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NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Dear Preschool Family,

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and we trust you all had a good time over the festive period. Since returning we have already faced some unpredictable weather and Storm Goretti. We are certainly looking forward to the days drawing out and better weather!

This term we will again be focusing our learning on some of the staff's favourite stories including, The Gruffalo, A Dog Called Dreckly and Zog! We hope that you will enjoy reading about some of the exciting activities we have planned which we will share with you in our weekly EY Log observations.

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

Starting Primary School – September 2026

For those of our children going to primary school in September 2026, Cornwall Council will announce places offered on the 16th April 2026 which is during the Easter Holiday Break. When we return in April for the Summer Term, we will begin the process of transitioning children to school by undertaking activities which we hope will encourage a smooth and successful start to primary education.

Cornwall Scrapstore:

Last year we paid for membership to Cornwall Scrapstore and benefitted from using a variety of unwanted items for the children to enjoy. Cardboard tubes for broomsticks and pots for potion making were particularly successful. We have again subscribed to this facility which is also available for parents to join. A year's subscription for families is only £35 for unlimited access. Further details are available on their Website using this link. [Membership - Cornwall Scrap Store](#)

Cutlery:

At lunchtimes we have a selection of cutlery the children can use if they need to. However, we shall be grateful if you will kindly check your cutlery drawers for any spoons or forks that you do not recognise as our sets seem a bit depleted! Many thanks.

Wet Weather Procedures:

Whilst some parts of the country have recently experienced snow, and we have weathered Storm Goretti, we thought we should just remind you of our wet weather procedures. In the event we do have snow or extreme bad weather, please check your EY Log messages, our Website or listen to local radio for our opening times/closure. We follow the same decisions on opening as the main primary school in the event of snow, so if you hear on the radio or read on local news websites that Threemilestone School is closed, then it is safe to assume that we will also be closed. However, we should be able to advise you via the EY Log Platform on the day as we did recently with Storm Goretti!

Lending Book Library:

As you already know we like to share our large collection of books with you. We recognise how important it is to encourage children to develop a love of books and indeed our curriculum is based around our staff's favourite stories. Books provide opportunities for all sorts of learning and we have been able to attend training with a focus on using stories to promote maths. As a result of this training, the setting has been given a selection of lovely stories based around this topic and these have been added to our Lending Library.

We have also added details of fun learning activities, within these books, you can enjoy at home with your child to promote mathematics. If your child brings one of these books home, we would love you to share these experiences with us by uploading brief details and photos on the EY Log. The children also like to share their experiences during registration with their peers too!

Safety Alert on Baby Sleep Pillows:

Occasionally, we get notification from Together for Families which is part of Cornwall Council asking us to mention to parents, important safety information.

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) have issued a Safety Alert to warn about the risks associated with baby sleep pillows. The Safety Alert advises that baby sleep pillows should not be used, as they pose a risk of suffocation and increase the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Babies should always be placed to sleep on a firm, flat mattress, free from pillows, soft bedding or other items.

Baby sleep pillows are sometimes marketed with claims that they can improve sleep or help prevent flat head syndrome; however, there is no evidence that they are safe for use and they can obstruct a baby's airway or cause overheating. Everyone who cares for children are urged to stop using baby sleep pillows immediately and follow safer sleep advice to reduce the risk of harm. Childcare providers are encouraged to share the safety alert with parents and carers.

For further information and guidance please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/product-safety-alerts-reports-recalls/product-safety-alert-baby-sleep-pillows-psa8>

New Potty Training Guidance:

Together for Families have also advised us that there is a new guide for parents which has been developed by a broad coalition of early years organisations and backed by the Secretaries of State for both the Department for Education and the Department for Health and Social Care. The guide states that 'research shows it's best for your child's bowel and bladder health to stop using nappies, including reusable nappies, pull-ups and training pants, between 18 and 30 months.

They further add that it is important that children are out of all nappies well in advance of starting Reception year in school and that the only exception should be children with a diagnosed medical need, such as a bladder or bowel condition.

Having looked at the Training Guide, it does give some very useful information for parents so we will be sending out a paper copy over the next few days for your perusal. At the setting, we are also happy to support your toileting routines and any of the staff will be more than pleased to discuss this with you.

Diary Dates:

26 th January 2026	Closed – Inset Day
16 th Feb – 20 th Feb 2026	Half Term Holiday
5 th March 2026	World Book Day/St Piran's Day
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

Threemilestone Pre-school - Website

Over the last few weeks, Emily has been busy updating our Website with all the great learning the children have been doing so if you would like to read this too, please visit our Website at [Threemilestone PreSchool - Home](#)

Eligibility Codes: Just a quick reminder for parents to renew any eligibility codes that may need updating so that we can claim funded hours from the Council.

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