



Pre-School News

A Warm, Nurturing Start

Summer term 2 : June to July 2026

Parent Consultations (Week of 6th July)

Please speak to a member of staff to book an appointment to discuss your child's progress and development this year.

- For All Children: A wonderful chance to catch up with your child's key person and celebrate how much they have grown.
- School Leavers: We will be reviewing their primary school transition forms together during these meetings before they are shared with their new schools.

Learning in Action



Parent Corner Reminders

- Labelled Spare clothes
- Spare socks
- Coats (hats and gloves if possible)
- Waterproofs and wellies
- Reporting Absences: If your child is unable to attend their session, please notify us by 9.30 AM.
- Been up to something exciting or have news to share? We would love your photos for our 'memories' board.

Dates for your Diary

6 th - 10 th July	Parent consultations
13 th -17 th July	Tie-dying week
21 st July	Rising 5's leavers ceremony
22 nd July	Trip to Knockhatch & Last day of term

Key Person

As always, your key person will be available to discuss any concerns or queries you may have. (We may need to arrange a suitable time depending on the nature of the discussion).



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Superpower Smiles: Summer Routine

We have loved seeing the children's independence grow this year with our daily supervised brushing as part of the SCFT Oral Health Scheme. As we head into the six-week summer break, here are our top tips to keep those healthy habits going strong at home:

- **Keep the Routine:** Stick to brushing twice a day. Using a "Two-Minute Tune" or a fun sand timer can keep it engaging while pre-school is out.
- **Spit, Don't Rinse:** Remember our golden rule! After brushing, encourage your child to spit out the toothpaste but avoid rinsing with water. This keeps the protective fluoride working on the teeth for longer.
- **Drink Smart in the Sun:** When reaching for a drink to cool down in the warmer weather, stick to water or milk to help protect primary teeth from decay.

Healthy Eating Corner

A refreshing, no-added-sugar treat perfect for a hot summer day and exploring "Kitchen Science" as liquids freeze!

You will need:

- 1 large banana (peeled)
- Handful of strawberries (washed and sliced)
- 150ml milk (or a dairy-free alternative)

Method:

1. **Mash:** Let your child mash the banana in a bowl (fantastic for building arm muscles!).
2. **Drop:** Have them drop the strawberry pieces into ice lolly moulds or clean, empty yogurt pots.

Pour & Freeze: Stir the milk into the mashed banana, pour over the strawberries, and freeze for 3–4 hours until solid.



Stepping Up to Primary School

We are so proud of our school leavers as they prepare for their big adventure in September! To help them feel confident and familiar with their new surroundings, the children will be visiting the school once a week for the next few weeks to play and explore.

To build on this excitement at home over the summer, you can practice these simple, daily habits:

- **Practice Independence:** Encourage your child to practice putting on their own shoes and coat, using the toilet independently, and opening items in their packed lunchbox.
- **Keep it Positive:** Talk about school as an exciting new adventure. Reading books about starting school together is a wonderful way to ease any nerves and spark positive conversations.
- **Routine Reset:** A week or two before September, gradually reintroduce school-year bedtimes and morning routines so the first week back is a breeze.



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Summer Safety & Water Play

As the days get warmer, here is a quick checklist for sunny garden play:

- Sunscreen: Please apply before arrival. We also ask for either a labelled bottle in their bag or a £1 donation so we can do top-ups throughout the day.
- Paddling Pool Fun: We are getting the pool out! Please pack swimwear (or spare clothes).
- Footwear: Sturdy shoes or strapped sandals only please—no flip-flops or sliders for safe climbing.

Wallpaper Appeal

We need leftover rolls of wallpaper or lining paper for a fun school-leaver project! We'll be drawing around the children to create life-sized pictures of them in their new uniforms. Any colours or patterns are welcome—please drop any spare rolls into the setting. Thank you!

Tiny Tech: Summer Screen Smarts

As we head into the long summer holidays, here are a few simple tips to help keep your child's screen time safe, balanced, and positive!

- Screen vs. Green Time: Encourage a healthy balance over the break. A great rule of thumb is to try and match screen time with "green time" (outdoor play) to keep little bodies active.
- Kid-Friendly Zones: Before the holidays begin, take a moment to check that streaming services and app stores on shared devices are switched to "Kids" profiles (such as YouTube Kids) to automatically filter out older content.
- Co-Watching: Treat screen time like storytime! Sitting together while they play a game or watch a video helps you understand what they are interacting with and turns it into a fun, shared experience.

Looking Ahead: Final Weeks & Reminders

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, we want to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support. We have a very busy and exciting few weeks ahead with the children before the term ends!

To help things run smoothly behind the scenes for next term, please take note of these quick reminders:

- Funding Codes: If your child is returning to us in September and you claim 30-hour funding, please remember to log into your government account and reconfirm your code before 31st August so it stays active for autumn.
 - Session Changes: If you need to alter your child's days or hours for the September intake, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible so we can check our availability.
- We are looking forward to a fantastic, fun-filled end of term with all the children!