East Prescot Road Nursery School

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Friday 20th November 2026

This week, children have been learning all about the Nursery rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock. Nursery rhymes are essential for early childhood development because they build the foundational skills children need for language, literacy, cognition, and emotional bonding. So many interesting words appear in traditional nursery rhymes that children might not otherwise encounter. A high-quality nursery rhyme book is an ideal Christmas present for your child. Research shows that children who know nursery rhymes by heart by the age of 5 go on to be stronger readers in school.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram to find out more about what we are learning in school: **@eprns06**

Nelly Nursery Rhymes

Next week, our nursery rhyme is ***Baa, Baa Black Sheep.*** Children will learn the Special Words:

- **Sheep**
- **Yes**
- **Full**
- **Boy**

Children in Need

Thank you all so much for your amazing kind donations! Together, we raised a grand total of **£344.96!!!!!** 😊

IPAL Invoices

A reminder that invoices for our extended provision (breakfast club, afterschool club and Wednesday Club) are sent out around the start of each month. Invoices must be paid in advance for the month ahead. If you are struggling to pay, please speak to Joanne Jones rather than leaving invoices unpaid. Thank you.

Snack Fund

Snack Fund is due again. Please send your **£12.00 payment** into school in an envelope, marked clearly with your child's name and class. Thank you.

The Clubhouse

A reminder that drop off and pick up from Breakfast and After-School Club is now from **The Clubhouse** and not from the main entrance. Please do not ring the buzzer on the main gate before 7:45am. Staff will open the gate at 7:45am.

Little Owls Lending Library

A reminder of your days for our lending library. You will be able to choose a book with your child each week on the following days:

- **Hazel class – Wednesday mornings at 8:30am**
- **Birch class- Thursday mornings at 8:30am**
- **Rowan class – Friday mornings at 8:30am**

If your child attends breakfast club, our staff will change your child's book each week.
Books are to be returned the following week on your child's library day.

Key Person Meetings

Key person meetings taker place next week and the following week. These meetings are telephone appointments. Please sign up for a telephone with your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so.

Punctuality

Lessons begin at 8:45am prompt. If you arrive late (after 8.45am), you will need to fill in the book in the school foyer. Please be advised that you could be asked to wait with your child for 10-15 minutes if you miss the 8:30am - 8:45am slot, so that the other children's learning is not disrupted.

Attendance

Please **telephone** the school office **by 9:00am** if your child will be absent from school for any reason. If we do not hear from you, we will follow up any unexplained absences as a safeguarding concern.

- Children with vomiting and diarrhoea **must not attend school for 48 hours** from the last incident.

Nativity Performances 2026

We would love you to come along to see your child in their first Nativity. Dates and times as follows:

Class	Date	Morning	Afternoon
BIRCH Class Nativity	Monday 7th December	9:15am start Coffee from 8:30am	1:30pm start Parents go straight into the show
ROWAN Class Nativity	Tuesday 8th December	9:15am start Coffee from 8:30am	1:30pm start Parents go straight into the show
HAZEL Class Nativity	Thursday 10th December	9:15am start Coffee from 8:30am	1:30pm start Parents go straight into the show
Nurture Base Christmas Stay and Play session	Friday 11th December	9:30am start Coffee from 9:00am	***No afternoon event***

Christmas Party Days / End of term

Monday 14th December	**Birch and Hazel Party Day** Children in these classes attend school 11:00am – 2:00pm only • *No Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club*	Rowan and Nurture Base children do not attend school today
Tuesday 15th December	**Rowan and Nurture Base Christmas Party Day** Children in these classes attend school 11:00am – 2:00pm only • *No Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club*	Birch and Hazel children do not attend school today
Friday 18th December	All children attend school 8.30am – 11.00am • *All children must be collected from school at 11:00am*	No Lunch Club or Afterschool

Colder Weather

- Children should wear a **warm winter coat** for school. The school green school coats are ideal but this is not a requirement.
- Children **should not bring in hats, scarves and gloves.**

Children's healthy lunches

- Please check carefully to ensure that **no food items contain nuts or traces of nuts.**
- To prevent choking, please **slice grapes into quarters.**

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 17th November	Individual Children's Photographs (school photographer)
Monday 7th December	Birch Class Nativity
Tuesday 8th December	Rowan class Nativity
Thursday 10th December	Hazel Class Nativity
Friday 11th December	Nurture Base Christmas Stay and Play
Monday 14th December	Christmas Party Day for Birch and Hazel children
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Party Day for Rowan and Nurture Base children
Wednesday 16th December	**Wednesday Club closed for staff development**
Friday 18th December	Children finish for Christmas break • All children attend school 8:30am – 11:30am • **After school club closed**