



Nursery Prospectus 2025-26

**DANE ROYD SCHOOL
NURSERY**

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EYFS Vision Statement

Our aim is that staff, children and their families work together in close partnership to give the children in the Foundation Stage the best possible start to their education.

We want our Foundation Stage to be a place where:

- Children feel happy and secure
- Enjoyable, stimulating learning experiences take place
- Children are confident, interested and involved learners
- Everyone feels valued and has high self-esteem
- Children work hard and aim high in their learning
- Staff and children respect and care about each other
- Parents and staff work together in close partnership, sharing information and ideas in order to help children to learn and develop.
- Staff are committed to providing the best quality learning opportunities for every child taking into account diversity of language, culture, gender, ability and physical needs.

EYFS Curricular Goals

Albert Einstein famously said "play is the highest form of research" but within the education sector play is often seen as a break from serious learning. Here at Dane Royd we believe play is serious learning for our youngest children.

Through purposeful play experiences, in a high quality and language rich learning environment and with the support of our dedicated and experienced team of early years professionals, our children leave us 'school ready'. But what does 'school ready' mean exactly? At Dane Royd these are our top 10 curricular goals:

1. Through play I will learn to safely manage risks. I will develop both the physical and emotional skills to persevere when facing a challenge.
2. Through play I will have hands-on experiences beyond my reach in real life. My imagination will develop and I will be ready to create, develop and share my ideas.
3. Through play I will have open ended opportunities to construct, deconstruct and reconstruct. I will understand how to use materials and equipment for a purpose. I will have a sense of pride in my work but at this stage it will be process driven not outcome led.
4. Through play I will naturally acquire the life skills needed to be an active member of society. I will gain the confidence to become a successful, independent learner.
5. Through play I will learn how to be a kind and respectful individual. I will celebrate everyone's uniqueness.

6. Through play I will begin making connections about the natural world. I will have a basic understanding of how I can have a positive impact on the planet.
7. Through play I will develop speaking and listening skills. The breadth of language I acquire will support my ability to socialise. I will also be ready to learn a range of subjects and will know some key vocabulary to support this.
8. Through play I will develop my fine and gross motor skills, gaining control over my body. I will be ready to sit at a table and hold a pencil effectively. I will have the stamina and more importantly the desire to write.
9. Through play I will develop my understanding of number. I will be able to procedurally and conceptually subitise. I will be ready to problem solve.
10. Through play I will develop my creative skills learning to sing, dance and make music with instruments. I will be ready to perform in front of an audience.

Nursery Overview

Nursery is an integral part of the whole school. Miss Mortimer is the teacher of Nursery children. Nursery has teaching assistants working alongside the class teacher.

Here at Dane Royd, we treat every child as an individual. We are ambitious in our teaching and have high aspirations for all our children. Our children learn through planned, well-resourced indoor and outdoor continuous provision areas. These areas are supported by adults who extend children's learning and understanding. As the children progress, they spend time in smaller teaching groups for specific areas of learning such as phonics and mathematics.



Key People

Our Nursery uses a key person approach. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom they are responsible for ensuring they feel happy and secure.

Timetable and Routines

Nursery school places are offered each term and children are eligible to start nursery in the term following their third birthday.

Times of sessions:

Morning 8.45am - 11.45am

Afternoon 12.15pm - 3.15pm



30 Hour Offer

The 30 hour session will run for 6 hours per day as per EYFS funding agreements with the option for parents to pay for children to remain in nursery until 3.15pm. The 6 hour session runs from 8.45am to 2.45pm. Children will have a timetabled lunch break during this time.

The cost for the additional 30 minutes per day on top of the 30 hour free entitlement is £2.60 per day. This means children accessing the 30 hours provision will be picked up at 3.15pm alongside their peers.

Parents of children with siblings in school find this a very convenient arrangement. All 30 hour children can choose this arrangement.

Children can be booked into the before and after school playcare through the Magic Bookings website. This provision is located in the room next to Nursery. School staff transfer the children between Nursery and before and after school care.

Useful Information for Parents

Uniform

All children are required to wear school uniform. The uniform consists of **grey trousers, shorts or skirt with a white polo-top and green jumper or cardigan**. A green and white checked summer dress can also be worn. Children also need **black school shoes** (velcro fastenings are advised). All children need a **pair of wellies** for outdoor play which will be kept at school. **Please label all uniform, bags and shoes.**

We ask that warm coats are provided in cold weather and a jacket in summer in case it rains. For warm days we provide children with hats, labelled sun cream can be brought in and given to nursery staff.

In Nursery we explore, investigate and get creative with our learning both indoors and out. We provide aprons and waterproofs but it is likely that clothing will become marked or dirty throughout explorations, we ask parents to understand and support us in this style of learning.

<https://www.daneroyd.com/school-uniform>

Self-Help Skills

Parents are encouraged to toilet train their children prior to starting nursery so children are clean and dry during the school day. You should support your child to go to the toilet independently and deal with their own clothes, wipe themselves, flush the toilet and wash their own hands. Accidents do happen and we are prepared for this and have a supply of spare clothes, which we would ask you to wash and return to Nursery.

In Nursery it would be helpful if clothing can be easily unfastened/fastened by your child e.g. Velcro fastenings. It is advisable to use trousers with elasticated waistbands for ease of pulling up and down, having Velcro shoes for when your child changes in to their wellies. Children are expected to put on and take off their own coat; staff will help them to fasten/unfasten buttons and zips but children will soon be encouraged to do this for themselves. Practicing these skills at home can help support your child with independence.



Reading

Sharing books with children from a young age is a vital part of their early development. It helps to spark imagination, build language and communication skills, and foster a lifelong love of reading. At our nursery, we create a rich and nurturing environment where children enjoy stories everyday - supporting their emotional development, broadening their understanding of the world and laying the foundations for future learning.

To facilitate our pupils to experience a breadth of stories at home; we run a School Library Service each Friday where children are supported to select a book of their choice to share with their adults at home over the weekend. Borrowed books will be sent home in their library tote bag and should be returned the following week to be put back into the collection. Damaged/lost library books will be billed. Additionally we encourage families to exchange pre-loved books via our Book Swap Shed, which is accessible before & after sessions everyday. Over the course of the year parents are also invited to participate in various events such as book fairs, reading breakfasts and reading challenges.



Snack

Fruit, milk and water are freely available during each session; therefore it is important that you make the Nursery team aware of any allergies.

Sharing Information

We encourage parents to share information with Nursery Staff regarding your child's learning and change in routines of home circumstances. Feel free to ask questions and discuss your child at the start of sessions, meetings can be made with the teacher if requested. The school also offers two parent consultation evenings a year where your child's progress will be discussed.

Early Days

Staff will build a close and trusting relationship with your child and ensure that s/he feels secure, confident, and a valued individual. Please do not hesitate to phone school should you be worried about leaving your child in a distressed state; remember, all children are different, but all children do settle and staff are very experienced at helping children adjust to Nursery. **Please be good timekeepers, as children can become agitated if you are late.**

Day to Day Arrangements

- Due to safeguarding regulations **no mobile telephones or cameras** should be used in the Nursery setting under any circumstances
- Please ring immediately if you are unable to pick up your child at the allotted time due to an unforeseen circumstance, and we will ensure that they are kept safe until your arrival.
- Please inform us when your child is going to be absent or you have organised a holiday during term time.
- Please ring Nursery to inform us of sickness absence.

Safety and Welfare

- For the safety of all children at Dane Royd we ask parents to **shut the green school gate after entering the premises.** To gain access to Nursery please press

the appropriate button. When dropping off and picking up your child please wait for the gate to be opened by Nursery staff, this will happen at an appropriate time regulated by staff.

- Please make sure you **keep us informed of any medical conditions/allergies** your child may have. If your child requires medication during the Nursery session, we have a consent form that must be filled in. Please let us know if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child from Nursery.
- If a child uses an inhaler or Epi-pen then an in date device will need to be kept in school.
- Parents should not enter the Nursery unless a member of staff is present, and should remain with their child until the start of session i.e. 8.45 a.m./12.15 p.m.
- Do not bring toys from home into Nursery.
- Please ensure that you and your children keep to the paths in the school grounds and do not run or play on the grassed areas outside Nursery in case of falls or damage to school grounds.
- Dogs are not allowed in the school grounds, please do not bring them with you to school.
- Parents **should not use the staff car park** when bringing or collecting their children.
- We are a '**no-smoking**' school and ask that cigarettes and vapes are extinguished before entering the school premises.
- **Please do not bring your child to Nursery if they have an illness.** Sometimes parents bring their child and tell us 'They wanted to come'. We are very pleased that children like coming to Nursery. However, if the child is not very well, they will not be fully fit to learn and may pass on their illness to others. Exclusion times for common illness are included at the back of this booklet. However, children with a slight sniffle or cough can attend. The school will always contact parents if a child becomes unwell during the school day. We positively encourage 100% attendance. If in doubt please call the school office and ask for advice.





Your Child's Learning and Development

Provision for children's learning and development is facilitated through a balanced, planned curriculum underpinned by the Department for Education's [Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#) and [Development Matters](#) document (Non-Statutory Curriculum Guidance).

The Early Years Foundation Stage is the period of education from birth to 5. It is called a Foundation Stage because the learning involved in the EYFS prepares children for the National Curriculum in Key Stage 1.

During the Early Years Foundation Stage, areas of learning will be introduced in ways that are suitable for young children, most often through planned, purposeful play. Play is the key to the way children learn. We want all children in our Nursery to have enjoyable and satisfying experiences, which will create a solid basis for later learning in school and beyond.

Assessment and Monitoring

The activities provided in Nursery are carefully planned and resourced to provide experiences which are enjoyable, educational and match the level of development and learning style of each child, we plan themes and topics relating to these each half term. Through regular assessment we can respond to each child's individual needs and develop new plans to ensure personalised progress.

Behaviour

We pride ourselves on the **high standard of behaviour** in our Nursery. We have high expectations of the children and of ourselves. The pastoral care of the children in Nursery is the concern of all staff, teaching and non-teaching. Rules are kept to a minimum and are related to the safety and welfare of the children and adults in the Nursery.

Nursery Rules:

We are all friends at Nursery

We are kind to everyone

We share and take turns

We walk sensibly in Nursery

We speak quietly

We have good manners and say 'please' and 'thank you'

We keep Nursery tidy and respect our toys.

It is the aim of everyone connected with our Nursery to provide a happy and secure environment so that all the children are eager to learn. This can be achieved only if a good relationship is established between home and school. Discipline is maintained by the closest co-operation between parents and Nursery staff.

Children are encouraged to behave in a positive, self-disciplined way. We employ a variety of strategies in order to achieve and maintain high standards of discipline and behavior. For example, Staff behave positively and set a good example.

Minor behavioral indiscretions are dealt with by the Nursery staff immediately. More serious behaviour is referred to the teacher, who may in turn, refer the matter to parents or to the Assistant Head, Mr Davison, who is responsible for behaviour and inclusion throughout school. Co-operation of parents is sought when a child's behaviour is causing concern. Problems are usually solved at an early stage, by parents, children and Nursery staff working closely together.

Special Needs

Children with **Special Educational Needs or learning difficulties are catered for** from within the existing resources in the Nursery. We assess children's progress regularly so difficulties can be diagnosed early in their education in order that individual learning programmes can be planned. Parents are given support and information on how to find help from a range of agencies. The setting works to the requirements of *The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice* (2001). A register of children with Special Needs is kept in school.

Safeguarding

The school safeguarding policy is available on the school website as is links to parental support.

<https://www.daneroyd.com/safeguardinghome>

Complaints

Our complaints policy is published on the school website.

<https://www.daneroyd.com/schoolpolicies>

Please be aware that a place in Nursery does not guarantee a place in School.

Parents need to fill in application forms for school places and must return these to the Local Authority before the closing date indicated on the admission form.

The closing date for Wakefield Council Reception applications for the 2026/2027 academic year is January 15, 2026. <https://parentportal.wakefield.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

A full copy of the Early Years Part-time Admissions policy may be viewed on the school website.

<u>Exclusion Procedure for Illness/Communicable Disease</u>	
Disease/Illness	Minimal Exclusion Period
Antibiotics prescribed	First day at home
Temperature	If sent home ill child must be off for 24 hours
Vomiting	Child must be off for 48 hours after last vomit
Conjunctivitis	Keep at home for a minimum of 1 day. May return after prescribed medication.
Diarrhea	48 hours from last loose stool or until clear
Chickenpox	7 days from appearance of rash
Gastro-enteritis, salmonellosis, dysentery and food poisoning	Until authorized by the District Community Physician
Infective hepatitis	7 days from onset of jaundice
Measles	7 days from appearance of rash
Meningococcal infection	Until recovered from the illness
Mumps	Until the swelling has subsided and in no case less than 7 days from onset of illness
German Measles (Rubella)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of the rash