

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a **complete joy** to see how well all the new children are settling and how happy the returning children are to be back. The staff are equally happy to be meeting the new children and families and welcoming back our friends who were with us before the summer holiday.

Did you know that Guildford Nursery School is a **maintained nursery school**?

Do you know the difference between a maintained nursery school and other nursery settings?

Maintained nursery schools are local authority schools:

- They are funded and controlled by the local authority. They are not run for profit.
- They must be led by a headteacher and employ other qualified teachers (QTS).
- Like other schools their special needs co-ordinator must be a teacher.
- They are inspected in exactly the same way as primary and secondary schools whereas other nursery settings have a different, separate inspection framework.
- They provide high quality early education, led by specialist headteachers, and delivered by qualified teachers and qualified early years educators. The focus is education rather than childcare.
- There are just 4 maintained nursery schools in Surrey.



If you are interested in knowing more please do get in touch with me



You might like to watch our **short films** which explains more of what we do:

[Guildford Nursery School at York Road - YouTube](#)

[Guildford Nursery School at Hazel Avenue - YouTube](#)

We are on both **Facebook and Instagram** so please do follow us and see all the children do.

Surrey County Council is undergoing an inspection of its services for children with additional needs. The inspectors are very keen to hear the views of parents/carers of a child or young person with additional needs or disabilities. Please let them know what you think by completing this survey:

[Area SEND inspection for Surrey Local Area Partnership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

I look forward to seeing and meeting you all in the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Sally

(Headteacher)



Dates for your diary:

4th October: Photographer at York Road.

11th October: Photographer at Hazel Avenue.

Week beginning 16th October: Come and Play sessions in Nursery for parents.

Half term is 23rd - 27th October. Nursery closed.

Nursery will be closed for staff training on: 30th October, 30th November and 1st December.

13th November: Parent meetings with Key Person.

Week beginning 4th December: Come and Play Christmas craft sessions for families.

Nursery sessions end on 19th December.

20th December: Christmas parties for children.