



Newsletter April 2025

Hello!

Since our last newsletter we have said hello to one new Little Sunbeam ; Eli. We hope he thoroughly enjoys his learning journey with us.

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 Tuesday 10th June 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.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As the weather is improving can you please ensure your child has had sun cream applied before arrival and brings a sun hat. We have sun cream in preschool that we can apply as a top up cream later in the day and will ensure children have regular time inside and in the shade. If you do not wish your child to use our cream please let us know asap, and ensure their own is placed in their bookbag and clearly named.

Shoes

We ask that your child wears appropriate footwear for indoor and outdoor play. These should be closed in toed shoes (no open toed sandals or shoes with laces please, crocs are fine in sport mode!). Children can injure their toes in open toed sandals when playing on ride on toys in the garden and laces do not promote independence at this age.

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.

Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the Autumn 2025 term.

All eligible parents who are working and meet certain criteria and want to claim funded extended hours (30 hours childcare) , **must** make sure they have applied to [HMRC](https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account) no later than 31 August 2025. All parents with a 30 hours code need to make sure their details are up to date. They must do this every three months: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>.

All new codes must be verified by preschool by 31st August 2025, if you think you are eligible and wish to take up this funding please speak to a member of staff asap to see if we can accommodate this request

Tax Free Childcare If you pay childcare fees you may be able to get help with paying for this through the Tax Free Childcare scheme. Visit www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare to get more information and check your eligibility.

Name Everything Please

Can you please ensure your child's possessions are named (Water bottle, lunchbox etc, coat etc.) We can have up to 26 children in at the same time and with some duplicate items, so matching items to their owners can be very confusing.

Family Photo album

We have a photo album in preschool holding photos of the children with their families. This is a real talking point for the children and can also be a comfort when they need to see photos of their loved ones. Could you please create an observation on your child's Tapestry Journal and attach a recent photo.(Please include in the observation the names of all the family members shown.) We will then print this out.

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

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

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

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 10th June 2025 – 7 to 8pm

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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