



Laugh and Learn Pre-School Tarring - Newsletter - Issue 45- September 2025

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to preschool when we return on Monday 8th September! We hope everyone had a fantastic summer break; we were certainly blessed with lots of glorious sunshine even though it's taken more of an Autumnal feel now! We would like to say a big "Hello" to all our new starters who are joining us this term and are looking forward to getting to know you all. We will be supporting all of our children to settle back in with us as painlessly as possible after the long summer break and don't forget you are welcome to contact us at any time to get an update on how they are doing. If you have any queries or concerns at any point, we are here to support you.

Meet the staff.



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SENCO

Sara Leamon.
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Karen Rose.
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Yvette Ball.
Practitioner

Jess Duggan-Rees
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Some Dates to Remember.

Monday 8th September - Return to pre-school
Closed Half term - Monday 27th October -Friday 31st October.
Friday 19th December - Last day of term

Summer Holiday Club



It was so lovely to see so many of our Laugh and Learn children at our August two week summer holiday club. It was a great success, and a fun time was had by all, a great way to break up the long summer holidays!



Sunflower Competition

A huge well done to all who took part in our annual sunflower growing competition, the ones planted into the garden grew the tallest! Our 1st prize went to Willow whose sunflower grew to 185cm. 2nd prize went to Aiden at 156cm, and 3rd prize to Maya at 154cm. Well done to all!!

End of Term Picnic/Graduation



It was so lovely to see so many of our families at our amazing end of term picnic and Graduation celebrating our wonderful class of 2025. Watching our Graduates grow and develop in their time with us at Laugh and Learn is such a privilege and now they move on to their next adventure at big school.

Lions and Tigers groups

For our 'coming together time' held first thing in the morning and our 'group time' held towards the end of the morning session the children are separated into their groups of 'Lions' and 'Tigers'. The Lions group supports the children with concentration, more listening and taking part in stories and sharing information from home and the Tigers group supports the children to be able to participate in stories, songs and activities in a more age-appropriate hands-on way which supports them to make choices for themselves.

Some of our current children will therefore be moving up to become Lions in September.



Lions

Children starting school Sept 2026



Tigers

Children **NOT** starting school Sept 2026.

Availability of sessions and new September opening hours

As you know our opening hours are now 8.30am to 4.30pm each day to support our families with hours that fit more in with the working day. 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 to extend sessions or if will need 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.

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 "Childcare Choices" to see the eligibility criteria and to apply. <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

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.

Sun Hats/Hot Weather/Named Clothing

We are of course hoping that the warmer weather will continue for a little while longer so please apply sun protection yourselves on sunny days 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). Please make sure your child has a named sun hat at Preschool, for those children who do not have a sun hat with them they may borrow one of ours or we may have to decide to let them outside for short periods of time only.

In addition, please ensure that your child's bag and all of it's 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 and wellies if needed!

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 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. 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.

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.

We do also have ice pops with the children on hotter days to keep their fluid levels up, we may have a few more hotter days this year!

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.

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. Thank you once again for your cooperation.

Polite reminder about dogs on the premises

We would politely remind you that, although we love dogs, they are not allowed on the premises or in the playground at any time. In addition, they must not be tied up at the gate as this may cause distress to some of our children and their families who are forced to walk past them when entering or leaving. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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.

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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

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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