



Newsletter June 2025

Welcome back to Pre-school.

Focus: We have had a delivery of some very tiny caterpillars and for the coming week we will be looking closely at these and watching them grow. We will also be making caterpillar hotels out of egg boxes so if your child could bring an egg box in over the next couple of weeks that would be great. After this we will move on to the topic of 'Going Places' as some of us prepare for our summer trip, holidays or the move to big school! Our first focus story will be 'The Naughty Bus.' It is a delightful story which combines stunning photographs and fun presentation of words as a London Bus goes on its travels. As part of this topic, we will be turning our climbing frame into a bus and turning the classroom into different parts of the story- including having a tray of baked beans to explore!

Some of the children will begin to take part in more focused phonics sessions at their own level where we will be practising listening skills as a priority but also learning letter sounds and copying/writing letters from their names and other words if the children are ready. The children will also learn about rhyme. We will be basing some of our plans around the early stages of the 'Read Write Inc' phonics' programme which is used in Bollinbrook Primary School and if you google 'Read Write Inc guide for parents' there is lots of information on the website.

Transition Visits: If your child is going to Bollinbrook Primary School in September you should now have received details of their transition visits on the 1st and 3rd of July. If their visit falls on the day that they are usually in Pre-school we can drop them off and send them with their bags, coats and lunch boxes, as you will need to collect them at 3pm from the school office.

Monday 23rd June is the parent's information day, and you will need to make an appointment for this via a sign-up sheet that we will be given by school. If your child is going to a different primary school I will liaise with you separately to discuss how we can help with their transition.

Photographer: Children who are leaving us for big school in September will be invited to have a leavers and group photo taken on Friday 6th June. The company taking them is Academy Photography and they will be done in the main school where there is more room! If your child does not usually attend on a Friday, you would be welcome to drop them off for the photo **If you do not want your child to be photographed, please let me know.**

Sport's Day: We will be holding a simple sports day for the children on Thursday 10th July (weather permitting), led by Sam our Young Starz coach. It will take place on the school field during the normal Young Starz slot of 11 to 11.40 am and you are welcome to come and watch. This is for all the children who attend on a Thursday morning but if your child is going to school in September, they would be welcome to come and join in with this if they do not usually attend on this day.

Sun Cream: If the weather forecast is for sunny weather 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 and suitable shoes: 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. Can I also just remind you about not putting your child in crocs or open toed sandals as these can be a safety hazard on our new climbing frame. Thank you.

Leavers Assembly and Picnic: On Friday 18th of July we will be holding a Leaver's celebration for those children leaving us for Primary School. The children can come in at 9 as usual and then the celebration will start at 11.30am with a picnic afterwards and all parents are invited to attend. After the picnic the children can go home. All children who are leaving us for school are invited, even if they do not normally attend on a Friday. **Pre-school closes for all other children on Thursday 18th July.**

Dates for the diary:

School Leaver's photographs- Friday 6th June am

Summer trip to The Social Farm:

Sport's Day- Thursday 10th July 11 am

Pre-school closes for younger children: Thursday 17th July

Leaver's Assembly and Picnic: Friday 18th July

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