

## Ashfield Nursery School



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### Communication and Language at Ashfield Nursery

At Ashfield Nursery, communication and language are at the heart of everything we do. We recognise that our children have varied starting points, with many learning English as an additional language. That is why we place a strong emphasis on developing vocabulary, listening skills, and confidence in communication, ensuring children are well-prepared for school and beyond.

We work closely with families, valuing their insights and incorporating key words and phrases from home languages to help children feel secure and build trusting relationships. This collaboration supports a rich, language-filled environment where routines and real-life experiences enhance learning.

From our youngest learners, we embed communication through songs, rhymes, and visual prompts, gradually expanding their language skills through storytelling, role-play, and high-quality interactions with adults and peers. Our skilled staff, including multilingual team members, model clear and expressive language, encouraging children to build sentences, ask questions, and express themselves with confidence.

Through a carefully designed curriculum and a nurturing, talk-rich environment, we empower children to develop strong communication skills—giving them the tools to explore, engage, and thrive.