



Newsletter September 2026

Welcome!

Since our last newsletter we have said hello to three new Little Sunbeams; Otti, Freya and Reggie; we hope they thoroughly enjoy their learning journey with us.

Inset day

Please note we will be closed on Friday 23rd October for all staff to update their first aid training.

Hallet Photography

Hallet photography will visit us on Wednesday 25th November 9am to 10am to take individual photos of the children. If your child does not normally attend a Wednesday but you wish to have their photo taken please speak to a member of staff.

Starting School September 2027 - If your child was born between 1 sept 2022 and 31 Aug 2023 they are due to start year R in September 2027. **Applications open on 1st November 2026** and are made through [School admissions | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council](#). **Applications close 15th January 2027.**

Information regarding school open days will be given to you in a separate letter soon.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Committee Meeting - The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, 24th 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) will be distributed soon.

Last session of the Year and our Christmas Event

Please note that our last full session of the year is on Thursday 17th December. On the morning of Friday 18th December we will be holding a 'Christmas Event' which is for all children to attend with their parents/carers. This is not a normal Preschool Session and we will be closed for the Christmas break after this. More information to follow soon

Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the Spring 2027 term All parents who are working and want to claim funded extended hours (30 hours childcare), **must** make sure they have applied to [HMRC](#) no later than 31 December 2026. 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 before our Christmas break. If you think you are eligible and wish to take up this funding please speak to a member of staff asap.

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.) With a lot of children in at the same time and with some duplicate items, 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 and 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 10am – 12 noon

DON'T STRUGGLE ALONE – HELP IS AVAILABLE

Dates for your diary

INSET DAY – NO PRESCHOOL – Friday 23rd October

Half Term Holiday – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Year R School Admission Opens – Sunday 1st November 2026

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 24th November, 7pm

Hallet Photography – Wednesday 25th November , 9am

Last Session of Year – Thursday 17th December

Xmas Event – Friday 18th December – 10am to 12 noon

Xmas holidays – Friday 18th December to Friday 1st January 2027

Preschool Reopens – Monday 4th January 2027

Useful Links

Online Safety for Under 5s [Keeping Under Fives Safe Online | Childnet](#)

NSPCC The Pantosaurus Song [Talk PANTS with Pantosaurus and his PANTS song #TalkPANTS](#)

NSPCC The Undressed Song [The Undressed Song - Oct 21 update - see undressed.lgfl.net for the story and lesson activities - YouTube](#)

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

Best Start in Life – Funding advice [Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#)

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