

Laugh and Learn Pre-School Tarring - Newsletter - Issue 50- March 2026

We are hoping that it will be starting to feel more like summer is on its way and we can all enjoying some sunshine. As usual this coming half term is our busiest by far with our teddy bears picnic, Sunflower competition, our graduation/end of term picnic and not to mention all the extra activities for our school leavers preparing them for moving on.

Please remember if you have any queries or concerns at any point, we are here to support you.

Some of this half terms activities:



Some dates to remember:

Closed for half term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026.

Mon 1st June - Return to Preschool

Mon 1st June to Friday 5th June- Sponsored football week.

Wednesday 10th June- Leavers group photo.

Sunday 21st June- Father's Day

Monday 29th June- date to return attendance slip for end of term picnic/Graduation.

Tuesday 30th June- Teddy Bears Picnic.

Friday 10th July End of term picnic/Graduation at Goring Gap 5-7pm.

Wednesday 15th July- Sunflower competition judging.

Friday 17th July Last day of term.

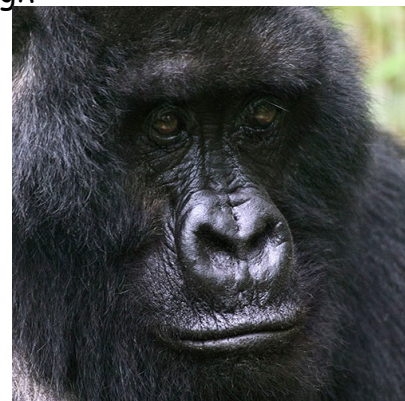
Pet week

This week has been our annual 'pet week", which has been a wonderful hands-on experience for the children to get up close and personal with a large range of animals and pets. Thank you so much to all who shared their lovely pets with us all. The children loved the Alpaca's visiting and holding the snake from our amazing animals was a particular highlight for the children. They were so brave!



Endangered animal adoption

As a setting and in honour of the 100th birthday of David Attenborough the children have voted to adopt an endangered animal. Our chosen animal to adopt though the WWF is a Gorilla! We will be looking forward to receiving updates on how our adopted Gorilla is getting on.



Sponsored football week

Week commencing Monday 1st June, we will be holding a Sponsored Football Week for Alfie!

Alfie is a much-loved member of our Laugh and Learn family who left to go to school a few years ago. We remember Alfie at preschool for his big smile, infectious laugh, and his love for Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club- where his Dad is the Kitman! While attending Laugh and Learn, Alfie was referred for Speech and Language Therapy support, where hearing loss was identified. Following further investigations, including an MRI scan, doctors discovered a brain tumour. Initially, doctors monitored the tumour closely, however due to its growth, Alfie underwent surgery a few weeks ago. Since then, Alfie has faced further post-surgery complications and has required a second operation.

Alfie now needs ongoing physiotherapy and hydrotherapy to support his recovery and rehabilitation. As a preschool community, we would love to come together to help support Alfie and his family during this difficult time. Our aim is to raise £1500 as a starting target towards Alfie's physiotherapy and hydrotherapy treatment but we hope to raise as much as possible.

Thank you so much for your kindness, support, and generosity — every donation will make a difference for Alfie and his family.

Parents evening

We will again be holding parent's evenings next half term to enable you to come in to have a chat with your child's keyperson to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their overall development. An email has already come out to enable you to book a slot and we are looking forward to seeing you all.

Can we just remind you to not bring your child along to these as it is not appropriate to discuss them in front of their ever-listening ears!

'Movers and Shakers' group with Chloe and Jess

We continue to take part in a fun weekly mindfulness and yoga sessions with Chloe as well as a weekly fitness and dance class with Jess. The children get so much out of these sessions, supporting their own self-regulation, listening, and following instructions, interpreting stories and dance as well as moving to music and a range of physical activities. All whilst having a huge amount of fun!



Nicola's cooking group

We also continue with our weekly cooking sessions for a small group of children, whilst we all do cook and bake together as a group, and will continue to do so, we have an additional smaller group each week to enable the children to get really involved in the process of a cooking activity from start to finish. These groups are now on Wednesday to ensure some different children can participate.



Laugh and Learn book Library.

Don't forget to borrow a book from our Laugh and Learn Book Library! Where children can help themselves to a book to read at home with their families which they can then return to swap for another! Happy Reading!

Tarring Manor Care Home

We had another lovely visit to Tarring Manor Care Home to meet to the residents there where we shared games, coloured pictures and took part in craft activities. A lovely time was had by all!



Holiday Club As previously advised, we will not be able to run our Summer Holiday Club this year as Jess who usually runs the club along with Sharon will be having her baby in the Summer so we will not be able to run this year.



Sunflower competition

I hope you have all been looking after your sunflower plants at home for our annual sunflower competition. We ask that you send in photos of your sunflowers with details of their height from the soil to the tip in the last week of term and by Wednesday 16th July when we will be judging, there will be prizes for the tallest.

Encouraging Independence in readiness for school

For those of you who have children transferring to school in September, we are starting to think about how we can best prepare them for a smooth transition. We will be encouraging increased independence in these children when we return and we will be encouraging them in areas such as changing themselves, finding and recognising their own names and toileting etc. We will be doing all we can to help your child have a smooth transition, however there are some things that you could do at home that would be invaluable in raising their confidence:

- 1) Please encourage them to be independent in their toileting and in dressing and undressing themselves.
- 2) Ensure that they can recognise their own names. We work on this a lot at pre-school but it would be very beneficial if you could also work on this at home.
- 3) Please encourage your child to put on their own coat and if possible do it up. In addition, encourage them to be independent in putting away and collecting their own bag, lunch boxes and water bottles at pre-school.

These things are the most important skills for your child to have, and it is a bonus if your child can additionally write their name, know their colours, count 0-10, and know their phonic sounds.

Do you think you may be entitled to the Early Years funded entitlement?

If you are a working parent and you believe you may be entitled to the 30 hours of funding, you will need to apply for it in the term **BEFORE** you wish to use it. You will also need to reconfirm you are still entitled to the funding every three months. Please look on the government website "Best start in life" to see the eligibility criteria and to apply.

Leaver's Photograph (school leavers only)

We have 30 little ones leaving us this term and we will be taking a "leaver's group photograph" on Wednesday 10th June at 10am. We would be grateful if any of our leavers who do not usually attend on this day could be brought in just for the duration of the photo, and parents and carers will need to stay with those children. The photograph will be taken promptly at 10am and will only take 5 or 10 minutes, those arriving late will unfortunately miss out.

We will also be taking individual photographs of the children in their graduation outfits which will be available to purchase in the run up to the end of term if you would like to. All proceeds from these sales will directly benefit the children with the purchase of new equipment.

Teddy Bears Picnic (open to children who attend on Tuesdays only)

On Tuesday 30th June we will be holding our annual teddy bears picnic and we would ask each child who normally attends on Tuesdays to bring in a named teddy bear from home and we will be having a special picnic style snack on that day. We will be linking this picnic with various activities to do with bears but unfortunately, due to staffing restrictions, we can only accommodate those children who already attend on a Tuesday.

End of Term Picnic/Graduation (open to all)

We will be organising our usual end of term picnic to give our pre-school 'family' an opportunity to come together on an informal basis, and to encourage staff and parents to get to know each other better before we break up for the summer holidays. This event has always been very enjoyable in the past and we are so happy to be able to have it again this year. All our parents and their immediate families are invited, and you will need to bring your own picnic food and a rug. The date will be on Friday 10th July (weather permitting) and it will be held on the Greensward in Goring Gap between 5pm and 7pm and One Stop party Shop will be hosting some fun activities with all the children. We will need the attached slip completed and returned by **Monday 29th June** as we will need to know the numbers attending to apply for permission for the event from the West Sussex County Council. Paper copies are available in the kitchen area.

We will also be holding our leavers graduation as part of our end of term picnic where we will have a small ceremony where all our leavers will receive a small gift. If our end of term picnic is called off due to poor weather as a backup plan, we will hold our leavers Graduation at another time and place to be advised.

Lunches

Children who stay with us for lunch will need to bring their own packed lunch which will be stored on a trolley. As we have no facilities to keep the lunches refrigerated, we ask **all parents to use an ice pack** to keep the contents cool. We have a strict **NO NUTS AND SESAME POLICY**, and all lunches are checked daily, any food within the packed lunch suspected of containing this (including chocolate spread) will be removed and the child will not be able to eat it on Preschool premises. This does include seeded bread as it is difficult for us to check all the bread types daily and clarify which seeds they contain. We will of course contact you to advise.

As per our Food and Nutrition Policy parents are encouraged to provide a healthy well-balanced lunch for their children. Processed meats (sausages, breaded processed chicken, meatballs) and packaged premade lunches should be limited. Foods high in saturated fat, salt, and sugars (treat items-cakes, sweet and savoury pastries, biscuits, and crisps) should be avoided to support children to develop healthy eating habits **only 1 treat item should be included in children's daily lunches**. All lunches should include a drink (daily water bottles are adequate) and fruit or vegetables. Chocolate and sweets are not permitted. We also ask you all to think about the amount of plastic that we are using in the lunches used daily and where possible, consider some alternatives.

Unfortunately, we are unable to give out sweets or cake on birthdays due to the high number this can be and us as a setting trying to promote healthy eating.

We thank you for helping us to support healthy eating in our setting.

Water Bottles

To enable us to provide the children with access to water, we would be grateful if you were able to bring in a **named** water bottle each time they attend. The bottles should be filled with water, which we will refill when necessary. No squash please. These bottles should be placed in the boxes provided and we will ensure that the children are reminded to drink throughout the session with the support of an adult.

Sun Hats/Hot Weather/Named Clothing

As the warmer weather is now hopefully right around the corner, please make sure your child has a named sun hat. You should apply the sun protection yourselves in the morning and, for those children who stay all day, we will re-apply it for them after lunch time using our preschool sun protection. (Soltan Kids Sensitive & Sun allergy Protect Spray SPF50+ if you would like to use a different sun protection you are of course welcome to supply your own). For those children who do not have a sun hat with them we will decide daily as to whether to let them outside for short periods of time only.

In addition, please ensure that your child's bag and all of its contents are clearly named and that no food or medicines are left in them. **Please, please, please can you make sure you name everything.**

With the British weather being so changeable too please also make sure your child has a coat with them on cooler days to enable them to be outside.

Uniform polo shirts and sweatshirts

Our Laugh and Learn uniform is certainly not compulsory but it is just perfect for pre-school. If you are interested in purchasing some, please come and speak to us. Polo shirts are £12.50 each and sweatshirts £13.50 each, and we do hold some stock at Pre-school.

Social Media

Please like and share our Facebook and Instagram posts. We update our pages with photos of the activities your children have been involved in to encourage you to feel connected to your child's experiences and to encourage conversation at home about your child's day. We hope the posts will help you support your child's learning at home, and you can check out the pages for information on up-and-coming events or emergency closures in severe weather and so on.

Pre School-Staff: Owner/Manager:

Sharon Bennett

Deputy Manager/SENCO

Jessica Fedarb

Senior Team:

Lead Early Years Educator:

Sara Leamon

Lead Early Years Educator/SENCO:

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Senior Early Years Educator:

Nicola Duggan-Rees, Julie Smith, Jo Davis, Clara O'Toole and Flick McCluskey

Early Years Educator:

Jess Duggan-Rees, Yvette Ball, Karen Rose and Kat Duval.

Contacting Us

Should you need to contact the pre-school to let us know about any absences or for general queries then please call **07568443352** anytime from 8.30am on weekdays. For any queries, including any general enquires regarding changing sessions or fees, please continue to contact Sharon on the office number **07809254917** or send an email to laughandlearnbennett@yahoo.co.uk.

WSCC Privacy Notice

Following the new Data and Privacy Laws we have been asked by WSCC to send each of our parents a copy of their own Privacy Notice. Please see the notice at the bottom of this newsletter.

End of Term Picnic/Graduation Friday 10th July 2025 - 5pm to 7pm - Goring Gap

Child's Name: _____

We will/will not be attending the End of Term Picnic/Graduation: YES/NO (please delete as appropriate)

Number of Children Attending: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____

(We need to know numbers in order to inform WSCC to obtain permission for the picnic)

I understand that all children in my care at this event will be my responsibility, and that I will need to bring my own picnic and a rug to sit on.

Parent's Signature: _____ Dated: _____

Please return this form by Monday 29th June

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2026

1st half Mon 13th April-Fri 22nd May (6)

CLOSED MONDAY 4th MAY BANK HOLIDAY

(Closed Half Term Mon 25th May- Fri 29th May)

2nd Half Mon 1st June-Fri 17th July (7)

Autumn term 2026

1st half Mon 7th September to Fri 23rd October (7)

(Closed Half Term Mon 26th Oct- Fri 30th Oct)

Mon 2nd November to Fri 18th December (7)

Spring Term 2027

1st half Mon 4th January- Fri 12th February (6)

(Closed Half Term Mon 15th February-Fri 19th February)

2nd Half Mon 22nd February- Fri 25th March (5)

Summer Term 2027

1st half Mon 12th April-Fri 28th May (7)

CLOSED MONDAY 3rd MAY BANK HOLIDAY

(Closed Half Term Mon 25th May- Fri 29th May)

2nd Half Mon 7th June-Fri 16th July (6)

Please note that the above dates may be subject to change at short notice



Privacy Notice for parents accessing Early Years and Childcare provision

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018

The **Local Authority (LA)** processes information on children in order to help administer education and family services and in doing so must comply with GDPR 2018. This means, among other things, that the data held about children, must only be used for specific purposes allowed by law.

The **Early Years and Childcare Setting** holds information on children and their families in order to support their development; monitor their progress; apply for funding; provide appropriate pastoral care and self-evaluate their provision for the purposes of **Ofsted** inspections.

From time to time Early Years and Childcare Settings are required to pass on some of this data to LAs, the **Department for Education (DfE)** and to agencies that are prescribed by law and Ofsted. In particular, at age five an assessment (known as Early Years Foundation Stage Profile) is made of all children and this information is passed to the LA and receiving schools to help meet the child's needs. Any such organisation will have their own Privacy Notice.

The LA and **Commissioned Partners** (for example NHS Healthy Child Programme) use information about children and families for whom they provide services where there is a legal reason to do so. This may also be used for the wider purpose of planning/accessing services for children and families.

For example, the LA and Commissioned Partners use your information to:

- claim Free Entitlement (FE) for 2, 3 and 4 year olds
- identify children's needs through Integrated Health Checks
- identify children and family's needs through Children's Learning and Well-Being Audits
- safeguard children
- provide inclusion support
- inform SEND Under 5s support planning
- support effective transitions
- ensure public funds are administered and spent in line with any Statutory Guidance or

Code of Practice

They also use the information to produce statistics which inform various decisions but without identifying individual children.

Types of personal data held may include:

- child's unique pupil number

- contact details
- parent/carer details

- National Insurance/National Asylum Seeker Service number
- date of birth
- attendance information
- ethnicity

- personal characteristics relating to family health and environment
- special educational needs/disabilities including developmental progress

Personal data will not be retained by the LA or Commissioned Partners for longer than necessary. For example:

- financial purposes, up to seven years
- children/young people with SEND until they are aged 25

You have the right to:

- be informed of data processing (which is covered by this Privacy Notice)
- access information (also known as a Subject Access Request)
- have inaccuracies corrected
- request to have your information erased
- request restricted processing
- data portability (for example, allowing you to move, copy or transfer personal data

from one IT environment to another in a safe and secure way)

- intervention in respect of automated decision making (for example, claiming 2 year old FE funding)
- withdraw consent (where personal data is purely processed on the basis of consent)
- complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (see below)

Ofsted do not routinely process any information about individual children. Ofsted holds no records of individual children's progress. However, it does use information about the achievement of groups of children to help inform its judgements about the quality of education in Early Years Providers.

The DfE uses information about children and pupils for research and statistical purposes; to allocate funds; to inform, influence and improve education policy and to monitor the performance of the education and children's services as a whole.

Who to write to about the data held

Children, as data subjects, have certain rights under the GDPR 2018, including a general right of access to personal data held on them, with parents exercising this right on their behalf if they are too young to do so themselves. If you wish to access the personal data held about your child/family, by WSCC, please contact:

- dataprotection@westsussex.gov.uk
- Data Protection Officer, West Sussex County Council, County Hall, West Street,

Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RQ.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled by WSCC, you may wish to ask for a review of our decision by contacting our Data Protection Officer as above.

Complaints to Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

If you are not content with the outcome of the WSCC review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted internal review procedures.

- The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
- <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

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