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NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Dear Preschool Family,

It is difficult to believe that we are coming to the end of another term in a few days' time which means we are two thirds the way through this academic year and some of our children only have one term left before transitioning to primary school.

Over the last few weeks, we have been busy re-vamping our garden area to develop our outside learning provision to cover all seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum as well as making a few changes to our indoor area. Our focused learning since Christmas has been based on the staff's favourite books, and we would thank you for participating in this too. We love seeing how our children have continued their learning at home!

Sarah, Kathryn, Tracey, Red Emily, Green Emily, Lisa, Natalie and Sam 😊

End of Spring Term 2025:

As I am sure you are aware, we break up for the Easter holidays on Friday, 4th April. Our session times are as usual but if your child has a sibling at the primary school and you would like to collect earlier when they finish at 1.15 pm please feel free to do so.

We return for the Summer Term on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025.

School Admissions For a Primary School Place in September 2025:

Over the Easter holidays, parents of children who are going to primary school in September 2025 should be notified by Cornwall Council of the school your child has been allocated. When we return after the Easter break, perhaps you could let us know which school this will be so that we can begin the transition process by liaising with their new Reception Class Teacher. It is a daunting time for children, as although we are situated on the school site, there are many different aspects which can cause a hiccup. We like to ensure therefore, when our duty of care passes to schools, it is a smooth transition and our children are confident to begin their new journey into primary education. If you have any concerns or are worried about this process, please speak to your child's keyworker or Playleader who will be happy to support.

Healthy Eating & Choke Hazards:

We shall be grateful if you will kindly help us to ensure that your child's packed lunch is prepared to avoid the risk of choking. Choking can happen with any foods and the Food Standards Agency have some useful food safety advice for parents to consider such as thinking about the size, shape and texture of food. For example, small sausages should be cut into narrow batons and grapes into quarters to avoid round shapes which are choke hazards. The Pre-school staff do check children's lunch boxes daily to ensure that any potential items which could cause choking are re-cut to appropriate sizes. However, can we ask you to help us in our quest to ensure your child's safety by perhaps doing this at home.

Our Early Years Curriculum also encourages children to begin to understand the importance of eating well and exercising as this is the foundation for future health, strongly influencing many aspects of well-being and developmental outcomes in later life. Children need to eat regular meals and snacks that contain sufficient energy and nutrients to meet their needs. We base our snack on providing 10% of the average daily energy and nutrient requirements for a child and offer a variety of different healthy food stuffs for children to experience with their friends. There is lots of information to help support parents in both aspects above and the links are listed below:

[Safe from choking | How to prevent choking in children](#)

[The Eatwell Guide - NHS](#)

Finally, this year the children will be bringing home a small Easter treat instead of the usual boxed Easter Egg to cut down on sugar and recycling!

Cornwall Scrap Store, St Austell, Cornwall:

As I mentioned earlier, we have been re-vamping our outside garden for the children to enjoy learning in an outdoor environment. As a registered charity, with the ever-increasing financial demands, we have recently become members of the Cornwall Scrap Store so that we can provide a range of materials regularly, particularly as sadly many of our resources get broken. At the store, there is a treasure trove of items that our children can use in the outdoor area as well as inside to inspire all sorts of learning and develop problem solving skills. The store is open currently on a Tuesday and Wednesday and families can also benefit from membership. Their membership numbers have decreased since Covid so to continue to provide this service for the benefit of the community, they are always pleased to welcome new members. Family membership is only £35 annually and you can visit as many times a year as you wish. Children love to get creative and with the forthcoming Easter holidays



and fast approaching summer break, this could provide hours of engagement for the whole family. Currently the cardboard tubes we picked up last week are pretend 'broomsticks' linked to our story of the week, 'Room on the Broom'! If you would like to find out more the link is below.

[Membership - Cornwall Scrap Store](#)

We certainly intend to make use of our Membership and have come back with all sorts of odds and ends!

Easter Activities Locally:

Hopefully the weather we are currently having will hold out for the Easter Holidays but here are a few activities happening in our County, just in case it's not beaching weather!

Trebah Garden – Zoolab Workshops on the 14th April 2025 where families get to see a 45-60 minute show, meet 5-7 exotic animals close up and have a chance to handle 3-4 of these. All children must be supervised by an adult and it's suitable for children of any age. To find out more visit: [Zoolab Workshops - Trebah Garden](#)

The beautiful gardens at Godolphin have Easter Egg Trails between the 5th – 27th April as well as being able to enjoy the annual carpet of bluebells and learn how you can protect our native bluebells for generations from the 14th April – 23rd May. Again, to find out more visit: [Godolphin | Cornwall | National Trust](#)

Diary Dates:

4 th Apr 2025	Last Day of Spring Term
22 nd Apr 2025	No Bibbles After-school Club
5 th May 2025	First Day of Summer Term
26 th May – 30 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
22 nd Jul 2025	Half Term Holiday
	End of Academic Year

Easter Holidays Activity:

This week the children will also be coming home with the ingredients to make 'nests' at home nearer the time to Easter. We hope that you will be able to enjoy completing this activity together and we would love to see the results uploaded on the EY Log for us to read on our return after the holiday break!



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