



Waltham Pre-School

Newsletter Summer Term 2

Room 1

May 2024

Theme - Celebrating Me!

This half term the children will be exploring 'All about me' activities that encourage discovering what is unique about themselves and others.

- From baby to me
- Body parts and senses
- I am special
- Feelings
- Transitions / starting pre-school

Story of the Week

We will be reading a selection of books that will support our themes for this half term. Each book will be shared throughout the week and activities and interests built around the themes within the book.

3 rd June	I used to be a baby	1 st July	I like bees, I don't like honey
10 th June	A friend for little bear	8 th July	I'm starting Nursery
17 th June	From head to toe	15 th July	Transition book
24 th June	How to catch a Rainbow		

Transitions to Room 2 - for children born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21

Transitions to Room 2 will begin during this half term to enable the children to become familiar with staff and the rooms ready for September. We will keep you informed via Tapestry of all arrangements taking place for your child and the opportunities for parents to visit the Room 2 environment. If your child will not be transitioning to our Room 2 we would appreciate as much notice as possible to enable us to support your alternative plans.

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 26th 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 (Closed for the bank holidays on **Monday 27th May**)

Packed Lunches

A reminder that we promote healthy eating in our setting, and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that packed lunches contain healthy choices rather than biscuits, cakes and sweets.

Summer is here!

We do hope the sun will make a regular appearance this half term. Please ensure you provide a suitable sunhat and sun cream and remember to apply sun cream **before** bringing your child to pre-school. Both sunhat and sun cream should be labelled with your child's name.

Please ensure that your child's summer clothing is appropriate for a Pre-School day:

- no strappy straps - shoulders should be covered
- no crocs / flip flop type footwear - secure footwear for playing in

End of Term Dates

Pre-school closes for the summer on **Friday 19th July** and reopens on **Wednesday 4th September**. Monday 2nd is a Holiday Club day, Tuesday 3rd we will be closed for a Staff training day. Our Nursery room will be open as normal throughout the summer period except for the Bank Holiday closure on Monday 26th August.

Summer Term Hot Lunch Menu

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

Term Dates 2024 / 2025

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

Summer Holiday Club

The Holiday Club will be open from Monday 22nd July until Monday 2nd September, inclusive. There will be no session on the bank holiday Monday 26th August. The Nursery room operates normal hours during the summer holiday break. Please contact the main preschool office for further information or to make a booking. **Bookings need to be made by Friday 12th July** to enable us to organise staffing prior to the Pre-school summer break. All Holiday Club sessions must be booked and paid for in advance as without prior payment no child can be admitted.

Child Details

Please ensure your contact, medication, allergy, etc. details are kept up to date. It is a mandatory requirement to have the correct details on file. This includes contact details for people who you wish to be able to collect your child, and work phone numbers or a contact if you are unable to answer your mobile during the day. We must have numbers that **WILL** be answered in the case of an emergency for your child during their Pre-School session.

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 and look forward to seeing you all after the half term break.

