



Newsletter January 2026

Hello!

Since our last newsletter, we welcomed some new Little Sunbeams: Damarie, Kiernan, Lorenzo and Raees. We hope they thoroughly enjoy learning through play with us.

Phone calls Home

We call parents once each term to discuss their child's progress and to catch up with you. Our next calls are scheduled for early March, dates and times will be arranged with you after half term.

Preschool Photographer

Hallet photography are visiting us on Monday 22nd June 9.30am to 10.30am 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.

Book Bags

We kindly request that your child's book bag is brought to school each day, as it is used for library books, artwork, and letters. Please ensure the contents are checked and emptied on a regular basis.

Wish List Text

Please check our weekly texts for our current wish list items (tissues, snacks, cleaning products, etc.). As a run charity preschool; we do not charge extra for consumables but really appreciate any donations. Your support with our Wish requests is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Suitable Clothing for play

We play outside everyday and have wet weather suits and welly boots for your child if it is very wet. But please ensure your child has clothes suitable for the weather of the day; coats, hats, gloves etc.

Water Only

Just a reminder your child's drinks bottle should contain water only. Thank you

Please Name All Items

To help identify belongings, please label your child's items such as water bottles, lunchboxes, and coats, as there may be multiple similar items and it can be challenging to determine who they belong to without names.

Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in the preschool room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Family Photo album

Our preschool has a photo album featuring children and their families, which helps comfort them and sparks conversation. If you haven't already please create an observation in your child's Tapestry Journal, attach a recent family photo, and list each family member's name shown. We will print it out.

Important: Summer Term '30 Hours Childcare' Reminder

Eligible working parents must apply to HMRC for 30 hours funded childcare by 31 March 2026. Update your childcare account details every three months at <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>. New codes must be verified by preschool no later than 31 March 2026 (preferably before we close for Easter on Friday 27th March). If eligible, speak to Lyn promptly to discuss availability.

Tax Free Childcare

If you pay for childcare, you may qualify for support via the Tax Free Childcare scheme. For details and eligibility, visit www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare.

Policies

Our policies are subject to regular review and updates. We encourage you to visit our website to access the most current policy information.

Waypoint Hub

The Waypoint Hub, located with the preschool, offers food parcels and support on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to 12 noon.

Services include:

Food Parcels – For anyone needing food assistance, whether once or during tough times.

More 4 Less – A £5 donation gives you at least £15 worth of fresh, frozen, tinned, packet, household, and toiletry items.

Citizens Advice Outreach – Drop in for advice on Tuesdays, 10am–12 noon.

Dates for your diary

Spring Half Term Holiday 16th – 20th February

Committee Meeting – Tues 3rd March – 7pm

Easter Holidays 30th March – 11th April

Summer Term Starts Mon 13th April

May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Summer Half Term Holiday 25th - 29th May

Hallett Photography – Monday 22nd June 9.30am

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 2nd June – 7pm

Last day of Term Thurs 16th July (12 noon finish)

Leavers party (For children starting Year R only) Fri 17th July 10am to 12noon

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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