

You may like to spend some time each day doing the activities suggested here or you may even add your own.  
Don't worry this is just for fun!








## August into September 2021 ~ Countdown to school!



### Our top ten list of things you can do to help your child before they start school!

1. Spend time talking
2. Practise dressing, changing and putting coats on
3. Share stories
4. Learn to recognise your own name
5. Sing nursery rhymes together
6. Play turn games where you need to take turns and/or share
7. Begin spotting numbers wherever you go
8. Search out shapes and patterns in the world around you
9. Be active and get outside
10. Cut and stick to create a collage or get messy with paint.

Most of all have fun and enjoy your time together. Spending time together, talking, being imaginative and having fun will encourage the most valuable and memorable learning experiences. As parents you really are "your child's first teacher".

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>1</p> <p>Children can colour each square to count down the days until the school.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Go to the park. Take a ball to throw, catch and kick together.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Go to your local library and let your child choose books to borrow.</p>	 <p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
 <p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Arrange for your child to play with a friend. Talk with your child about making new friends.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Read a book about starting school. There are lots of nice ones, e.g. Charlie and Lola.</p>	 <p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Create an obstacle course with crazy clothes to dress in.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Practise your cutting skills by cutting and pasting pictures from a magazine.</p>	 <p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Go for a walk to the school if you live close by. Practise crossing roads safely.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Write your child's name on all their school things. Involve your child in organising them and recognising their name.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Organise a picnic. Pack a lunch box, encourage your child to open it and eat the food by themselves.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>See if you can find a book about making new friends, or trying new things, at the library.</p>	<p>23</p>	 <p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Let your child practise putting on their school shoes and walking in them.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ask your child to draw a picture. Write the date on the picture and display it.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Try a treasure hunt out in the garden looking for hidden numbers.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Go for a walk with your child and talk about the things you see.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Bank holiday Monday</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Let your child practise putting on their school shoes and walking in them.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Teachers first day back - school closed to pupils.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Informal 10 minute drop in session at school. Come and find your peg and where to put your things before you start school. (Please book a time slot)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Longer 45 minute drop in session at school. Come and meet some of your new classmates and play in your class room. (Please book a time slot)</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Encourage your child to dress in school uniform then you can play 'schools' together.</p>	 <p>First morning at school. Take lots of pictures before you leave home!</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Talk about the first week!</p>