

I can't believe we are three weeks into the summer term already! We have a busy term ahead of us, so I have collated some information together so its all-in-one place. As always, we operate an open-door policy so feel free to call or come in for a chat any time. 01623 882499

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Closed Facebook Page

You will be pleased to hear we are re-opening the closed Facebook page. It will have a slightly new look as we will not be sharing photographs containing children. We aim to share a few pictures a week of activities so you can see what we have been up to. It's main purpose will be as a communication platform, things such as reminders, important dates and parenting advice will be shared. We would like for it to feel like a community so feel free to share things such as party invites/lost property. You are also welcome to share things you may have for sale or to advertise your business. Just please no photographs containing children.

Missing Bear

Our Betsy Bear has been missing for a number of weeks now, Blue and Joe are really missing her, if she could be returned.

When it's your child's turn to take Blue, Joe or Betsy home you are welcome to email in some photos for your child's book.

Warm Weather

We are loving all this sunshine! Please remember to apply suncream before Pre-School. We will re-apply as need throughout the day. We buy the Aldi factor 50. If you would prefer we apply your own suncream please let a member of staff know.

Children are offered milk/ water with snack mid-morning and mid afternoon. Please ensure they also have a water bottle (labelled) as we do encourage them to keep drinking throughout the day. We will happily top them up as needed. Milk or water are encouraged. Please be aware due to regulations around food and drink changing in September, our policy will change to state ONLY milk or water. We will update you closer to the time.

Personal Items

I cannot stress this enough please label ALL of your children's belongings including lunch boxes, small tubs and water bottles, clothes, hats, suncream. We spend a huge amount of time everyday trying to match up belongings and children- that is time that could be spent interacting with your child. We do try very hard to keep everything with the correct child. If items, go home with the wrong child they are more likely to be returned if they are labelled.

We seem to have a big increase in children bringing toys and teddies from home, unless it is a comforter, please encourage your child to leave their things at home. Personal items can cause

conflict between the children; they can get lost or broken which results in a distressed child. Those children who are moving up to school in September especially need to be discouraged from bringing in comforters and toys, as preparation for school. They will NOT be allowed to take them to school.

Open Door Sessions

Open door session have been on hold this half term, whilst a few of our new younger children were settling. They will resume after half term. Open door sessions are an opportunity for you to join us for the first half an hour of the day, you can play with your child, chat to your key worker and look at your child's photo book. There is no pressure to stay, if the dates don't work for you and you would really like to come in please speak with a member of staff and we can arrange for you to come.

Dates are- Friday 6th June, Thursday 12th June, Wednesday 18th June, Tuesday 24th June, Monday 30th June, Friday 11th July and Monday 14th July

Father's Friday

We will be having a Father's day stay and play Friday 13th June 9-10:30. This is an opportunity for any special guy in your child's life to join them for a play and breakfast butties. There is no pressure to stay for the whole session. If no one can make it don't worry there will be plenty of Pre-School ladies on hand to share a breakfast cob with your child! If your child does not usually attend on a Friday morning you are still welcome to join us. Please RSVP so I have a rough idea of numbers and let me know if there are any dietary requirements.

Registration Information

Please remember to keep us informed if anything changes on the registration forms, contact details, address, medical information, permissions ect.

Pre-School is 55!!

Pre-school turns 55 this year! Saturday 28th June we are having a birthday party (more details to follow). Quite a few of our parents and families came to pre-school themselves, if you have any old photos from your time at pre-school/ playgroup we would love to take a copy. Or if you have any old stories to share.

Sports day

Sports day this year will take place Friday 20th June 10:30-12:30 at Wilson's Field. Jack will be coming along to set us some super fun activities followed by a picnic. All children are invite to join us,

Children in all day on Friday- bring as normal

Children who only do mornings on Friday - please send a pack lunch and collect your child from Wilson's field at 12:30

Children who only do Friday afternoon- can come at 10:30 with a pack lunch, please drop off at Wilson's field.

Children who don't usually come on Fridays- are welcome to join us 10:30-12:30 please drop off and collect at Wilson's Field. (no charge) There are a limited number of spaces if you wish to pay for your child to stay at pre-school for the day. These will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Trustees

As you are aware Pre-School is an operating Charity, this means rather than having an 'owner' we have a board of Trustees. Without the minimum required trustees on the board, we will have to close. If you are interested in joining our board of trustees, please speak to Danni/ Tammi who can give you more information. As party of our charitable status, we are required to hold an AGM once a year and all members (you) are invited. We will be combining this year's AGM with the birthday party on 28th June. All current trustees will be in attendance so a great opportunity to find out more.

School Leavers

Everyone has had their school place offered, please remember to log on to your government gateway account and accept the place, you will lose the place if it's not accepted.

Your keyworkers will be working with you and your child after half term to help prepare for the transition to school. Your keyworker will ask if you wish to have a meeting to discuss transition, and how you can help your child. We will also be sharing tips through the closed Facebook page. If you are worried about your child's transition to school do not hesitate to arrange a chat.

Younger Cohort

There are no keyworker meetings arranged this term for the younger children, however if you have any worries or concerns with your child's development please let us know and we can arrange a meeting.

The diary for September is open, please let us know if you would like to make any changes to sessions. Rember the funding changes from September all children over 9 months of working families will be entitled to 30hours funded care. Funding can be split across more than one setting. You will need to apply for the code (if you do not already have one) This can be done from today. The application for funding codes closes 30th August. As a reminder you must log on to your funding account to re-new your code every three months. If you do not re-new the code, you will loose funding and will be invoiced for your child's place.

Invoices

A polite reminder all invoices need to be paid by 19th June for this half term. If you are struggling to pay for whatever reason, please speak with either Tammi or Danni and we can come up with a payment plan that suits. If you have outstanding fees, you do risk your child's place.

Graduation

Graduation for this year's school leavers will take place on Friday 25th July 10:30-1. You are welcome to ask other family members to join. We have a ceremony followed by some party food. Children must be accompanied by an adult. More details will follow closer to the time.

Term Dates

Last day Friday 23rd May

Return Tuesday 3rd June

Last Day Thursday 24th July

Inset Days

2nd June

25th, 28th 29th July

2025-2026

Return Tuesday 2nd September

Last day Friday 17th October

Return Monday 3rd November

Last day Friday 19th December

Return Monday 5th January

Last day Friday 13th February

Return Monday 23rd February

Last day Friday 27th March

Return Monday 13th April

Last day Friday 22nd May

Return Monday 1st June

Last Day Thursday 24th July

Inset days- 1st September

24th July (graduation)

27th July

We will have two more inset days date will be confirmed in September