

Autumn Term 2 2025/26

Dates for the Diary

Monday 3rd November :
Preschool reopens after half term

Thursday 11th December :
Christmas Play & Stay

Friday 12th December : Breaking up for Christmas

Monday 15th - Friday 19th December : INSET days, preschool is closed for children

Monday 5th January 2026 :
Preschool reopens for Spring Term 1

Welcome Back

A big 'welcome back' to all our children and their families after the October half term. We hope you all had a wonderful break, spent time together making memories and (fingers crossed) had a rest.

We are now in Autumn Term 2, which is the lead up to Christmas. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Nursery Rhyme week, Autumn, and of course Christmas. We apologise in advance of the amount of glitter that may be coming home!

As always, if you have any feedback please do pop it in an email.

Invoices & School Fund

Invoices for Autumn term two have been given out this week. Can we ask for this to be paid by 1st December.

Many thanks

Parents Meetings

As you may or may not be aware, as a setting we offer parents evenings/meetings twice a year in May and November time. This November we are offering these in a slightly different way.

We will be offering these meetings in the morning at 9.15 for ten minutes before we open the preschool. Appointments will be booked with your key person on a day that your child attends, for example if your child attends on a Monday and Wednesday, then your appointment will be on a Monday or Wednesday. You will be invited to arrive at 9.15, with your child, they can go and play whilst you have a chat with your child's key person.

We hope this will make it a little easier for parents as we had feedback surrounding difficulties in arranging childcare and the times available doing parents evenings.

Please keep an eye out on your emails for an invitation for your meeting.

'The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn'

- Maria Montessori

Funding Hours

We would like to make parents aware of the website 'Best Start in Life' which has all information surrounding funding eligibility and childcare options.

[Homepage | Best Start in Life](#)

We would like to remind parents that they need to be reconfirming their government funding every 3months, this is regardless of personal circumstances have changed or not. You will receive three messages when it's time to reconfirm, one 4wks before end date, then 2wks and the final one on the day your funding will cease. It is really important to do this as failure to reconfirm will deem you ineligible and your funding will be stopped.

For new children, you are able to apply for your child's funding from 9month, even if you aren't going to use it until they are older.

Christmas Stay & Play

On Thursday 11th December, we will be holding our Christmas stay and play at 9.30-10.30am.

Parents are welcome to come and join in some Christmassy fun and activities with your child. This is a lovely opportunity to take a little bit of time to spend with your child without other distractions. We would love to see lots of parents there.

If your child doesn't attend on Thursday's, you are still more than welcome to come along, please just let a member of the team know.

We will be finishing off the stay and play with a raffle with some amazing prizes, to raise some funds for new toys for the children. Tickets will be being sent home shortly for parents, grandparents, family and friends to purchase.

Please give generously so we can continue to enable a wonderful learning environment for our children.

Housekeeping

Can we remind parents that we require at least one set of spare clothes in children's bookbags each day please. For children who are toilet training, this is even more important as we don't have a vast supply of spare clothes.

Also, as the weather is now getting a bit chillier/wetter, can we have a waterproof coat for when we go outside, and soon enough a winter hat and mittens. Please do make sure all items of clothing are clearly named.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

