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# NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Preschool Family,

Welcome back to all our children and their families after the summer holidays and for those children who have only just started, we are especially delighted to meet you and we are looking forward to sharing your learning adventure. We recognise the importance parents and families play in children's early development and hope you can share some of these family occasions with us too via the EY Log Platform. Our Newsletters aim to provide you with an insight into the setting and how we operate but if you have any other concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us - we are here to help!

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

## Starting School – September 2026

Once again, it's time to apply for a place in a reception class if your child is born between the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. To apply you need to complete an application form by visiting:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). It is important to make sure you apply before the deadline date of the **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026** so your application can be considered in the first allocation of spaces. In the event of a school being oversubscribed, the school's oversubscription criteria will be used. If you have any queries, feel free to speak to Sarah.

## Setting SENCO:

Our setting SENCO is Tracey Dunstan. Tracey is an experienced Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator who has supported many children over the years. We are an inclusive setting and recognise that all children learn in different ways and at a different pace. However, as part of our day-to-day working with the children, we continually assess all children's strengths and difficulties. We are also committed to ensuring that your child receives the best possible start in their education so if you have any concerns with your child's development, please contact Tracey who is here to support you. If Tracey is unavailable, Sarah is our Deputy Senco and is also happy to help.

## Invoices:

For those children who have additional hours over their funded ones, or need to pay for polo tops etc, we send out Invoices electronically by email. Can we ask you therefore to carefully write your email address on correspondence. We do try to issue invoices at the beginning of the month for payment to be made by the end of that month. We also accept payments in cash but if you prefer to pay direct using banking apps etc, our details are on the Invoice. If you have any problems or require any other information, please speak to Kathryn or send an email to [kathryn@threemilestone-preschool.co.uk](mailto:kathryn@threemilestone-preschool.co.uk).

## Keyworkers:

All children are required by our Statutory Framework to be allocated a keyworker and we hope that you have received our explanatory letter and leaflet via the EY Log Platform. Your child's keyworker will work individually with them over the coming weeks and will also monitor your child's progress. We have found too that children build up close relationships with their keyworker and enjoy participating together in new learning activities. Each week the keyworkers will make an entry onto your child's Learning Journal so that we can share these lovely learning experiences with you. Likewise, if you would like to post photos of home experiences with us via the EY Log Platform, we are always delighted to read these too. We are in the process of sending home a photo of your child with their keyworker so you can match a face to a name!

### **Suitable Clothing for Pre-school:**

We have a supply of our polo tops available in ages 3-4 and 5-6 at £10.00 each as well as a few second hand ones parents have returned to us. These are a really good visual way of your child knowing it's a school day and saves their own clothes from getting too dirty.

The children love learning outdoors and, as it is particularly muddy and lots of puddles, we would suggest your child wears old clothes and has spare ones in their bag. Waterproof trousers are also a good idea, and we are happy to help children put these on before we go outside. We also have a large collection of wellington boots which we ask children to put on before playing in the garden to save their own shoes. However, if your child would like to bring their own boots in, please kindly label them with their name. Naming all their possessions including coats, bags, lunch boxes and clothes is also very helpful, especially when items are duplicated.

### **Book Bags:**

We do supply the children with book bags. However, we are still waiting delivery of these so please be assured that once we have them to hand, we will send one home for your child if they do not already have one.

### **Lending Library:**

We have a large supply of children's story books which we are happy to share with you. During every session, we encourage children to choose a book which they put into their book bags for you to enjoy reading together. Can we remind you therefore to bring your child's book bag everyday. Children love stories being read to them and it is a good way to introduce new vocabulary and extend their listening and attention skills.

### **Packed Lunches:**

Whilst we appreciate children can be fussy eaters, eating a healthy packed lunch is important so that children can make healthy choices later in life. We will look at this aspect of children's development in our curriculum but if possible we would like your support in reducing the amount of sugar in children's diets. We should also be grateful if you could ensure foodstuffs are cut into suitable sizes to avoid choking such as sausages quartered lengthways. Attached is some useful tips suggested by the Accident Prevention Trust for your information.

### **A Welcome to Jodie:**

We are delighted to welcome Jodie Kellow to our Pre-School team. Jodie is undertaking a Foundation Degree in Childhood Education at Truro College and will be gaining valuable experience in the teaching sector by joining us. We are pleased that Jodie has already made a positive impact to the Pre-school and it is probably a name you are already familiar with as the children have already enjoyed her company!

### **The EY LOG PLATFORM:**

We understand that from time-to-time children do not attend Pre-school through sickness, holidays and fun days with you but we should be grateful if you would kindly notify us so that we can mark our register accordingly. Whilst it is not mandatory to attend pre-school education, the new Early Years Statutory Reforms requires us to record absences in a timely manner to safeguard children. The best way to advise us if your child will not be attending is to use the EY Log Platform. On opening the system on a mobile phone press the plus button at the bottom of the screen and choose 'Report Absence'. You can then add the date, choose the type of absence and add a brief note. We check messages daily and will then acknowledge your notification in thanks.

Just to let you know that the activation link to access the Platform often comes into your junk mail and it is also dependent on the correct email address. We have set up our system with all our new children, so if you have not received an activation link, please speak to Sarah or Emily who will check that the email address is correct. We use the EY Log system to notify you of the upcoming activities and learning we are planning for the following week, as well as observations of your child participating in these. We also feel it is important for you to be part of the learning journey your child will experience at the Pre-school and hopefully you will find this as enjoyable as we do!

Finally, the system does also allow you to make posts of exciting activities you have been experiencing at home. We are always delighted to read these and share them with your child's friends at registration time.

### October Half Term Holidays:

Threemilestone Primary School have organized their inset days this year by adding a week to the Half Term holiday in October. As our opening times coincide with their academic year, we will therefore be closed for two weeks in October starting on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October and returning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We thought you would like to know so that you can make alternative childcare arrangements for the extra week.

### Contact Numbers & Passwords:

Occasionally, contact mobile numbers and change of addresses are relevant. Can we ask you to keep us up-to-date with such information so that we have the correct details on our systems. This is also appropriate for all emergency contact details we have on our registration form, where we ask you to provide three names, if possible, together with their mobile details.

Our registration form also asks you to complete those authorised to collect your child. However, sometimes you may require another family member or friend to collect and if this is the case, we are happy to do so, provided they have the 'password' we hold on file. This is also relevant, particularly at the start of a new academic year, if we do not recognise the person collecting. If you have forgotten your password or need to change it, please speak to one of our staff who will be pleased to help you.

### Diary Dates 2025-2026

2nd September 2025  
20th - 31st October 2025  
19th December 2025  
5th January 2026  
26th January 2026  
(Provisional)

16th-20th February 2026  
2nd April 2026  
20th April 2026  
25th May - 29th May 2026  
23rd July 2026

Autumn Term 2025  
Half Term Holiday  
Last Day of Term  
Spring Term 2026  
Inset Day

Half Term Holiday  
Last Day of Term  
Summer Term 2026  
Half Term Holiday  
Last Day of Term

### Our Sickness Policy:

Quite often on returning after the Summer Holiday break children seem to have lost some of their immunity and easily catch colds and other childhood illnesses. If this is the case, then we would ask that you care for your child at home until they are better. In the case of sickness and diarrhoea our Sickness Policy asks that you adopt the 48 hour exclusion rule after the last bout of illness. This is particularly important as children easily spread germs and are considered a vulnerable age.

We do encourage children to be independent in washing their hands skills, particularly after using the toilet and before eating as well as adopting a regular cleaning schedule for our bathroom area. There are also other infectious childhood illnesses which have exclusions and if you are unsure please take a look at our Web site <https://www.threemilestone-preschool.com/> which has two exclusion lists under 'Child Health' or give us a ring at the setting.

### Our Curriculum:

We have found that delivering our Early Years Curriculum has been successful when it's based on favourite books and stories. Each story provides us with a host of stimulating learning opportunities and fun activities to encourage your child's development in all 7 areas of the curriculum. Often these books revisit strands of learning from previous books which reinforces learning outcomes and allows us to extend the children's existing knowledge in new and exciting ways.

Each week we will update you on which story we are reading, and where we can, provide a link for you to enjoy the story at home too. Your child's keyworker will also write a short observation based on our focused learning for you to savour over a cuppa at home! Any comments you make are always appreciated too.

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