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NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Dear Preschool Family,

It is difficult to believe that this year is flying by, and it will soon be Easter which also means that we are nearing two-thirds of the way through the academic year!

During the Easter holidays, you should be advised on the 16th April which primary school your child has been allocated. When we return on the 22nd April, perhaps you could kindly advise the staff which school your child will be attending so that we can begin the transition process for our children starting school in September 2026.

With the commencement of Spring, we are hoping that the warmer weather brings some sunshine to dry out our garden which seems more like a mud bath at the moment!

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

The Samaritans:

We are proud to say that Natalie, one of our members of staff, is now fully qualified as a Volunteer Samaritan. The Samaritan's is a registered charity connecting people in a crisis with trained volunteers who will always listen. They provide a safe place to talk at any time without being judgemental. Calls are free and completely anonymous and callers can talk about anything that is distressing them.

The **24-Hour Telephone Number is 116 123** and calls made are received at any branch across the country not by county to ensure anonymity. More details can be accessed by clicking on the link below or visiting the Samaritans Website

[Talk to us on the Phone | Samaritans](#)

Superhero Stay & Play Day – Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Last year towards the end of our academic year we held a Stay & Play Day which was a great success so would like to do the same again this year. Our activities will be based around Lisa's favourite book, Super Worm by Julia Donaldson. The event will be held between 1.30 pm & 3.00pm on Wednesday, 1st July. This is an opportunity to see the exciting activities we like to enjoy at Pre-school and for you to share them with your child. Nearer the date we will send out an invitation for you to join us.

Eligibility Codes:

We have recently been notified by the Nursery Funding Team that there are changes in the requirements regarding grace periods which could have a detrimental impact on your ability to claim the Extended or Expanded Funded Hours you wish to claim. I know Kathryn has emailed parents individually with the impact of these changes but if you are unsure or have a query please speak to Kathryn.

For those working parents who wish to access the additional funding available over the 15 Hour entitlement you can check the eligibility requirements by accessing the below link:

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK](#)

It is important to apply in good time before the start of the term you want to claim. The cut off dates are:

- 31st March for the Summer Funding Block
- 31st August for the Autumn Funding Block
- 31st December for the Spring Funding Block

Again, if you have any questions just pop Kathryn an email at kathryn@threemilestone-preschool.co.uk

Easter Goodie Bags:

To use our membership of the Cornwall Scrapstore fully, we will again be sending home goodie bags full of craft items which we hope will be enjoyed over the Easter holidays. The bags will have a variety of paper, card, stickers and colouring sheets to keep children occupied. We would also love to see any creative masterpieces posted on the EY Log too!

Teaching Children How to be Safe On-line:

Next week our focus of learning is about being safe on-line. Children love using technology such as iPads and smartphones from a young age. Children however need to be supported in these environments to get the best out of using the internet right from the start.

Creating a family agreement is a useful way to establish your expectations in remaining safe on-line such as agreeing time limits on using technology, placing or using computers/tablets in a busy part of the house and removing portable devices from your child's bedroom at night to avoid tiredness. Education is also the best tool we have in ensuring our children remain safe on-line so its important to encourage your child to say if something or someone upsets them on line.

We will be reading Chicken Clicking which uses a story to remind children that 'friends' made online are still strangers. There are also a series of books on Childnet, a UK-based charity working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children and young people, called Digiduck. These stories explore on-line safety and have been written with 3-7 year old children in mind. For more information, visit the website through the below link: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/digiducks-big-decision>

Truro City Council Free Easter Trail 2026 – Victoria Gardens:

The popular Truro City Council Easter Trail returns to Victoria Gardens from Good Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April 2026, offering a free, family-friendly activity throughout the Easter holidays in Truro. This self-led Easter trail invites children and families to explore Victoria Gardens in search of hidden Easter bunnies. Each bunny displays a letter — collect them all to reveal a special Easter phrase.

How to Take Part

Collect a clue and entry sheet from Truro Community Library or the Truro Visitor Information Centre. Follow the clues around Victoria Gardens, find the hidden bunnies and record the letters on your sheet. Once complete, return your entry to the Library or Visitor Information Centre to receive a prize and be entered into the grand prize draw.

The activity is free and can be completed at any time during garden opening hours (dawn until dusk).

Diary Dates:

1 st April 2026	Last Day for Bibles After School Club
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	Half Term Holiday 2026
1 st July 2026	Superhero Stay & Play Day
23 rd July 2026	End of Academic Year

BBC Tiny Happy People Website

This Website has now been incorporated within the CBeebies Website under CBeebies Parenting. There is a wealth of information covering all aspects of your child's development including useful tips and advice on parenting topics, language and emotional development, play, games, routines, parent wellbeing, Speech and Language and SEND. To explore the featured items, the link is: [CBeebies Parenting](#)



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