

GALLIARD PRIMARY SCHOOL



EYFS: Caterpillar Class Curriculum Statement and Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Be the best that you can be!

WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN TERM

A very warm welcome to the two year old children in Caterpillar Class. We are excited to welcome you and your children to our setting and hope you will be very happy at Galliard. Hopefully your children will settle into Nursery life quickly and enjoy all that it has to offer.

Our staff this term:

TWOs:

Shauna Capaldi – Teacher
Ilkay Cinpolat
Gladys Opoku
Anna Sarfo

Assistant Headteacher, Early Years – Aimee Pemberton

Tapestry

We use an online observation system called '**Tapestry**'. We will set up an account for you and you can download the Tapestry app on your phone to access pictures and observations of your children playing and learning at Nursery. Make sure you add your comments and upload photos and videos from home too. It's a great way to keep in touch! The QR code below will take you to Tapestry.



Reading at Home

All children will take home a book each week from a lovely collection of books we have in the Nursery. Please help your children to develop a love of books and stories by reading with them and enjoying the books together. The books are situated outside of the Nursery gates and you can choose a book with your child to enjoy. Please remember to bring your child's

book bag to school every day.

Focus Children

We run a 'focus child' system in Caterpillar Class. We will let you know when it is your child's focus week and we will feedback to you at the end of the week to share the wonderful experiences your child has had.

We would encourage you to regularly look at your child's learning profile online on **Tapestry**, especially during their Focus Week. Please see your child's key person if you need any help to login or with passwords.

Clothing

Children spend lots of time playing and learning outside every day. Please make sure they have suitable shoes and a jacket that they can try to take off and put on by themselves. Please provide a pair of welly boots that your child can keep in school for wet weather play.

Please make sure your child has a spare set of clothes at school. It is much easier if this is in a **drawstring PE bag**, as bulky backpacks make it difficult for children to use their pegs.

Forest Learning

Once a week your child will take part in forest learning on the school field. This involves natural exploratory play with activities that encourage problem solving and collaboration as well as developing children's physical skills and understanding of nature. Forest learning will take place in all weather, so if possible could you please provide your child with an all in one waterproof rain suit for them to wear during these sessions.

Admission to Nursery for September 2026

Admission to Nursery is not automatic. You can register your child for Nursery 2026 online at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> from October 2025. Please speak to staff in the school office if you are unsure of what to do.

Attendance

We would like all parents to know that our target for school attendance remains at 96%. Please report your child's absence from school before **8.15am or 12.15pm** (depending on which session they attend) by telephoning 020 8804 1818 (Select Option 1 for Attendance) and advise us of the reason for your child's absence. It is very important that you report the reason for every absence so we can effectively manage infection control in the school. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Jewellery

Please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery to school. Only stud earrings in pierced ears are permitted for safety reasons.

School Closures

Autumn Term:

- **Inset Days:** Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – school closed for children
- **Half Term:** Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
- **End of term:** Friday 19th December 2025 school closes at 2pm

Activity & Department Dates

Communication Pod Activities: w/b Monday 29th September

Photographs: Monday 6th October

Story Café: Tuesday 11th November

Children in Need – wear something yellow or spotty:
Friday 14th November

FOG Christmas Concert: TBA

Winter Jumper day: TBA

Carols around the Tree: TBA

Return to school: Monday 5th January 2025