



South Normanton Nursery News

6th January 2025



Happy New Year and we hope that you all have had a good Christmas. We would like to welcome our new starters and their families.

We would also like to welcome Phoebe who is joining us as an Early Years Educator.



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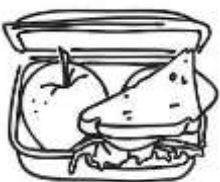
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The application process for the 2026/27 Reception intake will close at midnight on 15th January 2026. If you have not already applied, then please ensure that you do before the deadline. Derbyshire prefer parents to apply online, using the [Derbyshire County Council](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/parents/apply-for-reception) website. This also gives you further guidance on how you complete the application. For those parents without access to the internet, you can apply by phone by ringing 01629 537479. If you need any support in the application process, then please contact Peter or Moira.



Can we remind you that snack money is 30p per session (60p for a full day). Please could you put this in a named envelope and put in the baskets at your child's entrance. You can pay this weekly or monthly if you wish.



We would like to ask parents to think about the amount of food that is put into your child's lunchbox and how you can ensure they have a balance of food groups. If their lunchbox has too much food in it, this can phase them and they may eat less than they need. Change4life offers good advice about what and how much should be in a child's lunchbox. This can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Could we also remind you that we are a 'no nuts' school and that children should not bring anything in their lunchbox that contain nuts. This is due to the impact that nuts can have on children who are allergic to them.



Playing together, learning together, growing together