

Dear Parents and Carers,

Keep an eye on social media for photos and videos of our **ducklings**. Or pop into nursery to see them for yourself, they are very cute!

If you have **any spare or unwanted garden mesh or trellis** (as in photo), we would gladly accept it. It makes an excellent weaving frame for the children!
Thank you



At Guildford Nursery School, **we teach children to write** using lower case letters (a rather than A) when they are learning to write. Although children find it easier to use and copy capital letters due to their straight lines, it is then much harder to unlearn this and change to lower case.



If children learn to write by tracing or writing over dots, it is likely that they won't learn to form letters correctly. So, we model writing to the children so that, as well as seeing words in print such as their name card, they also learn about how to write letters. This doesn't necessarily mean using pencil and paper but also writing patterns and letters in the air with ribbons or using a finger or stick in sand or cornflour for example.



When children are learning to read and write it is important that they learn the sound (phoneme) that the letter represents rather than the name of the letter. Please see your key person for more information on this.

You can also find more information about how we teach children to write on our website: [Curriculum – Guildford Nursery School and Family Centre \(guildfordnscs.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://guildfordnscs.surrey.sch.uk)

We are looking into the possibility of having **younger children attend Guildford Nursery School**. By this I mean lowering our entry age from 2 years to 9+ months. Currently we are in the process of applying to the local authority and Ofsted for permission to do this. If successful, we would start this at Hazel Avenue from September 2024. This is in response to the new entitlement of 15 hours funded early education and care for working parents. We will prioritise families in receipt of the code and in receipt of child benefit. Of course, as existing parents, you will get priority should you want one of these spaces for your baby. Please contact admissions if you are interested as we will probably start with just three spaces.

Any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Sally (Headteacher)



Dates for your diary:

25th-28th March: Come and play sessions in nursery for parents.

28th March: Term ends at 12pm for the Spring/Easter holiday.

Tuesday 16th April: Children return to nursery.

NB: Nursery will be closed for children on Friday 3rd May and Friday 24th May.

Saturday 18th May 10am-12pm: Froebel Festival. Come and play in nursery with your whole family, friends, neighbours.

20th-23rd May: Come and play sessions in nursery.

Friday 19th July 12pm: Summer term ends.