



Parent update 18th September 2026



Communication and language development

A huge part of the learning that takes place at Gloucester Nursery helps children to develop their communication skills. The aim at the end of the Early years is that children can communicate effectively with different people and in different places. They will be able to offer explanations – explaining why and use exciting vocabulary they have been introduced to in stories, rhymes and songs. They will be able to express themselves by talking in sentences.

While the children are at nursery, we use signs as a starting point for children who are not using words yet. Signs help all children to communicate.

These are our first 5 signs that we teach.

Please [Makaton Sign - Play - Really useful Makaton signs - CBeebies](#)

Thank you [Makaton Sign - Thank You - Really useful Makaton signs - CBeebies](#)

Help [help – British Key Word Signs](#)

More [Makaton Sign - More - Really useful Makaton signs - CBeebies](#)

Stop [stop – British Key Word Signs](#)

Please have a go with your children. You can watch the videos or ask our staff to help.



Please note a **change** to our inset day in November

23.10.26 – School closes for Half –Term

02.11.26 – School opens for Term 2

06.11.26 - School closed for Inset day

18.12.26 - School closes for Christmas and New Year

4.01.27 - School opens for Term 3

All terms dates can be found on our Website: www.gloucesternurseryschool.co.uk



“Safeguarding is Everyones responsibility” –

Safeguarding is an important part of the day to day running of the nursery. Can we remind all parents to close the gate to the

G2 garden and also the main front gate.

If you have any concerns let one of our safeguarding team know:

Lisa Cuttell (Headteacher) Kerry Wright (Senior Family Worker)

Alison Hartwell (Family worker) Jonny Smith (Safeguarding governor)

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend and we will see you next week.

Lisa and the Nursery team