

Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026

Round up of the week:

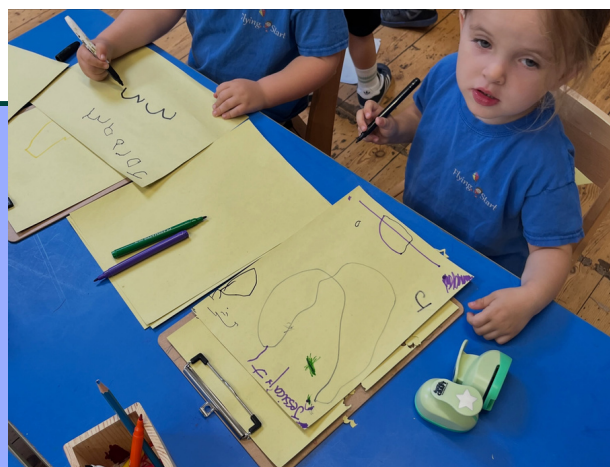
This week the children have loved exploring our dinosaur theme through a variety of exciting activities and play experiences. They enjoyed counting and sorting dinosaurs, matching eggs and numicon, and learning about size, numbers and prepositions through fun games. The children worked together, took turns and developed confidence in using mathematical language.

The children were very creative throughout the week, making dinosaur skeletons with pasta, painting dinosaur footprints, creating dinosaur skin prints using bubble wrap, and designing paper plate dinosaurs. These activities helped to develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and imaginative thinking through Expressive Arts and Design.

Our sensory and small world activities were especially popular, including dinosaur excavation in sand, fossil making in playdough, dinosaur swamp tuff tray and exploring dinosaurs frozen in ice. These experiences encouraged curiosity, exploration and problem-solving skills while supporting Understanding the World.

During carpet times, the children listened carefully to dinosaur stories, explored rhyming words and sounds, and developed their listening and attention skills through discussions and storytelling activities. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence, communication, creativity, and enthusiasm for learning continue to grow throughout the week.

Next week our theme is 'Oceans.'



Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning this week has been filled with prehistoric adventure as we explored our exciting dinosaur theme! The children had great fun searching for hidden dinosaurs in the sand, stomping around the garden like giant dinosaurs and enjoying lots of water play. The rainy weather helped create a wonderfully immersive dinosaur swamp experience, adding even more excitement to our learning.

The children used our large outdoor number resources to count dinosaurs, compare sizes and develop their mathematical skills through play. We were amazed by how much knowledge the children already had about dinosaurs, confidently sharing facts and discussing their favourite species. There was great excitement when exploring real fossils, and the children showed excellent care and respect, understanding how precious and special these artefacts are. Using large loose parts, leaves, twigs, pine cones and boxes, the children designed, built and painted their own dinosaur dens, encouraging creativity, teamwork and problem-solving. Throughout the week, the children have been learning about dinosaur names, habitats and diets, developing their vocabulary and deepening their understanding of the world around them. It has been a fantastic week of imaginative play, exploration and discovery outdoors!



Value of the month:

At preschool, we are encouraging children to show courage by trying new activities, speaking up, and building confidence, and you can support this at home by praising brave choices and encouraging independence in everyday tasks.

Reminders

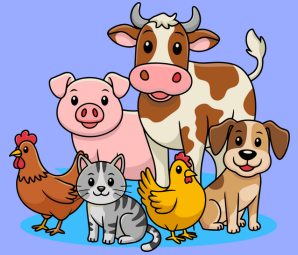
- Suncream and sunhats or wellies and raincoats!
- Waterproof clothes for water play
- Spare Clothes
- Let us know about school stay and plays

Important Dates

Monday 1st June – Thursday 16th July



Farm Visit (am) – Friday 19th June
Open Day for local community
For all children



Those that attend preschool on a Friday will visit the farm in small groups.

Those that do not attend on a Friday are welcome to visit **with their parent** between 9:30–11:00



Thursday 16th June – **Close at 12:00**
Graduation and Picnic until 2PM

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

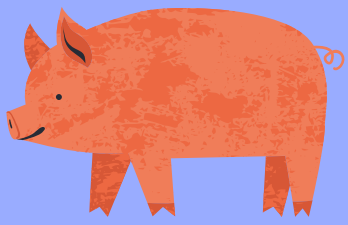
School Leaver children **stay in preschool**

Parents can set up for the picnic in the garden

12:20pm – 1:00 Graduation

2:00pm – End of Year!





Farm Visit



Friday 19th June

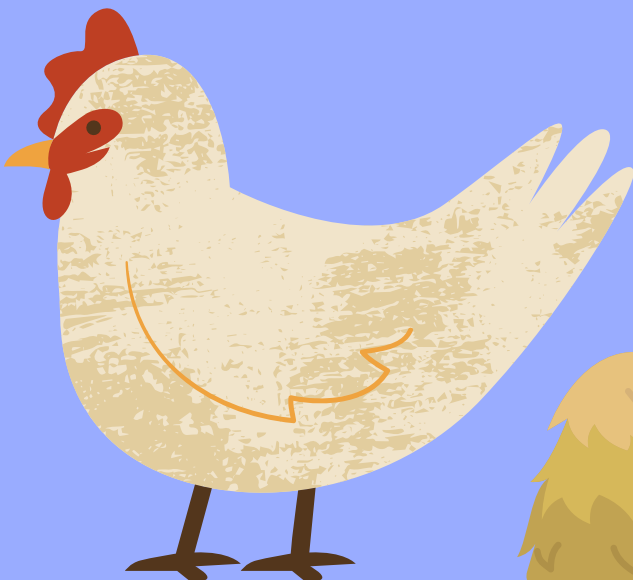


If your child usually attends on a Friday - we will take them to the farm in small groups.

If your child does not usually attend on a Friday - you are welcome to bring them along between 9:30 - 11:00. A parent/adult must remain with their child.

We are also hosting an Open Morning 10am - 11am for local young families.

(We're hoping they see our wonderful garden and preschool and sign up for September!)



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!

