



South Normanton Nursery News

23rd March 2026



We are proud to announce that last week, the nursery was named as the National Early Years Establishment of the Year for 2025/2026. We would like to thank all the staff, parents and pupils who have taken part in scooter and balance bike training, Clean Air Day and changed the way that they have travelled to nursery. We would also like to thank Rob Bounds from Derbyshire County Council, who provides such invaluable support. Well done everyone!



We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like to help the nursery to develop and work with a group of governors who are forward thinking, then please see either Peter or Moira for more information.



At the end of this academic year, some children will move on to the next phase of their education. Starting school is an exciting milestone for your child and your family. To help make the transition into Reception as smooth and positive as possible, we encourage you to explore Starting Reception (www.startingreception.co.uk), where you'll find practical tips, activities and guidance to help your child feel confident on their first day. Supporting your child now can make a big difference in helping them thrive in September.



Currently there a lot of bugs and illnesses around that are making children ill. One way to protect your child and family is by keeping them up to date with their vaccinations. If you are unsure what vaccinations your child could access, you can check on [Vaccinations - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations) which also gives you guidance on the benefits of vaccinations.



The government changed its advice to Early Years settings in September 2025 and stated that we must ensure that all food that children eat in nursery is appropriately cut up, so that there is a reduced risk of choking. Can we please ask that all parents read the attached Food Standards Agency guidelines for how foods should be cut up and make sure that food in lunchboxes are prepared this way before your child gets to nursery. Please take note that fruits such as apples should be cut up and items such as strawberries should be cut into quarters. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to cut food up that is in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for your understanding.



The photographer will be in nursery on Friday 24th April. Every child will have an individual photo taken. See Moira if you would like an appointment for a family photo, or if your child doesn't attend nursery on a Friday and you would like an appointment.



Playing together, learning together, growing together