



Newsletter October 2025

Hello!

Since our last newsletter, we welcomed new Little Sunbeams: Raffi, Albie, Eddie, Finlay, Luca, Paisley, and Taron. We hope they enjoy learning through play with us.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Committee Meeting

The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, 25th November at 7pm in the preschool room. All parents are invited to attend. The meeting will cover information regarding the operation of the preschool and the election of the committee. An invitation and a proxy voting form (if you are unable to attend in person) have been distributed, please complete and return the form as soon as possible.

Important: Spring Term '30 Hours Childcare' Reminder

Eligible working parents must apply to HMRC for 30 hours funded childcare by 31 December 2025. 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 December 2025 (preferably before we close on 18 December). 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.

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 too without names.

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.

Policies

Our policies are subject to regular review and updates. We encourage you to visit our website to access the most current policy information. Recent amendments include revised exclusion guidelines related to high temperatures in children, as well as updates to our Food and Drink Policy concerning lunch boxes. Government regulations require childcare

providers to prioritise children's health, which includes promoting healthy lunch boxes and drinks brought from home to preschool.

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.

Don't struggle alone—help is available.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Half Term Holiday 27th – 31st October

Preschool AGM Tues 25th November – 7pm

Last day of Autumn Term Thurs 18th December

Christmas Event Fri 19th December (10am to 12noon)

Christmas Holidays 19th December to 2nd January 2026

Spring Term Starts Mon 5th January

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

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 2nd June – 7pm

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

Leavers party 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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