

Cantrell Primary School

Spring Term 2026 Newsletter

Nursery

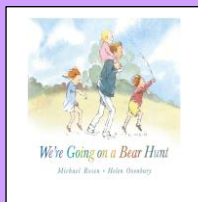


Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We also extend a warm welcome to the children and their families who are starting with us this term. We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning. Here is some key information about the term ahead.

Topics

Our theme for the first half of the Spring term is 'Into the Woods'. We will be talking about the seasons and weather, visiting our woods and learning about another special festival. We continue to focus on singing lots of Nursery Rhymes together so please sing these at home too!

The stories we will focus on include the following:



We usually focus on a story for three weeks and will keep you updated through Class Dojo. We will also share updates and photos from our week in school through Dojo.

Getting ready for Reception

If your child has their 4th birthday during this academic year (between 1/9/25-31/8/26), they will be moving up into Reception in September 26. You **MUST** apply for a school place for your child, even if you want them to stay at Cantrell. Do this by clicking on the link below before the 15/1/26:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-infant-or-junior-school-place/>

Key ways to help your child ready get for Reception:

- ✓ practise getting dressed by themselves
- ✓ support them to become independent with their toileting. There is useful info at <https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>
- ✓ talk with your child and play games together
- ✓ share stories and nursery rhymes together
- ✓ practise taking turns and sharing

Nursery Timings

Mornings

Nursery doors are open between 8.30am-8.45am. Drop-off is at the main Nursery door (enter through the main school entrance gate. Collection at the end of the session is between 11.20am-11.30am from the side gate, adjacent to the main school entrance.

Afternoons

Afternoon Nursery children enter via the side gate adjacent to the main gate between 12.30pm-12.45pm. Collection is from 3.20pm from the main Nursery doors).

Thank you for cooperation in arriving promptly to drop off and collect your child each day. Arriving on time ensures that our children don't miss out on any valuable teaching and learning.

Every Friday at the start of the morning and afternoon sessions, we invite you to come and share a book with your child in our Nursery. Your child can also borrow a book from our Reading Library.

Keeping safe at school

Don't forget to send in your child with a warm, named coat, hat and gloves (we go outside in all weathers). All children should also bring in a named water bottle every day (no juice or squash – thank you).

Reporting Illness

If your child is ill, please contact the school office directly, rather than the class teachers. We don't always access Dojo until later in the day and it is important that attendance is recorded by the office team. Please call the office on: 0115 915 5770 or email: attendance@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk

Diary dates

NSPCC Number Day – 6.2.26
Half-term break – 16.2.26-20.2.26
Lunar New Year – 17.2.26
World Book Day – 5.3.26
Mother's Day celebration – 13.3.26
Nursery Open Day / break up for Easter – 27.3.26
Easter holidays – 30.3.26-10.4.26