



Summer Term 1 Newsletter

April 2026

Stories for Talking & Environmental Text

This half term, our learning continues to be built around our **Stories for Talking and Environmental Text**.

Environmental text is a story that lives within our provision. Children revisit the narrative in play, building understanding of characters, sequencing and vocabulary. Our Environmental Text this half term is **Jack and the Beanstalk**

Stories for Talking supports children to:

- Retell familiar stories
- Develop narrative language
- Use new vocabulary in play
- Build confidence as communicators.

Our Stories this term are –

For our Explorers (2-3 year olds) – The Very Hungry Caterpillar By Eric Carle

For our Investigators (3-4 year olds) – Tadpole's Promise By Jeanne Willis

House Keeping

Please make sure your child has a change of clothes for every session. If your child has borrowed clothes, please return as we are running low on spares. Thank you

Please keep an eye on the temperature/UV levels over the term and apply sunscreen/ send sun hats if needed.

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Easter break!

We are now into the final full term of the school year and the last one for some of our children who will leave for big school in July.

This term we will be focusing on planting and growing. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore how things change over time through hands-on experiences.

We are very excited to be watching the life cycle of our butterflies, observing how caterpillars grow and transform. This is always a magical experience for the children and supports their understanding of change and new life. We will also explore other life cycles, such as frogs and plants.

School Places – Sept 2026

Primary school places will be released on Thursday, 16th April.

Please let us know which school your child will be attending so we can begin to support their transition and share information with their new setting.

New Facebook Page

If you haven't already, please "add" our new Facebook page to keep up to date with play and learning at pre-school 😊

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1FTWvHGm7M/?mibextid=wwXlf=>

Our New Songs This Term

See attached – please help your child to learn this at home, too.

Learning new songs helps to develop children's language, listening and memory skills. Repetition builds confidence and supports clear speech, rhythm and early phonological awareness (which helps with reading later on)

Save the Dates – Parent Events

Growing & Planting Stay & Play – Monday 18th
May 10:30–11:45

School Leavers Ceremony – Friday 10th July
2:00pm

More details will follow closer to the time.

How children learn in our curiosity corner...

Excellent Communicators – describing what they see, sharing ideas and using new topic words to explain their thinking.

Book Lovers – children connect what they find to stories and information books, deepening their understanding of the world through familiar books.

Curious Learners – closely observing objects, asking questions, noticing changes and investigating how things work.

Kind & Respectful Friends – children share resources, take turns, work alongside others, and listen to different ideas and viewpoints.

Independence – children choose what to explore, follow their own interests, and lead their own learning through open-ended resources.

Risk Takers – children try out new ideas, test their thinking, and explore unfamiliar objects with growing confidence.

Maths – counting, comparing, sorting, exploring patterns, shape, and measure, and developing problem-solving skills.

Hoot's Golden Rules – being gentle with friends and the environment, following instructions and listening to others, moving safely, trying new things and building confidence.



Supporting Oral Hygiene

We are continuing to support children's understanding of good oral hygiene.

You can help at home by:

- Brushing teeth twice a day (especially before bed)
- Using a pea-sized amount of toothpaste
- Encouraging children to spit, not rinse
- Choosing water or milk instead of sugary drinks
- Limiting sugary snacks between meals

Even small routines make a big difference!



Search 2 minute toothbrushing songs on YouTube

Important Dates

Return – Monday 13th April

End of Term – Friday 22nd May

Summer Term Ends – Friday 17th July

Return – Monday 1st June

Return – Monday 7th September