



The Sett and Hive Newsletter-September 2026

I can't believe we are already 2.5 weeks into the term! Half term will start on Thurs 22nd Oct, (we will be open for After school club on this day) and then start back after half term on Tuesday November 3rd. The term dates are on our school website. <https://northhinksey.web11.juniperwebsites.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=49&login=true>

Drop off and Collection

We'd like to thank you for your patience with the drop off and collection, it feels like it much safer now we are doing this from the Nursery canopy.

I realise sometimes being late for drop off when you have little children is unavoidable, however it does impact on the session. It does also impact on your child as they are basically arriving "after the party has started"! I feel you having the gate code if needed is helping. Ask us for it when you are late, over the intercom if you need to.

Settling children

The children have been amazing and are nearly all settled now! It has been amazing to see how, on some days my team can manage to get 14 children to sleep at the same time at nap time! Lunches are full on too and now more than half the children are having the school lunch.

You will have noticed we have a new team member, Prescilla, who has started her apprenticeship with us. We are also going to recruit another team member in the coming weeks. For those of you who were with us last year, we also have the lovely Kati back!

The team are busy getting to know the children and encouraging them to follow the routines of the day and it is going really well. Ask your child to sing you the "Make a line Song" or the "Goodbye song!" Singing is a thread that runs through the day. In circle time, in the morning, they sing the "Hello song", "What is the weather today?" and "Days of the week" Songs.

Clothing and belongings

Please ensure all belongings are **CLEARLY LABELLED!!** Your child needs plenty of spare clothes and a pair of spare shoes, especially if they are toilet training. Don't forget to provide nappies, wipes and nappy cream. We do not allow children to wear crocs or sandals but ask that they have a good shoe or trainer, ideally that they can manage themselves! Supporting their independence and getting them ready for school. (Obviously not under 2's!) All children

need a **NAMED** water bottle and either packed lunch or have a school lunch booked 24 yours in advance, through the MCAS app.

Sickness

Just a reminder that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea, we ask you to keep them home for 48 hours following a bout. We do ask you to let us know if your child has been ill over the weekend or when off, this is so we have a medical history in the case of an emergency, and we do need to know if they have had any medication for the same reasons. We ask that your child comes well enough, to fully participate in the day and if this is not the case, we will call to ask you to collect them as soon as is possible, to keep them and everyone else safe and well.

Attached to this is a flyer for Flu vaccinations, which may be something you want to consider.

Please let me know if you have any questions about anything,

Thanks

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