

Welcome to Nursery

2024-25 Cohort





Meet the team

Who will I be working with?

The Adults in Nursery



Mrs Burland



Mrs Menevilli



Mrs Gilbody



Mrs Newland

Classes

The nursery classes work together and free flow for the majority of the session. The children have the opportunity to interact with all adults across the settings. For registration and adult focused learning sessions they are split into 2 classes. These are called Ash and Aspen.



Ash is our 15-hour provision and Aspen in our 30-hour provision.

School Uniform

- Round Neck Sweatshirt or Cardigan with Embroidered School Crest (Bottle Green)
- White polo shirt/blouse
- Grey trousers/knee length skirts
- Shorts and summer dresses can be worn in warm weather.
- Black shoes (with suitable heels) or trainers (with black shoelaces)
- White, black, or grey socks or tights
- For PE lessons
- Black trainers or plimsolls
- Swimming costume, towel, and swim hat.

The school has a uniform and children are expected to adhere to this. The children wear their uniform with pride and should be smart with shirts tucked into trousers or skirts.

School uniform is supplied by Create Identitee, it can be ordered directly with them at their shop Unit 43 Greenway Business Centre, Harlow, Essex, CM19 5QE, or over the telephone 01279 456016. Order forms and samples of sizes are available at the school office

Please name all of your child's clothes and belongings



The following links take you to 2 companies that provide the PTA with a % of your purchases to help to raise money for the school.

Stamptastic - https://stamptastic.co.uk/#a_aid=5edcc47baf3eb

School Affiliate ID: 5edcc47baf3eb

School PTA Code: CM187BY

My Name Tags - <https://www.mynametags.com/>

School code - 6806



What will a day be
like?

Let's see how your day will start

When I come into school:

You will come into the Nursery outdoor areas through the Trotters Road gate. You will put your water bottle/lunchbox on the trolley and book bag in the basket. You will play outside first for a while, then:

- You will put your coat on your own peg (this will have your name on it).
- You will place your name on the self-registration board.
- Then it is time to get busy with your friends by exploring the activities in the classroom.



Things to bring

Every day:

- Correct school uniform and hair tied up (if longer than shoulder length). **Please name all uniform**, even socks and shoes. We have 60 sets of identical uniform and we can help lost items get back to the right owner if things are clearly labelled. The uniform shop will embroider initials on for a small charge.
- Water bottle to keep in the classroom (we encourage children to drink water only).
- We ask that children do not bring toys into school. If they need a toy from home for comfort then this must be put in their book bag before coming into the classroom.
- At snack time the children have a piece of fruit or vegetable (free of charge from the National Fruit for Schools scheme).
- Children in Aspen need to bring their lunchbox every day.

Each week:

- Any homework (when specified)
- Children will have a book to share with adults at home. This will be changed weekly, on a set day.
- Swimming kit and £3 contribution once a week - swimming will take place in the Summer term. The day will be confirmed nearer the time.
- Book bag (**labelled clearly**) every Friday.
- Plimsols for PE if the children would like to wear them

Your day:

Throughout the day you can explore the activities in both classrooms and in the Early Years garden. They are set up to support the topic and the 7 areas of the Early Years curriculum (information is available on our website about what the children are learning each term).

Sometimes you will choose how you learn and play with your friends; at other times you will complete activities with adults.



Your day:



Across each day there will be 2 whole class teaching sessions for Ash, and 3 for Aspen. This includes daily phonics and lots of other sessions linked to the Early Years areas. For most of these you will sit with your class on the carpet area.



Each day you will have snack. We have lots of different food to try, including a variety of fruit and vegetables and things like dips, biscuits, yoghurt and wraps. Sometimes you help to make your own snack. We always wash our hands before having food.

Lunchtime (Aspen)



- Children in Aspen will need a packed lunch each day.
- We are a NO NUT school.
- Packed lunches should contain a healthy balance of food, children must not have chocolate bars, sweets or fizzy drinks.

Learning opportunities:

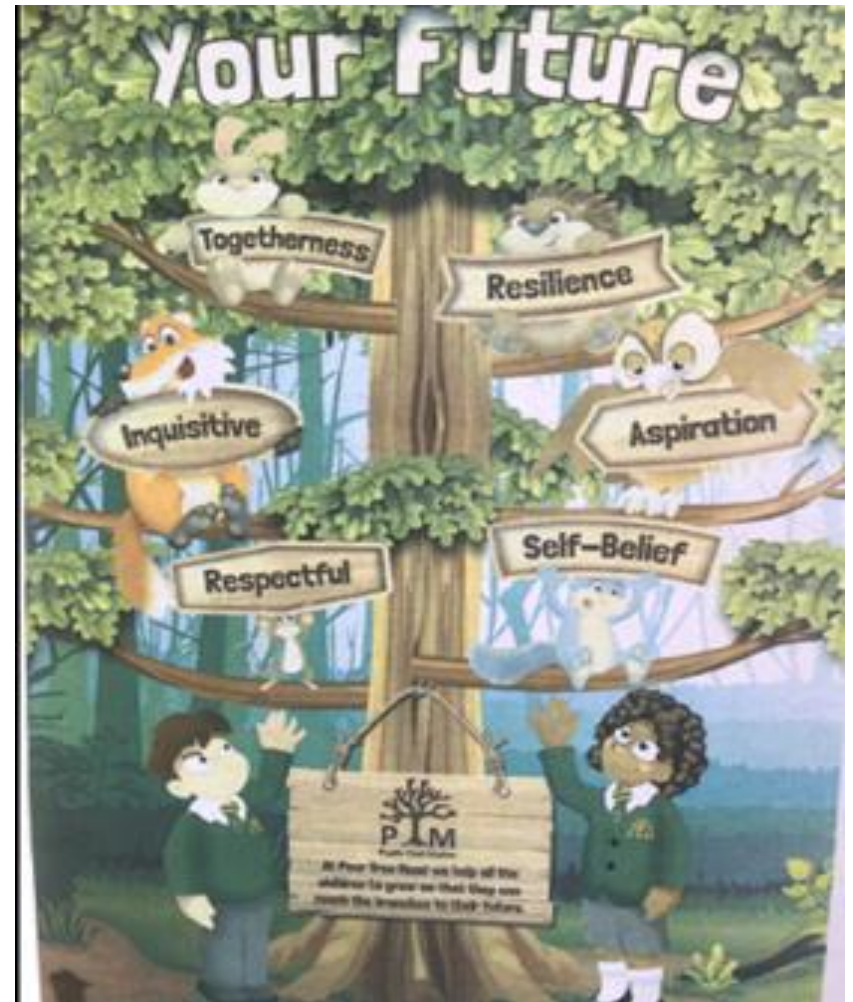
In our Early Years we value learning through play and exploration. We aim to plan these opportunities in our indoor and outdoor environment. Here are some of the fantastic opportunities that pupils at Pear Tree Mead Academy can enjoy:

- A variety of activities and areas with provision for children to access, across both nursery classrooms and the Early Years Garden.
- Forest School
- Outdoor learning in different areas of the school; our pond and woodland area.
- Swimming. Children will need a costume, swim hat and towel. Swimming costs £2 a week.
- A challenging and enabling learning environment.

If you would like to find out more about the Early Years Foundation Stage then visit this website: <https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/>. You can also find out more about our Early Years by visiting the school website: <http://www.peartreemead.essex.sch.uk/school-life/curriculum/>.

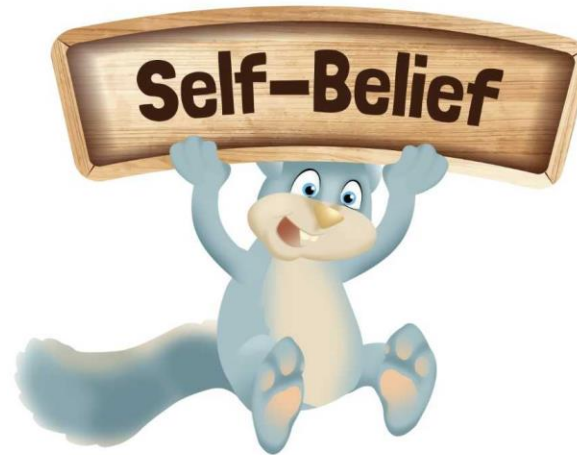


Pear Tree Mead Academy – school vision and motto.



School Branches:

In the Early Years we focus on the first three branches:



Behaviour:

Pear Tree Mead Academy Expectations

Be Ready – ready to learn, ready to inspire, ready to listen

Be Kind – kind to others, kind to ourselves

Be Safe – safe in what we are doing, where we are, what we are accessing

BEHAVIOUR

Other Recognitions

- Children can receive a Headteachers Award for excellent work and effort in their learning.
- We also have a 'Thank You' box in the main office where staff, parents and children can write messages of thanks to all school groups. These are shared in Assembly. This supports well-being within the school across all stakeholders.
- Children are rewarded in several ways. Staff give out stickers, certificates and lots of praise.

What if you are not doing the right thing

- Appropriate consequences will be given, taking into consideration the child
- We will communicate behaviour and consequences with the child's parents where necessary, and only that of their child, not any other pupils' involvement
- In extreme instances, where behaviour is continuous, over time, or for one large incident, the pupil may face expulsion for a fixed period (this will be communicated with parents and formally by letter). Incident(s) can include the pupil putting themselves or others at risk, safety of them or others and/or verbal/physical harm.

Attendance at PTM

- Will your child be a PTM Attendance Hero next year?
- Being here every day and on time really helps your child be happy, successful and get the very best from their education.



Did you know...

That just being late regularly can soon build up many hours of lost learning.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes

3.5 Days from School

20 Lessons

10 Minutes

7 Days from School

41 Lessons

15 Minutes

10 Days from School

55 Lessons

20 Minutes

14.5 Days from School

82 Lessons

30 Minutes

22 Days from School

123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Regular attendance is so important as just 2 weeks off school in a year will mean you child misses 50 lessons .

ATTENDANCE


WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.


How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons


89% & Below
 Drastic effect on academic achievement



95%-90%
 Cause for concern



100%-96%
 Excellent



For more information on the school's policy regarding attendance please visit

[Attendance - Pear Tree Mead Academy](#)

Useful websites:

These are some useful websites for you to use across the year :

- Busy Things www.busythings.co.uk This is a fun educational website which has activities for a variety of early learning areas.
Username-home5826 Password-peartree
- Letter join website for handwriting letter practise <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html>
- Topmarks website for EY games www.topmarks.co.uk

Sharing your child's learning:

Your child will choose a sharing book in school. They will take this home; this is a story book that you can enjoy reading together.

We may set challenges on Tapestry for you to complete.

We ask for any of the learning above to be recorded on Tapestry.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL



Who to talk to:

If you have anything that you would like to talk about then the first point of call is always the Nursery Leader, Deputy or any of the learning support assistants. We are very happy to talk. We don't check book bags daily, so please hand any letters to the staff member at the door.

If you would like to talk at the end of the nursery day please wait until children are safely let out of the classrooms first.

If you feel that after speaking to a member of the class staff you still need to speak to someone else then please contact the school office as they will be able to point you in the right direction of who is best to speak to.



**“Helping the school to create memorable experiences
for all Pear Tree Mead pupils”**

Registered Charity: 1040711

What is 'Friends of Pear Tree Mead' (FOPTM)?

- **A registered charity whose aim is to fundraise on behalf of the school to provide additional resources and equipment**
- **A community of volunteers who help out at events hosted by FOPTM. We have our own facebook page where you can find out what's going on.**
- **A way to meet other parents and make new friends whilst supporting the school.**
- **A separate entity to the school – If the school want FOPTM to fund something they have to request it in writing and it is put to a vote at our termly FOPTM meeting. Equally, if we want to run an event at the school, their staff are given the option to assist on a voluntary basis**

How do we fundraise?



- We run a variety of events throughout the year with the aim to ensure that whilst profitable, our events are affordable to all families.
- Some of our events are for pupils only, but we also run family events after school, in the evenings and at weekends
- We run present sales at Christmas, Mothers Day and Fathers Day to enable children to choose a pre-wrapped gift
- At all school productions we sell to order from a selection of production photos taken during the class dress rehearsals.
- We also raise funds by using Amazon Smile, Bag2School and asking organisations to match funds on stalls at larger events like our Summer fete and Christmas Bazaar.
- We have a small team of parent volunteers who work tirelessly to manage the collection and sale of pre-loved uniform

How do we fundraise?

Some of the events we have organised recently include:



Halloween Disco
Christmas Bazaar
Summer Fete
Summer Splash
Break the Rules Day
Pop Up Circus
After School Film Club
Family Race Night
Singo Bingo
After School Cake Sale
Present Sales



What have we funded?

Our main fundraising project at the moment is for the OPAL project, but in recent years we have also funded...



Provision of outdoor gym equipment



Clearing and landscaping the pond as an outdoor learning area



Replacing climbing frames in all playgrounds

Plus... New curtains for the main hall, outdoor educational posters, a defibrillator and repairs to pool facility!

How can you help?



Every event we run requires manpower to source materials, set up, and host the event on the day. Without parents who are willing to give up their time, we simply would not be able to run things like school disco's, film clubs, fetes and bazaars – All the things we know the children love!

We are desperately short of volunteers, with quite a few of our 'regular' parent helpers moving on to secondary school this year.



If you would like to get involved, please come along to a meeting to see what you can do to help – You can give up as much or as little time as you are able and there are always a variety of tasks to suit everyone's individual commitments and skills. Our meeting dates are published via parent mail and our facebook page, which will also keep you up to date with upcoming events where help us needed.

PEAR TREE MEAD ACADEMY GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT



The Governing Board is in urgent need of parent views to expand our capability. At present, the Board is under-represented in this area, leading to limited capacity for Governors to make sure the school is led adequately with all views represented. Without your help, this could put us at risk at our next Ofsted visit.

Can you
help us?

We need to recruit two people who can represent parents' views on the Governing Board. As a volunteer parent governor, you will have input to the way our school runs, and your invaluable point of view can help to shape our children's futures. You should be excited about helping the school in being the best it can be, so that it will make our children exceptional. You should be able to attend board meetings in the evening – these are currently done via Zoom and are three per term. You will be allocated part of the school or curriculum to oversee, and this may involve meeting with teachers during school hours, or asking questions by email.



You do not need any formal qualifications, but you must be IT literate. At the very least you should be confident in using email and electronic communications (e.g. Zoom). All we ask is that you are an independent thinker who is able to bring a parent's view to the table, and that you are interested in getting involved in your children's education. In return, you will get full training, and will be part of a friendly team.

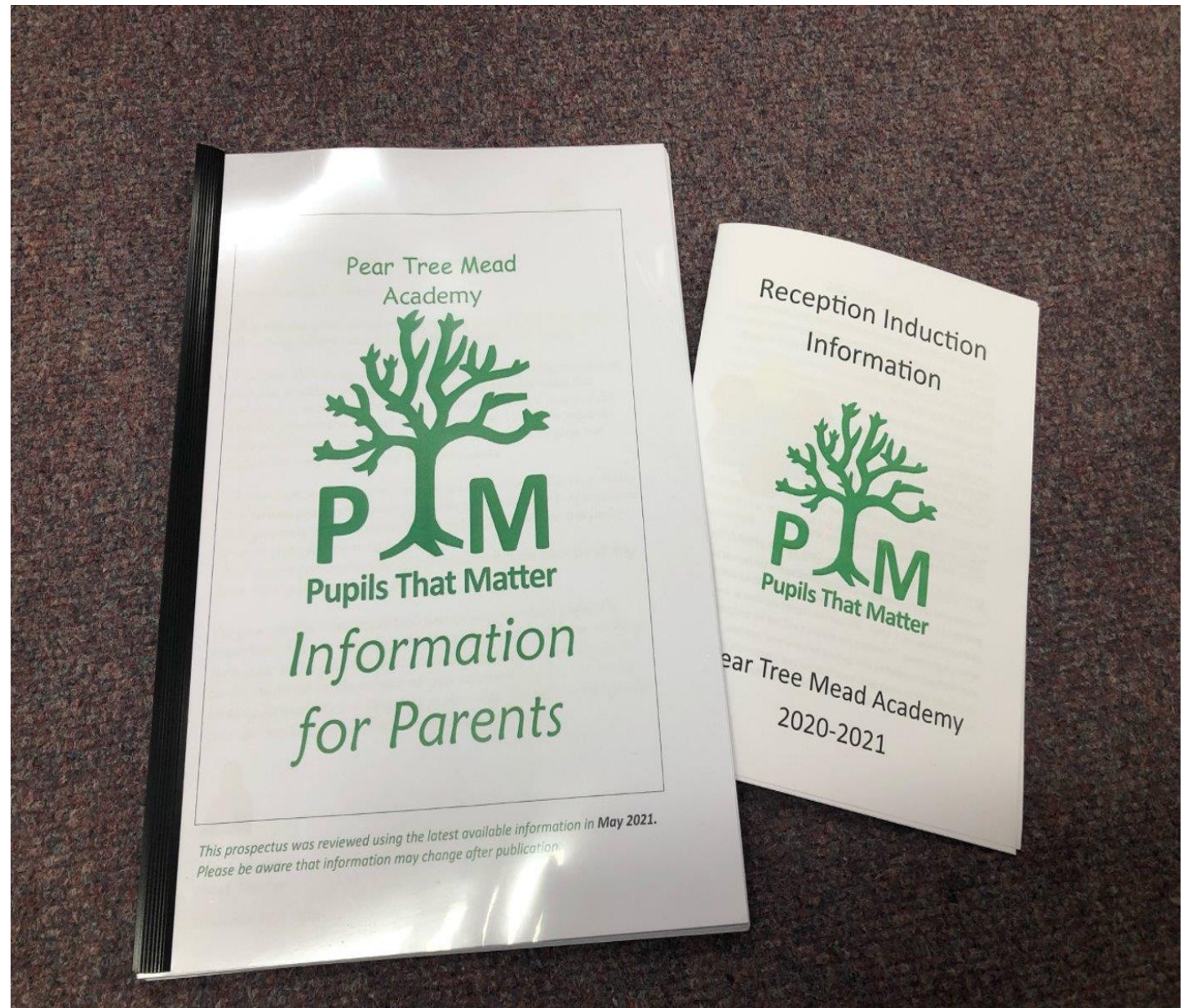
Think you might be interested?

Please contact the school (kate.townsend@peartreemead.essex.sch.uk) & someone will get back to you. Please provide a bit about yourself, and why you think you might be suitable for the role.

For more information

- Please read the information that we have sent you and check out our school website

www.peartreemead.essex.sch.uk



Transition Visits

These PowerPoints will be on the school website for you as soon as possible.