

GALLIARD PRIMARY SCHOOL



EYFS: Nursery 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-learning

Welcome to the Summer Term!

To the children that are returning, thank you for all your support last term. To the children that are new to our setting, we wish you a very warm welcome and hope your children will be happy at Galliard Nursery.

We will continue to use **Tapestry** this term and will once again send photos and observations of your children. Please check Tapestry regularly and please also upload photos and videos of things your child does at home. If you need help with logins and passwords please speak to one of the Nursery Practitioners. The QR code below will take you straight to Tapestry.



Butterfly Class:

Susanne Davis – Teacher
Sophia Matheou – Early Years Practitioner
Sue Sarno – Early Years Practitioner

Bumblebee Class:

Susanne Davis – Teacher
Emine Practitioner – Lead Early Years Practitioner
Yugal Oza - Early Years Practitioner
Natasha Edwards – Early Years Practitioner

Assistant Headteacher, Early Years – Aimee Pemberton

Teaching and Learning

Our teaching and learning will be based on children's developmental needs, their interests, class stories and the natural world around them. We will also have daily story times and song/rhyme times. Our core books for this half term are

The Crunching Munching Caterpillar, Jasper's Bean Stalk, Handa's Surprise, The Little Red Hen

Reading at Home

The children will take home a new book each week. Please help them to develop a love of books and stories by reading it with them and enjoying it together. Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school every day.

Forest Learning

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.

Clothing

Children spend a lot of time playing and learning outside every day – please make sure they have suitable shoes and a jacket that they can take off and put on by themselves. Please provide a pair of welly boots that will stay in school for wet weather play.

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

Birthday cakes

A reminder that we are unable to accept cakes or party bags in school as this would compromise our 'healthy schools' status and we need to be careful about allergies. We will of course sing 'Happy Birthday' to your child on their special day!

Admission to Reception, September 2026

Transfer from Nursery to Reception is not automatic. Please

make sure you apply for a place through www.eadmissions.org.uk as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

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 12.15am** (depending on which session your child attends) by telephoning the school office 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.

Term Dates

Summer Term:

- **Monday 13th April 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026**
(school closes at 2pm on Friday 17th July)
- **Bank Holiday:** Monday 5th 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 24th June**
- **Teddy bear’s picnic – Wednesday 2nd July**
- **Early Years fun day – Tuesday 15th July**