

Parent & Carer – Frequently Asked Questions – Nursery:

Punctuality:	
Nursery opens:	8:30am - 9am Your child's start time is indicative of your child's 15 or 30 hour placement.
School ends:	3pm - 3:30pm Your child's pick up time is indicative of your child's 15 or 30 hour placement.
PE Days:	
Come dressed in PE Kit to school on:	Thursday
Book/ Resource Swap Days:	
Learning Library resources:	Monday is swap day
Bedtime Bear Book:	Friday is swap day
Communication:	
How to contact teachers:	Via admin@applecroft.herts.sch.uk (in an emergency, please telephone the school office).
Focus Child Consultations:	The Nursery Team is available to meet with parents on Wednesdays and each consultation will last approximately 10 minutes. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss your child's focus week, their learning and development
Tapestry:	Tapestry is our online learning journal, where we share and celebrate your child's learning and development in Nursery, through to Reception. Through photos and observations, parents can see their child's experiences, achievements and progress in school. We also share ideas to support learning at home, helping parents and school work together to promote children's early learning, development and success.
Emails:	The school will send non-urgent emails in bulk every Thursday so please ensure you plan a time each week when you will read and process these. More pressing and/or urgent emails will be sent on the day.
Reminders:	1) Will be added to the Nursery cabinet, on the green gate next to the Nursery garden entrance as a visual reminder 2) Frequent post on Tapestry
School Calendar:	Dates are added to the calendar on the school website and parents are able to synchronise this calendar with the one on their phone. However, please be aware that you will get ALL school dates and not just those applicable for your child/ren's year group(s). Details for how to synchronise the calendar with your phone were sent in the parent/carers 'Welcome Back' letter received on 04/09/26 from the admin email.
Newsletter:	It is sent every month and includes important updates, key dates and other information.
Websites / Apps:	

Log-ins are issued when your child first starts in the year group where the website/app is relevant. Should you lose/misplace these, please contact the school office via admin@applecroft.herts.sch.uk or come in person and we can re-issue these to you. Please allow up to 5 working days for your request to be processed.

Whole School:	Arbor - you would have received an email on 3rd September prompting you to set up your password for this account
	School Gateway - individual accounts already set up
	School Grid - individual accounts already set up
	School Website
	Curriculum Visions Username: Applecroft Password: AL86JZ
	Digimaps for Schools Username: AL86JZ Password: misped8121
Year Group specific:	Tapestry (for Nursery and Reception only) Parent/carers will have individual log-ins
	Google Classroom (for Years 1-6 only) Children will have individual log-ins
	Numbots (for Years 1 & 2)
	Times Tables Rock Stars (for Years 3-6 only)

Permission Forms to sign:

Most permission forms will be issued to you and signed when your child first starts at Applecroft, and these permissions remain 'active' whilst you child is with us or until you inform us otherwise. However, there are some years when additional forms may be requested. If this is the case e.g. in Year 5 when parents are offered the option of their child becoming an 'Independent Traveller' then a copy of the form will be emailed out to all parents at the beginning of new relevant academic year

Other events:

Christmas 'Sing a long'	Christmas Jumper Day
'Stay and sing/draw'	St Francis' Christmas Tree Festival
World Book Day	Odd Sock Day

Statutory Assessments:

There are statutory assessments that take place nationally for all children in certain year groups. Please see details below / there are none in Nursery.

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)	Completed within the first six weeks of the children starting Reception.
Early Years Profile	Concluded in June at the end of the Reception year.

Please do not share any log on details with anyone outside of Applecroft School.