



Laugh and Learn Pre-School Tarring - Newsletter - Issue 43- April 2025



We are very much hoping that Spring is on its way and warm weather will be on the cards after the Easter holidays! Hope you all have a great Easter, and the Easter Bunny brings you all lots of tasty treats! Next half term we would like to welcome our new starters to our preschool family and look forward to getting to know you all.

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.

Monday 21st -Closed EASTER BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Tuesday 22nd April-Return to Preschool

Monday 5th May- Closed BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Monday 19th May -Friday 23rd May -Pet Week

Friday 23rd May- Last day of 1st half of Summer term.

Half term- Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Last day of summer term-Friday 18th July.

Availability of sessions and new September opening hours

With spaces filling up very quickly please do let us know as soon as you are able to if you think you will be needing additional sessions going forward, or if you are intending to apply for siblings soon as we want to be able to accommodate our current families first.

As previously advised, we are extending our opening hours to 4.30pm each day from September 2025, meaning there will be an additional collection time option of 4.30pm. Due to the new government funding coming in for working parents from September 2025, all children over 9 months old will receive 30 hours of funded childcare. As this government initiative is to support parents to return to work our aim is to also support families in doing so.

If you would like to amend your hours with us from September 2025, please let us know as soon as possible. We would also be very grateful if you were to recommend us to all your families and friends.

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

If you are a working parent and you believe your 2 year old may be entitled to the 15 hours of funding or a 3 year old who may be entitled to the 30 hours of funding, please remember that you can only use the funding in the term after they turn 2 or 3 years of age, and 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 "Childcare Choices" to see the eligibility criteria and to apply. <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Parents evenings

Thank you to all that were able to attend our parent's evenings it was lovely to see you all to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their overall development.

Holiday Club -As previously advised, we have been looking into the possibility of running a holiday club during the summer holidays for our Laugh and Learn preschool children to support our parents over the long summer holidays, and to enable the children to continue to have access to lots of fun and hands on learning with the Laugh and Learn Ladies in a setting they are already familiar with.

We will be sending out booking forms after the Easter holidays.

Staffing

As Stacey has now moved further away, we are sad to announce that she will be leaving us as a regular staff member at Easter. Stacey has been such an integral part of our Laugh and Learn family for many years and we and the children will be sad not to see her every week. She will be staying on as bank staff so we will still get to see her sometimes.

Kat (Charlottes Mum) will be joining us as a bank staff member too, who we and the children are very happy to have with us.

We will also be having a student with us (Abbey Harris) who is in her 2nd year as a trainee Primary School teacher at the university of Portsmouth for 3 weeks next half term. Abbey Used to attend Laugh and Learn as a child so we are very happy to have her back to support her placement in an Early Years setting.

Keeping children safe online



Whilst we do not have digital devices at Preschool for the children to use, we have been talking to the children about how to keep themselves safe online with screentime now being such a big part of their lives. Using our pretend device, we discussed with the children the importance of asking an adult to use a device, telling an adult if you see or hear something that makes you sad or worried and how it's important to share games and videos with you parents and families so they can see what you are playing.

Included with this newsletter is a top tips sheet for parents to help you to keep your children safe when using digital devices at home as this can present challenges for everyone.



Tarring Manor Care Home

We continue to visit Tarring Manor Care Home to meet to the residents there as we did last term, where we share games, colour pictures and chat about our favourite things to do. This half term when we visited there was even a face painter to paint the residents and children's faces as their favourite animals. We are looking forward to continuing with these visits throughout the coming half term.



Sunflower competition

The children have been planting sunflower seeds to bring home to nurture and grow for our annual sunflower competition. Further details will follow, but in July we will be asking you to send in photos of your sunflowers with details of their height from the soil to the tip and there will be prizes for the tallest.



Ducklings

We are very excited to announce that we will again be having some duckling eggs being delivered to Preschool on Tuesday 13th May which will hatch with us after a few days then we will transfer them from the incubator to the brooding unit where the children will then help to care for the baby ducklings. They will then remain with us until Friday 23rd May.

Pet Week- will also be Monday 19th-Friday 23rd May when your children will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with a range of animals and pets. More information will follow in due course.



Nicola's cooking group

Next half term we will be continuing our weekly cooking session for a small group of children, whilst we all do cook and bake together as a group, and will continue to do so, we are starting 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 will move to a Monday, to ensure different children are able to participate. One of our favourite recipes from this half term has been making flapjacks together so we thought you might like to have a go at home using the recipe below.



Flapjack recipe

250g oats
125g light brown sugar
125g butter (melted)
2-3 tablespoons syrup
100g chocolate chips or raisins
Oven 180 for 15-20 minutes.

Melt butter add sugar and stir.
Mix in oats syrup and last add chocolate/raisins.
Put in a lined tin and bake.
Allow to cool in the tin and set.
Cut to size and enjoy!

'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!



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! 📖

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.

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 each week 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.

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.

Lunches

If you have a child staying for lunch, please make sure that they have a "healthy packed lunch". A sandwich, a piece of fruit, a yogurt, a biscuit, and a drink are plenty and **NO SWEETS** please. Please do not put too much in as they do not have much time to eat. We are a strict **NO NUTS** setting (including chocolate spread and Peanut Butter) due to allergies. In addition, **please ensure that if they need a spoon to eat a yogurt you supply a spoon**, all grapes are sliced in half longways, they have water or squash to drink, and can you also **make sure there is an ice pack in their lunch boxes** as we have no facilities on the premises to keep the lunches chilled. Thankyou.

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.

We do also have ice pops with the children on hotter days to keep their fluid levels up (and they're yummy!)

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

Pre School-Staff: Owner/Manager:

Sharon Bennett

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Jessica Fedarb

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Sara Leamon

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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.

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2025

1st half Tues 22nd Apr-23rd May (5)

CLOSED 21st APR-EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY

CLOSED 5TH MAY BANK HOLIDAY

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

2nd half Mon 2nd June-Fri 18th July (7)

Autumn Term 2025

1st half Mon 8th September- Fri 24th October (7)

(Closed Half Term Mon 27th October-Fri 31st October)

2nd Half Mon 3rd November- Fri 19th December (7)

Spring Term 2026

1st half Mon 5th January- Fri 13th February (6)

(Closed Half Term Mon 16th February-Fri 20th February)

2nd Half Mon 23rd February- Fri 27th March (5)

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)

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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