

Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026

Round up of the week:

This week our theme has been The World Cup, and the children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of football-themed activities including designing football kits and mascots, creating flags, making trophies and medals, matching flags from different countries, practising penalty shootouts, and exploring ping pong balls, pom poms and ice on our tuff tray.

I bought in large green football pitch, as well as a smaller playmobil pitch and it was so much fun for the children to play a game of football with the little people and ping pong balls.

It has also been an extremely hot week, so we have adapted our routines to help keep everyone safe and comfortable. We reduced some of our indoor set-up to safeguard staff and reduce the amount of tidying, unpacking and packing away. It has been a slightly unusual week, with many children staying at home or being collected early due to the heat. We hope you have all managed to stay cool, safe, and well during this spell of very warm weather, and we thank you for your continued support.

Next week our theme is 'Travelling on Holiday'



Outdoor Learning

Despite the very hot weather, the children enjoyed lots of outdoor learning opportunities this week. Water play was a particular favourite, with children exploring different jugs, containers and half pipes to transport and pour water. These activities supported many areas of the EYFS, including Communication and Language as children shared ideas, Mathematics through exploring capacity and volume, and Understanding the World as they investigated how water moved in different ways. The children showed excellent problem-solving skills as they worked out how to direct the water through the half pipes and between containers.

To help everyone stay cool and comfortable, we also enjoyed playing musical instruments in the shade, creating imaginative recipes in the mud kitchen, and taking part in an assault course that encouraged balance, coordination and gross motor development. One of the most popular activities was sitting and stepping into trays of water, which provided valuable sensory experiences while helping the children regulate their body temperature. It was wonderful to see the children adapting their play, working together and finding creative ways to stay cool during such warm weather.

The children continued their World Cup theme by looking at flags from different countries and making their own flags to wave and support their teams. They also enjoyed a Gingerbread Man adventure around the garden, joining in with the story as they explored. We played some football games and practised scoring goals, making sure to take regular breaks and stay cool in the hot weather.





September 2026

As many of you will have gathered from our recent emails, advertising campaign and Open Day last week, our September numbers are much lower than we would usually expect. At present, we have between 11 and 14 children attending each day, with afternoon sessions having as few as six children. In previous years, we have often been fully registered with 30 children per day by April before the September start, with families joining our waiting list for places.

Our staffing structure has been planned to support around 30 children attending each day, and we have always chosen to operate with one or two staff above the legal ratio to provide the highest quality care and education.

With fewer than half that number due to attend from September, we are carefully reviewing how the preschool is organised so that we can continue to provide the excellent provision families expect while ensuring the preschool remains strong and sustainable for the future.

We are therefore having to consider a number of options to protect the long-term future of the preschool and, most importantly, the wonderful staff team we already have.

One option we are exploring is lowering our registration age to accept a small number of one-year-olds. Please be reassured that this would not affect the quality of care, learning or attention your children receive, nor would it impact their social experiences with their peers. Any younger children would make up only a small part of the preschool, with the rest of the room continuing to operate exactly as it does now. We would also continue to have the correct staffing ratios for each age group, ensuring every child receives the care and support they deserve.

We would also really appreciate your help in spreading the word about our preschool. If you have friends, neighbours or family members looking for childcare, please encourage them to register now, whether they are looking for a September or January start. Early registrations make a huge difference to our planning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and trust. It means so much to our team and to the future of our preschool.

Important Dates

Monday 1st June – Thursday 16th July

Thursday 16th July – **Close at 12:00**

Graduation and Picnic

12:00pm – Non-school leaver children collected
– School leaver children who weren't at preschool arrive

School Leaver children **stay in preschool**

Parents can set up for the picnic in the garden

12:20pm – 1:00pm Graduation

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Picnic and Play

2:00pm – End of Year!



GOLDEN RULES

1.

Be kind:

- Gentle hands
- Kind words
- Caring for our toys

Let's share our smiles with all the world!



2.

Be safe:

- Walking inside
- Hands to ourselves

Keep our friends and toys safe and sound!



3.

Be ready:

- Listening ears
- Looking eyes
- Give things a try

Let's learn and play — we'll reach the sky!



Be kind, be safe, be ready each day —
That's the preschool way!





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