on and get off easily by themselves. We are always on hand to help but we encourage children to be as independent as they can. Having elasticated waist belts and no tricky buckles or belts definitely helps!



What to bring with you to Nursery...

- Spare clothes that can stay in a named bag on their peg - trousers/leggings, socks, long sleeve top, pants (several pairs if your child is still a little unreliable).
- Named water bottle.
- Named wellington boots- these can stay on our boot shelf so they are always available.
- Named warm coat, named warm hat (in winter), and named sun hat (in summer).
- Some children will need a comforter to help them feel settled and this is fine (though we encourage other toys to stay at home where possible)
- Packed lunch (if staying)



Woodland Fun

We use the school's woodland on a Tuesday afternoon and a Friday Morning for outdoor play and learning, and the school hall's PE apparatus on a Thursday morning. We will speak to you about these outdoor sessions during the home visit (see next page).



Home Visit

To book your home visit, please telephone the school on 01328 710320.

The available dates are as follows:

- Monday 7th September am or pm,
- Tuesday 8th September am or pm,
- Wednesday 9th September am or pm,
- Wednesday 16th September pm
- Wednesday 23rd September pm

Please note that we will be led by the latest Government Covid guidelines but we really hope we will be able to visit you at home.

By visiting you and seeing your child in their own home environment, where they feel most relaxed and comfortable, we are able to begin to get to know, and build a relationship with your child.

The home visit is also a great opportunity to find out more about your child's interests and strengths, and any concerns you have. We also discuss allergies and medical needs, as well as settling in and any other questions or queries you have.

It is useful at this point to know which sessions you would like your child to attend, and we then discuss the start date.

Due to the unusual time we are in we have allowed the whole of September to settle small groups of children in. So please be aware and make provision for your child to not necessarily start at the beginning of September.

What Next?

- Please make sure you fill-in all the paperwork included in this pack and email it back to the school office. You should send it to office@wells-next-the-sea.norfolk.sch.uk
- By providing us with your email address, we can also invite you to join us for the virtual coffee morning on Wednesday 15th July at 1pm!
- Your email address will also be used to set up Class Dojo (an educational app/website that we use to securely share information with parents).
- Please phone the school office 01328 710320 to book in your home visit.
- If you have any concerns or questions that you would like to raise with us before your home visit in September, please leave a message with the school office team and a member of the Nursery team will call you back.

Getting ready for starting Nursery school

It is really helpful to chat to your child about what they will be doing at Nursery, and the sort of things they could expect to see and do.

We have included some videos of the setting and the staff so they can feel a bit more prepared for their first visit.

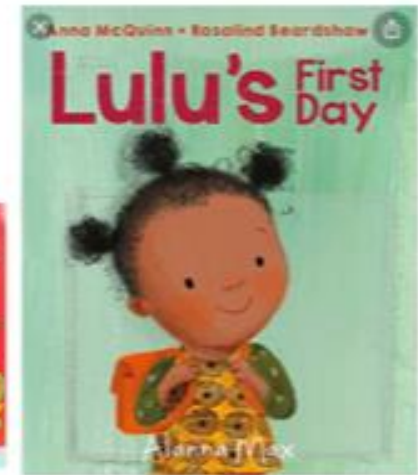
There are also lots of lovely books that explore the range of emotions, from excitement to feeling a bit un sure and nervous. These are brilliant to share with your child, and talk about.

Here are some links to a few of the books on tube,

Starting School: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zQivaCXu-Q

First day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qka8KI-UgaQ>

Topsy and Tim First day at School: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcNOR6u0Ass>



We are very much looking forward to your child joining us in September. The Nursery team wish all of you a happy and fun-filled summer!

