

GALLIARD PRIMARY SCHOOL



EYFS: Caterpillar Class Curriculum Statement and Newsletter Summer Term 2026

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This Curriculum Statement can be accessed on our School
website:

www.galliardprimaryschool.co.uk

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM

A very warm welcome to all the children returning to Caterpillar Class, as well as to the new children joining us this term. We're delighted to have you with us. As the weather begins to brighten, we're looking forward to a wonderful term ahead, filled with exciting activities and opportunities for your children to explore, learn, and enjoy.

Our staff this term:

Ilkay Cinpolat
Gladys Opoku
Anna Sarfo
Helin Derin
Zoe Stemp

Assistant Headteacher, Early Years – Aimee Pemberton

Tapestry

Our online observation system, *Tapestry*, continues to be a wonderful way for us to share your children's learning. Many of you are already using it regularly, but if you haven't logged in yet, please do take a moment to have a look. You'll find photos and observations of your children playing, exploring, and learning at Nursery. We'd love for you to add your own comments, and to upload photos or videos from home as well. It's a lovely way to stay connected. You can access Tapestry using the QR code below.



Reading at Home

Each week, your child will bring home a book to enjoy with you. A book bag is needed for this, and we have a wide range of books available for the children to choose from. Reading together is an important part of developing early literacy skills, so we encourage you to spend time sharing the stories at home. Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day. The QR code below will take you to Smiths Schoolwear, where book bags can be purchased.



Focus Children

We are continuing with our *Focus Child* system, and we will let you know when it is your child's turn. At the end of their Focus Week, we will share feedback with you so you can see the experiences and learning they have enjoyed. We encourage parents to look at their child's learning profile on Tapestry during this week. If you need any help with logging in or passwords, please speak to your child's key person.

Clothing

Children spend lots of time playing and learning outdoors each day, so please make sure they come to school with suitable shoes and a jacket. If your child enjoys being outside most of the time, an all-in-one waterproof rain suit is a great idea. Please also provide a pair of welly boots that can be kept at school for wet-weather play. We ask that every child has plenty of spare clothes in school in case they get wet. A drawstring PE bag is ideal for this, as large backpacks can make it difficult for children to use their pegs.

Forest Learning

Your child will take part in forest learning once a week on the school field. These sessions offer wonderful opportunities for natural exploration, teamwork, problem-solving, and developing physical skills, all while helping children connect with nature. Forest learning goes ahead whatever the weather, so suitable clothing is essential.

Birthday cakes

A gentle reminder that we are unable to accept cakes or party bags in school, as this would compromise our *Healthy Schools* status and we must also be mindful of allergies. We will, of course, celebrate your child's special day by singing *Happy Birthday* together.

Admission to Nursery for September 2026

Admission to Nursery is not automatic — you must register your child for Nursery online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you are unsure about the process or need any help, please speak to Aimee.

Attendance

We would like all parents to know that our school attendance target remains at **96%**. Please report your child's absence before **8.15am** or **12.15pm**, depending on the session they attend, by calling **020 8804 1818** and selecting **Option 1 for Attendance**. It is very important that you let us know the reason for every absence so we can manage infection control effectively within the school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Jewellery

Please ensure that your child does not wear any jewellery to school. For safety reasons, only stud earrings in pierced ears are permitted.

Term Dates

Summer Term:

- **Monday 13th April 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026**
(school closes at 2pm on Friday 17th July)
- **Bank Holiday:** Monday 4th May
- **Polling Day:** Thursday 7th May
- **Half Term:** Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
- **Inset Days:** Monday 1st June - school closed for children
- **Nursery closed for new children transition:** Friday 3rd July 2026 – Nursery closed for current Caterpillar Class children

Activity & Department Dates

- **Story Café – Tuesday 9th June**
- **Nursery fun run – Tuesday 23rd June**
- **Teddy bear's picnic – Wednesday 1st July**
- **Early Years fun day – Tuesday 14th July**