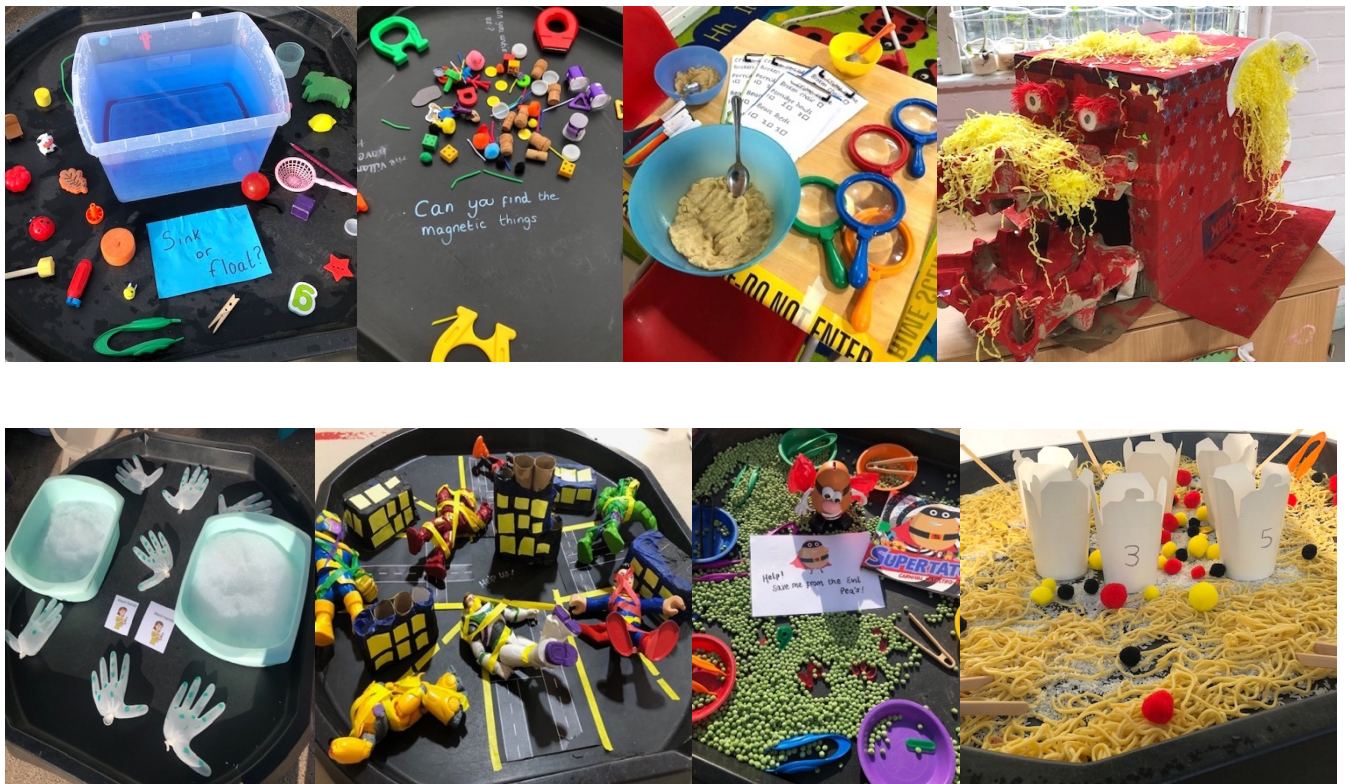


Laugh and Learn Pre-School Tarring - Newsletter - Issue 49- March 2026

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:

Mon 13th April- Return to Preschool

Mon 4th May- CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd May- Pet Week

Fri 22nd May- Last day of the first half of the Summer term

Mon 25th May- Fri 29th May- CLOSED HALF TERM

Fri 17th July- Last day of the Summer term.

Parents evening

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.

'Movers and Shakers' group with Chloe and Clara

We continue to take part in a fun weekly mindfulness and yoga sessions with Chloe as well as a weekly fitness and dance class now with Clara. 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 Tuesday 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 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. We are looking forward to continuing with these visits throughout the coming half term.

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

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.

Pet Week- Will be held in the week commencing Monday 19th May when your children will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with a range of animals and pets. So far this year we have arranged to have visits from some very friendly Alpacas and a petting zoo. More information will follow in due course.

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.

Parking

As we often state in our newsletters, we are all aware that parking can be very difficult at drop off and pick up time. It is very important that we remain on good terms with our neighbours, and we would ask you to park considerately, and ensure that a clear access is always maintained for vehicles passing through. Please also do not park across the end of our driveway as this is shared and access is always required by our neighbour. Please can we also please ask that any litter dropped in the driveway is taken away. Thank you once again for your cooperation.

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.

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Deputy Manager/SENCO

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Early Years Educator:

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.

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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