

STEPS TO SCHOOL

Celebrating Little Learners, Big Smiles and even bigger future's!

NELLY'S GRADUATION



At Nelly's Nursery, graduation isn't just a day on the calendar — it's a moment filled with pride, joy, and all the tiny achievements that have made this year so special. Our little ones have spent their time exploring, discovering, and growing in ways that make us beam. Graduation gives us the chance to pause and celebrate everything they've learned, from making their first friendships to finding the confidence to say, "I can do it!"

The journey you child embarks on throughout their time here at Nelly's is just as important as the destination they are at now. Find out more about how we support your child's growth, development and transitions to be School ready.



A year of Growing

Throughout the year, our children have blossomed in their own unique ways. We've watched them build towers taller than themselves, create stories with their imaginations, and dive into play with curiosity and excitement. Every moment — whether it was a shared giggle, a new skill, or a brave step into something unfamiliar — has been part of their journey. Graduation lets us honour all of those little steps that have led to big growth

Steps to School Programme

From January to June, we begin our School Readiness programme, supporting each child on their Steps to School. Our school-readiness journey starts with a meeting between staff and parents/carers to discuss your child who will be starting school in September. This allows us to understand each child's individual needs and identify any areas where they may benefit from additional support. This also allows us to work alongside you to ensure your child is getting support consistently at home and at Nursery.

We work closely with families throughout the programme to ensure consistency in each child's development, creating a smooth and confident transition as they grow. The programme is reviewed regularly with parents to make sure every child is fully prepared for Reception by the time they leave Nelly's Nursery.

Teacher Involvement

As soon as the school enrolment process begins, we understand it can feel daunting to realise how quickly your little one will be dressed in their uniform and waving goodbye at the school gate. There are many decisions to make in a short space of time, and it can feel overwhelming. At Nelly's, our priority is to ensure both you and your child feel fully prepared for this transition, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

This support begins with consistent communication between our educators and your child's future teachers. We actively encourage and facilitate school teachers visiting the nursery so they can meet your child in a familiar, comfortable environment. These early introductions help children feel more at ease when they later visit their new school.

We recognise that visiting a new school can be a big experience for young children, so we take additional steps to make it as positive as possible. Our team regularly visits local schools with the children while exploring the village to promote positive association. Visiting with trusted adults and friends builds confidence and gives children the opportunity to express any feelings or questions they may have about starting school.

We are committed to supporting both you and your child throughout this journey. Through regular communication and thoughtful preparation, we aim to make your child's Steps to School as smooth, reassuring, and joyful as possible.

A day like no other

At Nelly's, we believe graduation should be a truly special moment for our children and their families — a celebration of growth, pride, and togetherness. Our children, their families, and our staff come together as one Nelly's family to make the day meaningful, and we put great care into creating an experience that honours every little graduate.

Families will be invited to enjoy a nostalgic "Get Ready With Me for Graduation," showcasing the memorable moments your child has experienced during their time at Nelly's — the friendships, the laughter, the milestones, and all the small moments that show just how much they've grown. We then celebrate with songs, certificates, photos, and plenty of proud smiles as our children shine on their special day!



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When I grow up



Fun and Games



Ceremony & Songs

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