



Chimneytots Autumn 1 2026



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Summer. We look forward to meeting old and new friends, getting to know them and finding out how busy everyone has been over the Summer holidays.

Our topics this half term are **Settling In** and **Me and My Community**

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Me and My Community

This project we will be welcoming the returning and new children into the setting. It includes supporting children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.

Engage

Welcome new children into the setting. Introduce staff and children to each other. Sing 'Hello' song. Discuss and compile the rules of the setting. Look at pictures or little books containing pictures of the Nursery learning environment with the children and encourage them to talk about activities or areas that they like to visit and activities that they like to do.

Develop

Children will then learn about...

- Talk about the characters in the stories and how they change.
- Who are the family member that live in the house together?
- Who lives in your house?
- Who is in your family?
- We need rules to keep us safe and happy.
- It is important to listen to adults at school and follow what they say.
- Some things are okay to do at school. These are good choices. Some things are not okay to do at school. These are bad choices.
- I need to take turns when playing with my friends at school.
- A friend is someone who I like to spend time with. Friends make us happy.
- There are adults in our community who help us.
- The emergency services help us.
- The emergency services include the fire service, the police and paramedics.
- To call the emergency services, dial 999.
- Other people who help us are doctors, nurses, teachers and postal workers.

Parental Input

- Look at family photographs together and discuss who is part of your close and extended family.
- Look at baby photographs and talk about how they have grown.
- Look at any childhood photographs of parents and grandparents.
- Talk about the things you like to do together and places you like to go.
- Share and discuss the [Did you know?](#) Resource

Enjoy learning with your child!

Thank you for your continued support with your child's education.



Other Information for you to know this half term in Chimneytots

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Outside play 	Hopefully during this term we will continue to have some sun for outdoor learning. As the weather deteriorates please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for the weather when they come into pre-school. We ask you to provide a bag containing a change of clothes for your child. (Please make sure all items are labelled with your child's name ~ a biro written name is great!!)
Lunch  	Dinners: A daily hot lunch is available from the school at a cost of £3.00. This is booked and paid for on Arbor, please ensure payment and meal /meals required are booked at least 4 days in advance. Please ensure you notify a member of staff when you bring your child into pre-school that a dinner has been requested. Packed lunches: ~ Should comply with our Healthy Eating Policy, children should not have sweets and chocolate unless it has a biscuit or sponge inside. We are a nut free school so please refrain from using <u>any item containing nuts</u> (this includes chocolate spread) in your children's packed lunch. We ask that your child's lunch does not contain popcorn and ask that grapes are cut length ways to avoid the risk of choking. We also ask that the lunch boxes are named as we have a number that are the same.  
 Arbor	It is important that you have activated your Arbor account; this is where all information is sent from: newsletters, diary dates, lunches, trips and special occasions/events.
Water bottles 	Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle with them for each session. Bottles should contain water only. Squash can be provided in a bottle or carton for a lunchtime drink. No fizzy drinks.
Other Information	



Health & Safety: We must stress that your children are your responsibility whilst waiting to come in for the session and they should not be playing on or using the equipment/toys.

Please ensure medication, etc are **not** left in the children's bags. If your child needs medication you will need to complete a Medical Indemnity Form and hand the medication to staff to put out of reach.

Jewellery: We do not allow children to wear jewellery (children's plastic included) other than small stud earrings.



Cars: We would respectfully remind you that if it is unavoidable to bring your car at drop-off/pick up time, you must observe the speed limit and be courteous in both parking and opening doors when many pedestrians (often with pushchairs) are nearby when using Church Walk.

Toys: We respectfully request that toys are not brought in from home as it can cause distress if they get lost or damaged.

Clothing & Shoes: As our aim is to promote independence, please ensure your child wears clothing manageable for them when going to the toilet (they sometimes leave it until the last minute). In addition, shoes/boots they can put on and take off easily by themselves.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. You are welcome to email or call the office to speak with your child's keyperson who will then contact you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support,

Chimneytots Team

