

**Summer Term Newsletter 2025**

**Nursery News**

I would like to give a warm welcome to Ella and Grace who joined the Pre-School this term. We hope you have lots of fun!

Our topic this half term is “Animals” We will be doing lots of different activities around this topic including farm animals, sea creatures, zoo and jungle animals as well as Dinosaurs. In the second part of our half term, we will be looking at the topic “weather , summer and healthy eating.” Please keep a look out for your weekly emails detailing the week’s activities. I normally send this on a Friday morning. If you aren’t receiving them, please contact me.

We are now fully booked at preschool until September (which already is filling up fast!) and we have waiting lists. However, things do change all the time with sessions so please do let me know if you would like to be added to a waiting list or are interested in a certain session. As soon as these become available, I will let you know.

Please can you make sure all children clothes, drinks, lunch boxes and snack pots are labelled. Hopefully the weather will be warming up please can we ask that children have sun hats at pre-school and that sun cream is applied before children come to preschool. If they are here all day, please bring in sun cream for us to apply in the afternoon.

**Payment of Fees**

Just a reminder that your sessions are for a full term and these cannot be changed weekly. We also do still charge when you take term time holiday and incur any illnesses. This is due to staff to child ratio being maintained at all times. Any extra sessions above your normal hours will be charged as extra and seen on your next term invoice. We do not charge for bank holidays.

Invoices were sent out last week.

Children who are claiming 2, 3, 4-year-old funding or are entitled to the 30 hours funding this term, you should have signed your forms by now if anything has changed, if you haven’t, please can you send your forms back in as soon as possible.

Please remember that if your circumstances change and you need to leave the preschool or change your sessions, We still need a terms notice.

**Fee increase September 2024**

As you know Bayford Pre-School aim to provide the highest quality childcare at a charge that is no more than the average for the surrounding area. We feel that this gives parents excellent value for money.

In order to stay in line with inflation, minimum wage, government funding and the surrounding area we are implementing a fee increase from September 2025

Registration fee   £50

Under 2`s will increase to £7 per hour

9am-12pm = £21, 9am -1pm = £28,

9am-3pm = £42

Over 2`s will increase to £6 per hour

9am-12pm = £18 9am -1pm = £24

9am-3pm =£36

 The Pre-School is closed for public bank holidays and school holidays. No fees are payable when the pre-School is closed.

**STAFF**

I continue to lead the pre-school Monday 9 -3 Tuesday 9-12, Wednesday 9-3 and Friday 9 -3. I hold an Early Years Professional Status and a degree in Childcare and Education. This is my 11th year leading Bayford Preschool. I am also the Safeguarding Designated officer at the pre-school alongside Hayley Paddick.

Hayley Paddick continues her role as Deputy manager and Early Years Planning Co-Ordinator. Hayley holds an NNEB and has worked at Bayford Pre-School for 9 years. Hayley has over 20 years’ experience of working in nursery’s including leadership experience before she left to have her own children. Hayley works Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-3.00.

**Hayley’s key children are Grace, Georgie, Layton, Layla, Mia, Iris and Ollie**

Mrs Jo Wells holds an NVQL3 in Childcare and Education. Jo joined the team in September 2020. Jo is SENCO for the setting and supports the staff and parents to support the children with additional needs. Jo works full time at the preschool.

**Jo`s key children are Dempsey, Emelia, Theo, Harrison, Darcy, Jesse, Riva and Louie**

Mrs Lucie Malcolm has been at the preschool since September 2017 and holds an NVQL5 in Childcare and Education. Lucie works a Monday 9-1, Tuesday 9-3, Wednesday 9-3, Thursday 9-3 and Friday 9-1.

**Lucies key children are – Johnny B, Digby, Isabella, Max, Penelope, Maddie, Pippa, Jorge**

Mrs Emma Harrison has been at the preschool since September 2022 and holds an NVQL2 in Childcare and Education. Emma is about to finish her NVQL3 training.

Emma works Monday & Thursday 9-3, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9-12

**Emma`s key children are – Violet, Arthur, Johnny R, Freddie**

Mrs. Lucy Roberts returned to us in January 2024. Lucy has an NVQL3 in Childcare & Education and worked for us from 2020-2021. Lucy has many years’ experience working in preschools

**Lucys key children are Felix, Wolf, Hallie, Ella & Archie**

All staff are DBS checked and have paediatric first aid training as well as safeguarding training and other relevant childcare courses in relation to EYFS. Certificates can be found in the file on the table by the garden gate along with the pre-school policies and procedures. Please feel free to look at these at any time but unfortunately, they cannot leave the Pre-School. They inform parents about the procedures we follow and the policies that are in place.

**HEALTHY SNACKS & LUNCH BOXES**

Please could I remind everyone to bring in healthy snacks at snack time in the way of fruit, vegetable sticks, crackers or yoghurt. Lunchboxes also need to be healthy please. Ideas could include a sandwich, yoghurt, piece of fruit and a chocolate bar or packet of crisps. This is really important to promote healthy eating and behaviour with the children. Thanking you in advance with your support in this matter.

Children are offered semi skimmed milk throughout the day .

**Toys from Home**

Please can we ask that children do not bring toys in from home unless they need them as a comfort or for letter of the week, as they can cause disagreements with other children, and we do not want them to get lost amongst our toys or broken or worse still not be able to find them to take them home. Thank you!

**Term Dates**

**Summer Term 2025 –** Tuesday 22nd April – Tuesday 23rd July 2025

**Half Term** – Monday 26th May – Friday 31st May

**Inset Day –** Monday 2nd June

**Autumn Term 2025** starts Monday 8th September 2025

**Letter of the Week**

Well done to everyone last term for the fabulous items you have bought in each week for our ‘LETTER OF THE WEEK’, we have been pleased to see how it has been helping the children with their phonics and the children love to show us the items they have bought in.

We find this helps the children with their phonics and is a fun thing for the children to do with you at home and share with us at Pre-School. This term we would like to continue to see the fabulous items you have found together at home. However, we are moving onto the next phase in our “letters and sounds” where we are blending two letters together. This week is the “th” letter sound . The item you find at home can have that sound anywhere in the word.

**Tommy Bear**

We have a little bear at pre-school called Tommy who comes to stay for the week at your houses. Tommy is a very friendly bear who loves to play with your child and be taken on lots of fun adventures. Each week a different child takes him home with his diary to fill out, Your child will then show and talk about the adventures they have been on at circle time. Everyone will have a turn and all we ask is that you bring him back in **ONE** week.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Little Club with Sophie continues to run on a Thursday morning at the later time of 10.45 this term. This is a “sensory, dance, magic and music” class which has been running since the summer term 2023. The children are engaged throughout the session with songs, bubbles, props galore, lights and so much more. The children love this session and are always looking forward to it.

**PARENT MAIL**

As you are aware I like to send newsletters and notices by email to save on paper as well as understanding that parents prefer this method as things then do not get lost. I understand this may not be possible or ideal for everyone and ask if anyone who would prefer newsletters on paper to let me know. Please can you confirm your email address and ensure you receive regular mails, any problems please let me know

**FACEBOOK**

We also have a closed Facebook page for any parents of pre-school to join. If you haven’t already joined please request an invite so I can add you to the list. We post lots of different information and events that will be happening at the Pre-school as well as photos of the children playing and learning.  When you joined the Pre-School you will have signed a consent form to authorise this, however if you would not like us to use your child’s photo on Facebook anymore, please let me know ASAP if it is not already on your registration forms!

**LEARNING JOURNALS**

The pre-school operates an open-door policy, and we are always happy for you to come into pre-school and to see at any time the work we do with the children or to see snapshots of the records we make to track your child’s progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can arrange a time to discuss these further with myself and / or your child’s key carer.

We work in partnership with the local children’s centres who often run parent and child classes and drop-in sessions including speech and language courses. If you are interested in attending any courses, please let me know and I can give you some further information. We also have information about these classes.

**Your Pre-School Needs you**

For all that don’t know or realise Bayford Preschool is a charity, Pre-school is run by a voluntary committee of parents and carers.

Getting involved with the committee is a great way to get to know the other parents, and to have some control over what happens at preschool.

The Committee is responsible for setting pre-school's policies, managing and engaging staff, fundraising and organising social events.

Being a member of the pre-school committee is an enjoyable and worthwhile experience, giving you as a parent/ carer a greater involvement in the vitally important early stages of your child/ children's education.

**Help Needed**

As the children grow up and move on to pastures new so do committee members and therefore, we always need new members to become involved to help the preschool go from strength to strength, also legally we have to have 50% of parents on the committee whose children actually still attend the preschool.

Chairperson – currently Kirsty Brady (Rory & Berties mum who left last Summer 2021)

Treasurer – Stephanie Bertram (Thomas mummy who left July 2024)

Secretary – Jade Harvey (Iris mummy)

OFSTED Nominated Person – Laura Sturman- Prutton (Georgie’s mummy)

Other members who are currently joining and our in the application process for September – Maisie (Johnnys mummy) Madara (Laylas mummy) and Kylie (Darcys mummy) Thank you ladies!

There will be a meeting in the next few weeks so please keep your eyes posted and let me know if you would like to attend.

If you would like to join the committee in September 2025, please let me know.

**SPORTS DAY**

We will be having a sports morning on Friday 11th July at 9.30-10.15 . Parents & families are all welcome to come and watch. Watch this space for more details nearer the time.

**INDIVIDUAL AND GRADUATION PHOTOS**

A photographer will be coming to pre-school to take individual photos of the children as well as graduation photos of the children who are leaving pre-school to start reception in September on **Friday 23rd May at 1pm.**

Siblings are more than welcome to be in the photo to just bring them along at 1pm.

**Summer End of Term Party**

We will be having the end of term party, graduation ceremony, Raffle and open day to look at your child’s learning journey on the morning of **Wednesday 23rd July .** We will be having Silly Sean from DNA parties run the disco with party games. More details will follow nearer the time. **Preschool finishes for the summer on this day at 1.30.**

As you can see we have a very busy term ahead of us !

If you need any further clarification on the above or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Alison Kay

Pre-School Leader