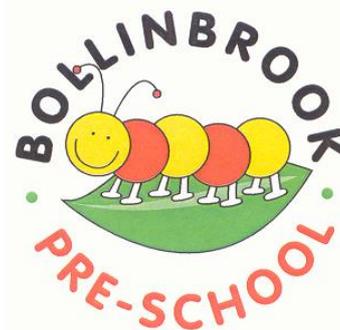


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Newsletter April 2025

Welcome back to Pre-school. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

Focus: Over the next 2 weeks we will be sharing the stories 'The Blue Balloon' and 'The Perfect Fit.' Both stories talk about and involve shapes, and this will be a focus for us from learning the names of the more common shapes to more unusual ones- oval, kite, diamond, hexagon. For our older children writing their own name or making marls to represent their names will also be a focus and we will really begin to encourage independence skills as we start the preparation for the transition to school. Children going to school this year will also be bringing home some early reading books linked to the 'Read Write Inc' method of teaching phonics that they use in our main school. There will be more information about this in your child's book when they bring one home. As we also continue to observe the changes in the seasons, we will be having a go at doing a still life painting of sunflowers and we will look at Van Gogh's version to inspire us. We will also be learning about the life cycle of frogs and butterflies. We will be visiting forest school to look at real frogspawn in the pond and have 5 real caterpillars delivered to us in May.

Parent Questionnaires: We will shortly be sending out some simple questionnaires about our setting for you to complete. We use the replies to these in helping to plan for improvement so would really appreciate you taking the time to fill them in.

Young Starz: We will be continuing with our PE sessions with Sam on a Thursday morning this term. We only pass on the cost to yourselves for what the company charges us each week but in line with new Government guidance, we can only now ask for this payment on a voluntary basis. Bills will be coming out shortly so if you no longer wish to pay for these sessions just let me know.

Parent's Evening: We will be holding a parent's evening on Thursday 15th May from 5-7.30pm in Pre-school. We will be putting up time slots on the cloakroom door for you to book in to see your child's keyperson or myself. Each slot will be 10 minutes long. If you do not usually drop off or collect your child just let us know what time would suit you via email and we can book you in.

School Leavers Summer Trip: We will be inviting all our school leavers to Lakemore Farm Park in Crewe for the day. We will be sending more details about the trip in the next few weeks with consent forms and pricing etc. If your child is not a school leaver and normally attends on that day and they are 3-years-old and toilet trained, they are also invited to come on the trip with us. Please note Pre-school will be closed on this day if your child does not come on the trip.

Sun Cream: If the weather forecast is for sunny weather (you never know!) could you please ensure you have applied long lasting sun cream to your child before they come into Pre-school and that they have a named bottle of sun cream in their bag. Could you also send them in with a sun hat. If your child is in Pre-school all day, we can help them re apply cream after lunch.

Spare clothes: Could you ensure that your child always has a spare set of clothes in their bags. We will be exploring lots of water activities over the coming weeks and could well need them! Please also ensure that outer clothes, particularly coats, hats and the Pre-school sweatshirts and cardigans are named, as well as lunch boxes, drink bottles and any containers within them. Thank you.

Caroline Bickerton Pre-school Manager