



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know about an exciting development in how we record and reflect on your child's learning journey in Early Years.

From September 2025, we will be moving away from traditional paper journals and instead using **Showbie**, a secure online platform that supports how we evidence and revisit children's learning in school. This change supports our wider school aim of making learning more accessible, interactive, and environmentally responsible.

Why are we making this change?

Our learning journals are a valuable part of Early Years. They help staff monitor each child's progress across the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), while also giving children the opportunity to reflect on and take pride in their own learning over time.

By moving to Showbie, we are able to:

- **Build a digital learning journal** that can be added to regularly, and easily accessed in school by your child to revisit and reflect on their learning.
- **Support continuity between home and school**, as children can access their Showbie account beyond the classroom to share their learning experiences at home.
- **Encourage sustainability**, reducing the use of paper while maintaining a rich, personalised record of your child's progress.

What does this mean for you and your child?

- Your child will have their own **pupil account** on Showbie. While this platform is designed for children and their teachers, we encourage you to support your child in accessing and navigating it at home, particularly at first.
- Children will be encouraged to **share their learning with you**, helping to build conversations about their school day and strengthen their understanding through discussion.
- You'll still be able to see the learning your child has been part of across the year – this will now be in a digital format that can be revisited regularly, not just at the end of the year. Learning will also be available for downloading and keeping if you choose.
- In addition to your child's learning journal, we will also share **curriculum information to support learning beyond the school day**. This might include phonics sound maps, handwriting formation guides, or suggestions for simple home learning activities linked to in school learning and the interests the children have shared.

Using Showbie appropriately

As Showbie is designed to be your child's personal learning space, we kindly ask that it is **not used for communication between parents and school staff**. This helps us protect the learning environment and ensures your child only sees content intended for them.

If you need to get in touch with us, please continue to use our usual communication routes:

- Speak to staff directly at drop-off or pick-up,
- Call the school office,
- Or email us via BBinfo@nllt.co.uk.

So, what will happen next?

We would like to invite you to a 'Reading/Showbie' Introduction Workshop –

Reception Workshop – Monday 22th September 2025 at 4pm.

Nursery Workshop – Monday 29nd September 2025 at 4pm.

During these sessions, you will find out more about what reading looks like in Early Years and how to navigate Showbie.

We're excited about the many benefits this transition brings — not only for evidencing progress but also for enabling children to revisit and celebrate their learning more independently and meaningfully, both in and beyond school.

Thank you, as always, for your support as we take this next step.

Warm regards,

Mrs Holmes

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