



# South Normanton Nursery News

10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

We would like to welcome all our new families and those who are returning to us after the summer.



We would like to ask parents to join in our 'Ditch the Dummy' amnesty that we are running in nursery. The longer a child uses a dummy, the more chance there is that it will affect their speech and language and the development of their teeth. We are running an amnesty event, where children can bring us all their dummies from home, in return for a special prize. They then have to promise to 'Ditch the Dummy' and not use them again.



We will be holding scooter training in nursery on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of October, with Rob Bounds from Derbyshire County Council transport team.

During the day, parents are invited to take part in the training with their child. If you would like to do this, then please let Moira know at [info@southnormanton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@southnormanton.derbyshire.sch.uk) and she will book you a place.



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.



Although nursery attendance is not statutory for children aged 3 and 4, it is important that your child attends as many sessions that they possibly can. We know that children get ill, but we ask that when they are fit and well they attend as soon as possible.

***Children who do not attend regularly and we are not sure why not, are at risk of losing their place.***



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.



Can we please ask that you ensure that your child has a pair of wellington boots in school. These should have your child's name inside them. Thank you.



If you are thinking about increasing your child's hours in the future, could you please contact Moira to discuss what you will need ***as soon as possible but definitely before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October***. From January 2026, we will have more children joining so there may not be the possibility to increase hours if we are not aware. Thank you.



Playing together, learning together, growing together