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NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Dear Preschool Family,

The children have been busy practising our annual Nativity Play and songs so hopefully you will enjoy their performance on Monday, 15th December at the main primary school. Our focused learning this half term continues to be based around books and in particular we would like to thank you for supporting your child to decorate a beautiful scale for our Rainbow Fish. The children have been very proud to show us their creations, and our wall display is looking fabulous.

Our final book before the Christmas break will be The Stickman by Julia Donaldson and some of the children's special Christmas activities will be based around the stories we have been learning. We really hope you will treasure, for many years to come, all the things the children have enjoyed making!

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

Starting School – September 2026

Just a reminder that it is really important that you apply for a place in a reception class if your child is born between the 1st September 2021 and the 31st August 2022 before the cut off date of the **15th January 2025**. To apply you need to complete an application form by visiting: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. If you have any queries, feel free to speak to Sarah.

Allergies:

We are asking parents to support us in managing allergies within the setting as we have been notified of a child who experiences an allergic reaction to peanuts, nuts and dairy products. Whilst we have put in place our Allergy Policy to reduce the risk as far as possible, we shall be grateful if you will kindly consider using other options for sandwiches instead of peanut butter. We accept this may not be possible if your child is a fussy eater but if you can help support us, this would be gratefully appreciated.

Naming Children's Possessions:

Just a reminder please to name all your child's possessions, such as coats, bags, footwear, water bottles, lunch boxes and jumpers.

National Christmas Jumper Day:

National Christmas Jumper Day this year is on Thursday, 11th December so if your child would like to participate and wear a jumper or T-shirt we would love to see them! The staff will be participating too!

Sickness and Absence:

This time of year, we know the levels of sickness rise whether it's from norovirus, coughs or colds. Currently there appears to be a nasty virus with a high temperature doing the rounds. We know it can be tricky deciding whether your child can attend Pre-school if they are unwell so to help you decide, the NHS have issued guidance on this aspect of your child's health and the link is below:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

I hope this is helpful in deciding so that we protect all children and staff as far as possible from illness. Currently, there are a number of staff who have also contracted a high temperature and are therefore unable to work. As we need to operate daily, within specific ratios legally, we would not wish to be in a position that forced us to close. Finally, if your child is poorly, please notify us by using the EY Log platform as we pick up these messages daily. Thank you.

Last Day of Term – 19th December 2025:

Although the primary school closes early at 1.15 pm we do run a normal session. However, if your child has an older sibling, you are more than welcome to collect them early from the Pre-school.

Christmas Nativity Play:

This year our Christmas Nativity Play will be performed on Monday, 15th December at 9 am on the stage at Threemilestone School. We are also planning to have a special visitor join us after the performance, "Ho, ho, ho!"

All children have a part to play. For those children who do not normally attend on a Monday they will need to be dropped to the Pre-school in their costume between 8.30 – 8.40 am. We have a variety of costumes here if you need to borrow one and the Playleaders will be happy to assist.

We have allowed 4 tickets per family this year, although there are usually a few spare if needed. We also have some lovely prizes in our Raffle and the funds raised will go towards our end of summer term outing for the children in July 2026.

We request on the day that you do not video or take photos of the Nativity to respect the wishes of all our parents. However, you are more than welcome to take a picture of your child with Santa at the end of the performance. We will take photos of the children in their costumes and upload these onto their electronic learning journal after the Play.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Inset Days:

As you will be aware the School, have Inset Days for training when they are closed. At the Setting, our opening times also reflect the same dates. This year the Primary School added most of these training days to the October half term and had a provisional date for the last inset day as Monday, 26th January. They have now confirmed this as an Inset Day so the Pre-school will also be closed on the 26th. Hopefully, this gives you plenty of notice to make alternative arrangements for childcare.

Diary Dates:

11 th Dec 2025	National Christmas Jumper Day
15 th Dec 2025	Christmas Nativity Play 9am School Hall
18 th Dec 2025	Last Day for Bibles After-School Club
19 th Dec 2025	Last Day of Term
5 th Jan 2026	First day of Spring Term
16 th Feb – 20 th Feb 2026	Half Term Holiday
2 nd Apr 2026	Last Day of Spring Term
20 th Apr 2026	First Day of Summer Term
4 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
25 th May – 29 th May 2026	Half Term Holiday
23 rd July 2026	End of Academic Year

Choking Hazards:

The revised Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Requirements places an emphasis on the prevention of children choking. At the setting, we have always considered this an important safeguarding aspect, and I know we have covered this as a topic in Newsletters before. However, to reduce the risk, it is really helpful if you can:

- Cut lengthways and quarters – grapes, blueberries, strawberries, cherries and small tomatoes.
- Remove skin, pips or stones from fruits or vegetables.
- Cut thin strips – sausages, cheese, vegetables and large fruit like melon, apple, carrot, cucumber and mango.

More information is available for parents by clicking on the link below.

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



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