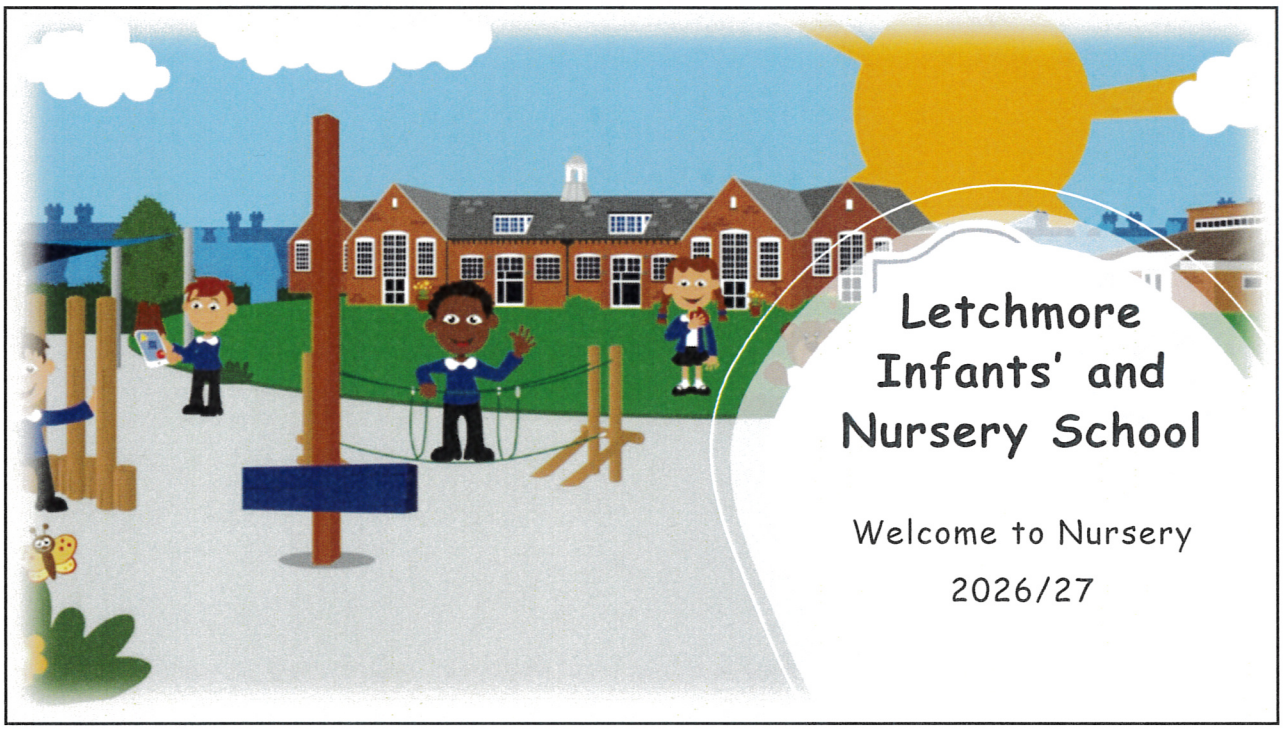
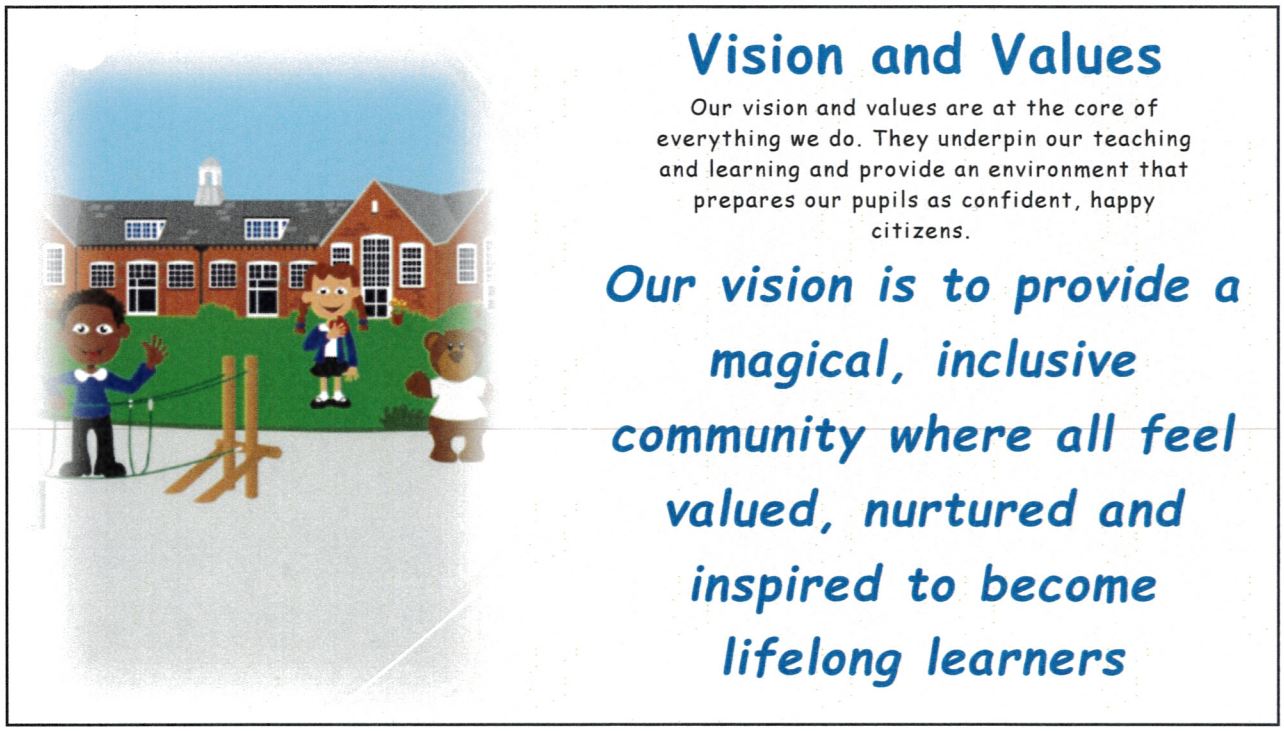

Letchmore Infants' and Nursery School
Welcome to Nursery
2026/27

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Vision and Values
Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning and provide an environment that prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens.
Our vision is to provide a magical, inclusive community where all feel valued, nurtured and inspired to become lifelong learners

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At Letchmore Infants' and Nursery School, we have built our values around our school motto - 'Let's Inspire'

L - Love and Care

E - Enthusiasm and Happiness

T - Togetherness and Tolerance

S - Showing Courage

I - Independence

N - Not Giving Up

S - Showing Respect

P - Pride

I - Inventiveness

R - Responsibility

E - Equality and Diversity

We focus on a different value each month within school.
Further information and examples can be found on our website.

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Communication

- Transition meetings for all year groups
- Website
- Arbor
- Newsletters
- Parents' Evenings
- Annual Reports

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Attendance

- Punctuality – school day

8.30am-11.30am (am session)

12.30-3.30pm (pm session)

9.00-3.00pm (30 hour session)

There may be an opportunity to pay for additional time at Nursery. Please contact us to discuss further

- Absences – First day response
- Term time holidays
- School Health Advisors
- Attendance Improvement Officer
- Emergency Contacts (Permission in writing if alternative arrangements are made and password in place)

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Tackling Attendance
Be a Letchmore Attendance H.E.R.O.!



The effects of late arrival to class

- Our school day begins at 8.30am
- Classroom doors and the playground gate will be closed promptly at 8.40am so that the teacher on door duty can return to their class.

Why is punctuality so important?

Attendance statistics-
- 100% – 96% = Excellent attendance
- 95% – 90% = Cause for Concern
- 89% and below =This will have a drastic effect on academic achievement

Arriving 5 minutes late each day:
- 5 days a week = 25 minutes lost learning time a week
- 39 weeks a year = 16 hours and 15 minutes lost learning time a year
- 3 years (Reception-Year 2) in our school = 48 hours 45 minutes learning time lost OR 1¼ school weeks

Why is punctuality a GOOD thing?

Being on time:
- Gets your child's day off to a good start so he/she can settle straight into school day
- Sets positive patterns for the future
- Leads to good attendance
- Leads to better achievement
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable

Why is LATENESS such a BAD thing?

Being late:
- Gets your child's day off to a bad start
- Can be really embarrassing for your child to walk into class late
- Will be noticed by other children who might make negative comments
- May lead to your child feeling confused all day! He/She will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day.
- Disrupts the lesson for everyone
- Creates a bad habit that is hard to break
- Can lead to poor attendance- If your child thinks that it is okay to be late for school they can soon think it's okay not to go to school at all

What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?

- Talk to your child
- Talk to the school
- Ask for help- remember it's better to get help early on to stop little problems from becoming big ones!

H- Here
E- Everyday
R- Ready
O- On Time!



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Safeguarding

- Child Protection (CP)
- DSL – Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Security
- CP Governor
- Safer Recruitment Practices
- All staff trained
- Volunteers – DBS check

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Special Educational Needs or Disabilities

- SENCO in the school – Michaela Benson
- Arrange provision, meet with parents and professionals, liaise with Local Authority
- Any concerns or information please see a SENCO

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Uniform

Uniform in Nursery is not compulsory, but we ask that the children wear comfortable, practical clothing

Uniform can be purchased from Smarty Schoolwear. See website for further details. Pre-loved uniform is available from the PTA.

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo
- White polo-shirt
- Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore
- Blue and white checked dresses (Summer)
- White or grey socks
- Closed-in black shoes with a low heel (<2cm) and Wellington boots to be kept in school
- Long hair should be tied back
- All items must be **named**

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30 hour children - Lunch options

- Children who are attending school for whole day will need to choose between a home packed lunch or a school lunch. Children will all eat together in the Nursery building
- Please order on School Grid - choices are Meat, vegetarian, school cold lunch, jacket potato or own packed lunch from home
- Payment is made via School Grid
- All meals are freshly cooked on site by our Herts Catering team. They can cater for any allergy needs with bespoke menus
- If you are bringing a home packed lunch, please ensure you do not include any of the following:
  - * Nuts of any type (including peanut butter/ chocolate spread)
  - * Sweets or chocolate bars
  - * Fizzy drinks

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Pupil Premium

- Early Years Pupil Premium – extra funding the school can receive (parents claiming specific benefits)
- All parents – please complete electronic Pupil Data Collection form and return as soon as possible (all personal information provided is subject to our School Privacy Notice, copy available on the website)

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Starting Arrangements

- Transition Day – Thursday 9th July 9.30-10.30am or 1.00-2.00pm (you will receive your personal time)
- Meet the family meetings with your class teacher – 2nd, 3rd and 4th September
- Staggered start – 7th-17th September
- All in as normal from Friday 18th September
- Welcome to Nursery meeting - Wednesday 30th September 8.45am and 12.45pm

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Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Prime areas - Communication and Language
Physical Development
Personal, Social and Emotional

Prime areas apply from birth

Specific areas - Literacy
Maths
Understanding of the World
Expressive Arts and Design

All areas assessed and reported to parents

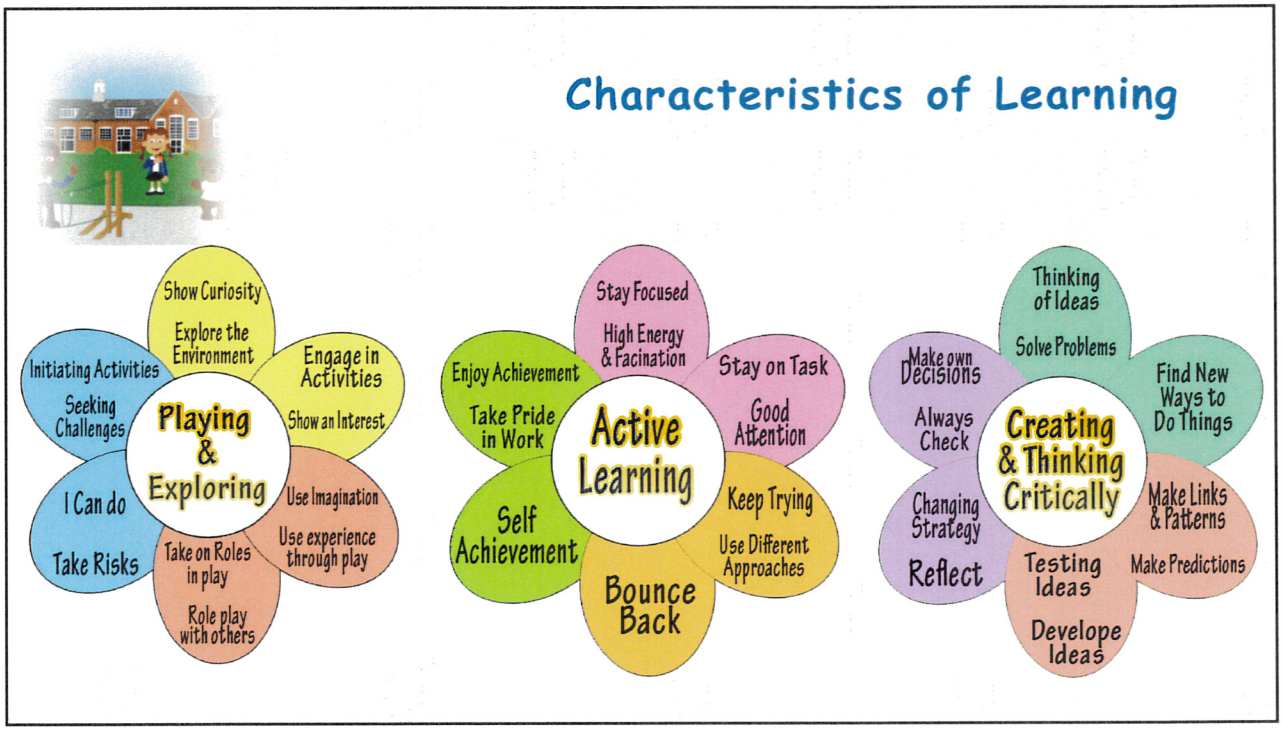
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Characteristics of Learning

- We encourage children to become independent learners who want to find out more
- Growth mindset- 'I can' attitude where the children are happy to try things out and aren't afraid of failure
- The Characteristics of Learning are -
  - Playing and Exploring
  - Active Learning
  - Creative and Thinking Critically

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Premier Education

Wraparound Care

- **Premier Breakfast Club:**

7.30am-8.30am in dining room. If your child is accessing 30 hours provision, you would need to pay school an additional 30 minutes nursery provision to start at 8.30am rather that 9.00am

- **Premier After School Club:**

3.00 – 6.00pm in our school dining room, hall and school field

- Needs to be booked in advance
- All details and link on school website
- We also have close links with Priory Nursery and Clare's Little Bears Pre-Schools, who can provide a walking bus service to and from our school

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Governing Board

- Provide oversight, support and challenge to the school
- Monitor provision
- Attend events and meetings, as well as termly Governor Visit Days
- Chair is Sally Davis and Vice Chair is Joga Shoker
- More information on our website

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All About Nursery









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Nursery Staff

Early Years Lead - Mrs Janis Thorpe

Nursery Teacher - Mrs Amanda Donald

Nursery Inclusion Teaching Assistant - Mrs Sarah Thomas

Nursery practitioners -

Mrs Jo Seaton

Mrs Jenny Georgieva (HLTA)

Miss Leanne Dolby

Mrs Lu Hammer



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What Your Child Will Need to Bring to School

- Named water bottle containing fresh water - please no juice or fizzy drinks (separate to packed lunch drink)
- Book bag containing their reading book
- Shoe bag with Wellington boots. Please ensure these are all named and left on your child's peg
- Please ensure all clothes are named
- Please send your child to school with a named waterproof coat everyday
- We do not encourage children to bring toys to school as they can often get lost or broken.

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