



Waltham Pre-School

Newsletter Summer Term 2

Room 2

May 2024

Themes

Our themes this half term are Fantasy World and Make Believe. There will be some monsters, aliens and superhero activities to help build a creative and imaginative mind.

Book of the Week

This half term our weekly focus books will include themes around sharing ideas and working together with friends, building independence and preparing for going to school.

We will end the term with a fun week including water play days and picnics.

3rd June - Bedtime for monsters

10th June - Way back home

17th June - Dear dinosaurs

24th June - There's a dragon in this book

1st July - Princess and the wizard

8th July - Pirates love underpants

15th July - Supertato

Messy Play

Our practitioners provide great learning opportunities through messy play; this could be for example, through water play, paint or mud. Children have the freedom to choose when and how they explore our messy and sensory play activities within our continuous provision planning. A polite reminder to please ensure that your child comes to Pre-school in clothing that you do not mind them getting dirty and provide a spare change of clothing for if needed during the Pre-School session.

Windmill Trip

Room 2 are planning a trip to Waltham Windmill to visit the museum and have a ride on the steam train. More details will follow on Tapestry nearer the time. Children who do not attend on the date set will be invited to meet us at the windmill to join the fun.

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 26th May** if you need your child booking into any holiday club sessions.

Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June inclusive (Closed for the bank holidays on **Monday 29th May**)

Primary School Transition

We are aware that our Room 2 children are transitioning to several Primary schools in September. We will be working closely with the relevant schools to ensure that transitions are as smooth as possible. Schools will be contacting each family directly with their 'new intake' arrangements. Where we have any information that may be helpful, we will of course keep you informed via Tapestry.

We have attached some leaflets 'Am I ready for school yet?' which we hope you find useful as checkpoints for areas that you may wish to support your child with over the summer holidays, as you prepare them for school life.

Leaver's Celebration Party - Friday 12th July, 6pm - 8pm Time 4 Play

Thank you to all those who participated in the sponsored Treasure Hunt over the Easter holidays. With the funds raised we have been able to book a party at Time 4 Play for all the children who will be leaving Pre-School and going onto Primary School in September.

Please let a practitioner know if your child is able to attend the party, by Friday 5th July at the latest. Please note, a parent/carer must attend with and be responsible for, their own child.

Leaver's Concert - Tuesday 9th July

Our Leaver's Concert for our Room 2 children will be held on Tuesday 9th July at 10am. More details will follow as soon as possible via Tapestry.

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 should you require any breakfast club, out of school club and holiday club bookings when your child is at Primary School. Our Holiday Club provision can be accessed by all children who have attended our Pre-School regardless of which primary school they move on to.

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. Please also be reminded that we are a nut free environment which includes chocolate spreads such as Nutella.

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 labeled with your child's name. Suncream will be accessible for you to apply to your child on arrival should you have forgotten to apply it at home. Staff will reapply suncream in the afternoon.

End of Term Dates

Pre-school closes for the summer on **Friday 19th July** and reopens on **Wednesday 4th September**. Monday 2nd September is a Holiday Club day, Tuesday 3rd September is a Staff Training Day - Nursery will be open as normal on that day, no childcare provision in Room 1 and Room 2.

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.

Breakfast and Out of School Club - September 2024

Just a reminder that if your child is transferring to Waltham Leas Primary Academy in September, our breakfast and out of school clubs are available for all primary age children. We offer a drop off and collection service to and from the school from 7.30am and close at 6pm. Early booking is essential to ensure a place is available for your child. Priority is always given to children who have attended our Pre-school provision. Please contact the main Pre-school office if you would like to make a booking.

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.



