

GALLIARD PRIMARY SCHOOL



EYFS: Caterpillar Class Curriculum Statement and Newsletter Spring Term 2026

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This Curriculum Statement can be accessed on our School
website:

www.galliardprimaryschool.co.uk

WELCOME TO THE SPRING TERM

A very warm welcome back to Nursery and to the new 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
Wendy Smith

Assistant Headteacher, Early Years – Aimee Pemberton

Tapestry

Our online observation system '**Tapestry**' continues. Many of you are using **Tapestry** already, but if you haven't, please login and have a look – you'll find 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 that you can enjoy. Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school every day.

Focus Children

We are continuing with our 'focus child' system – we will let you know when it is your child's focus week. We will feedback to you at the end of the week to share the wonderful experiences your child has had.

We would encourage parents to look at their child's learning profile online on **Tapestry**, especially during their Focus Week – see your child's key person for help with how to login or 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 is not automatic – you need to register your child for

Nursery online through www.eadmissions.org.uk. Please speak to Aimee Pemberton for advice 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 here is 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

Spring Term:

- **Term Dates:** Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026 – School closing at 2pm
- **Inset Days:** Monday 5th January 2026 and Monday 23rd February 2026– school closed for children
- **Half Term:** Monday 16th February 2026– Friday 20th February 2026
- **Easter Holidays:** Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

Activity & Department Dates

Dress up & special jungle lunch: Thursday 15th January

Story Café: Friday 6th March 2026

