



Newsletter February 2025

Hello!

Since our last newsletter we have said hello to six new Little Sunbeams : Cherry, Lacey-May, Michael, River, Teddy and Tomek. We hope they thoroughly enjoy their learning journey with us.

Just a reminder that we are closed for the half term break Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

Key Person Catch ups

Your Key person phone catch ups are due to take place on the weeks commencing 10th and 24th February. These 15 minute calls allow your child's key person to discuss progress, any issues and generally catch up with you. Your child's key person will arrange a time to call you soon.

World Book Day

To celebrate world book day (Thursday 6th March) we are holding two 'come to preschool in your pyjamas days' on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th March. Your child is welcome to come in dressed in their pyjamas on both or either day and to bring in a copy of their favourite book. If your child does not wish to come in their Pyjamas please just bring in a book to share.

New Gate

We are having a new garden gate installed during the half term break. This should be ready to use on our first day back.

Preschool Photographer

Hallet photography are visiting us on Monday 23rd June 9am to 10am to take individual and leavers photos for the children. If your child does not normally attend a Monday but you wish to have their photo taken please speak to a member of staff.

Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th February at 7pm in our preschool room, all parents are welcome to attend. This is your opportunity to find out more about the running of the preschool.

Spare Clothes

If possible can you please ensure that your child has one change of trousers in their book bag for little accidents/wet play mishaps, we do have some spares but these are not always an ideal size for every child.

Swap and Share Rail

We put our swap and share rail out when the weather allows. Please just help yourself to any of these clothing items, toys, books etc ; you don't need to donate anything in return, however if you do have something you wish to donate to share with your fellow parents please place it on the rail or hand it to a member of staff.

Book Bags

Your child would have been given a free book bag on their first day. Please remember to send this in with them every day they attend so we can send home important update letters, art work and weekly reading books. If you have mislaid your child's yellow bag replacements can be purchased at a price of £4. Please check them daily.

Wish List

You may have noticed that we put our wish list out by the gate stating items we currently need. The board changes regularly and if you are able to help with any of these Wish requests we would be very thankful. Please just remove the post it note of the item you are donating. Thank you

Policies

Our policies are regularly reviewed and updated. Please go to our website to read the current policies.

Waypoint Hub

The Waypoint Hub provides food parcels and support to those who need it. It is situated in the same building as the preschool. It is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays 9am to 12 noon. Services offered include:

Food Parcels – For anyone who is struggling and needs help with food, either as a one off or to help you get through a difficult period

More 4 Less – For a £5 donation you can get at least £15 worth of items (Fresh, Frozen, Tinned, Packets, Household and Toiletries)

Citizens Advice Outreach – Drop in to get advice Tuesdays 10.00 to 12 noon

DON'T STRUGGLE ALONE – HELP IS AVAILABLE

Dates for your diary

Committee Meeting – Wednesday 12th February 2025 – 7 to 8pm

Spring Half Term Holiday – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025 (No Preschool)

Easter Holiday – Monday 7th to Monday 21st April 2025(No Preschool)

May Day – Monday 5th May 2025 (No Preschool)

Summer Half Term Holiday – Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025 (No Preschool)

Hallet Photography – Monday 23rd June 2025 - 9am to 10am

Last Day of Academic Year – Thursday 17th July at 12 noon (Please note Preschool will close early)

Leavers Party Friday 18th July TBC (This is only for children leaving us to go to Year R in September)

Useful Links

Online Safety for Under 5s [Keeping Under Fives Safe Online | Childnet](#)

Choking Hazards Advice [Early Years Food Choking Hazards](#)

Car Seat Rules [Child car seats: the law: Using a child car seat or booster seat - GOV.UK](#)

Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership Advice Line – 03300 165112

Childcare Choices – Funding advice [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

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