



Waltham Pre-School

Newsletter Summer Term 2

Nursery

May 2024

Themes

Our theme this half term will be our five senses - taste, smell, touch, see, hear

Story of the Week

This half term our weekly focus books are listed below. Each book will be shared throughout the week and activities and interests built around the themes within the book.

3rd June	Hello Ducks	1 st July	The Gingerbread Man
10 th June	Get into Bed	8 th July	The very Hungry Caterpillar
17 th June	Shark in the Park	15 th July	The Three Little Pigs
24 th June	Alfie's Numbers		

May Half Term Holiday Closure

A reminder that Pre-school (Rooms 1 and 2) will close on **Friday 24th May** for the half term holiday. Pre-school will reopen on **Monday 3rd June**.

Nursery is open as normal during the Half Term break except for the bank holiday on Monday 27th May.

Half Term Holiday Club Dates

Holiday Club is open during the half term holiday for Pre-school children and Primary age pupils. Please ensure that you have contacted the office prior to Friday 24th May if you need your child booking into any holiday club sessions.

Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May inclusive

Summer Term Hot Lunch Menu

A copy of the full lunch menu for the Summer Term, including tea options, is available on our website walthampreschool.org

Term Dates 2024 / 2025

We have attached a copy of the next academic year's opening and closing dates.

Session Times

1pm Collections - Please ensure that you arrive to collect your child between 12.50 - 1pm. We have noticed it is becoming more frequent that children are being collected **after 1pm**. This can take us out of ratio, which then requires staff to stay beyond their working hours or takes an additional member of staff from another room. A reminder that we do have a Late Collection policy in place and any late collections beyond your booked session finishing time, will incur a late collection charge.

Tea Time - Tea is served between 4pm - 4.45pm. If possible, please avoid this time for collecting your child. If you do need to collect your child during this time, we politely request your patience as the children's needs will always take priority.

Clothing

Please ensure:

- children's tops, coats and bags are named to reduce the likelihood of them being mislaid.
- children have at least **two** changes of clothes in their bags for times that they need a change of clothing. We plan to be outside more this half term with our messy play and water play activities.
- labeled sun hats and sun cream are provided.

Please remember to apply sun cream **before** bringing your child to Nursery,

End of Term Dates

Pre-school closes for the summer on Friday 19th July and reopens on Wednesday 4th September. The Nursery room operates as normal throughout the summer except for a closure on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August. Any holiday days that you wish to book for your child up to the beginning of September must be booked in advance via the preschool office or directly with Miss Barker.

Additional Sessions and Out of School Club Booking Procedures

A reminder of our booking procedures. We appreciate that the majority of bookings made are for set days and times every week. This enables us to organise staffing rotas, resources, food purchases etc around the numbers of children expected into each session.

As you are aware, we do offer flexible bookings but we do politely request that these are made in a timely fashion and any amendments for the following month are to be communicated to the office in writing (email) by the 24th of the month prior to the month that you are wishing to amend. E.g changes to June bookings need to be made by 24th May, changes to July bookings must be made by 24th June, etc. This will enable us to issue accurate invoices and to ensure that the legal requirements for staffing ratios can be met.

Please note that payment is due for all booked sessions regardless of last minute cancellations. This is to cover staffing costs that will already have been arranged on receipt of your booking.

If you have any queries about any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the main pre-school office where we will be happy to help. We wish all our families a lovely bank holiday weekend.

