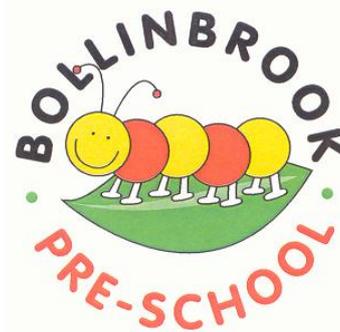


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## Newsletter February 2026

Welcome back to Pre-school and I hope you all had a nice break.

**Focus for this half term:** As we move into spring, we are going to learn about all the new growth and changes related to the season, looking closely at spring flowers, painting and drawing still life pictures of daffodils. We will once again be taking part in a big group outdoor art project using lots of different tools and paint to make a spring flower painting. We will be learning lots of new spring songs and planting seeds into pots for our outdoor planters. We will also learn the names of baby animals, making little lambs using finger paints and cotton wool. This half term we are also going to have a big focus on manners, encouraging the use of please and thank you, waiting our turn and sharing with friends. This is something you can really support us with at home by encouraging the use of good manners day to day.

**World Book Day:** We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March and we will be extending this to talk about and share our favourite books in the first couple of weeks of this half term. It would be lovely if each child could bring in a favourite book from home that we can share at group times- please label any book brought in. If your child attends on Thursday the 3rd, they can come to Pre-school dressed up as a favourite book character if they wish to. Please don't feel you have to go out and spend money on costumes for this- something very simple is fine and just a prop from a story can create lots of conversation! If your child could bring in the book their favourite character/prop is linked to, that would be great.

**Clothing and Footwear:** Could you please make sure that your child brings a warm coat, hat and gloves to Pre-school every day. You are also welcome to leave a pair of named wellies and puddle suits on their peg. We do try and get outside in all weathers and hopefully will be spending much more time outside as spring approaches. Could we also ask that if your child is not in the Pre-school uniform that they wear clothing that is easy for them to manage and practical for messy and outdoor play. A spare set of clothes kept in their bag is also helpful. Laces in shoes and trainers cause lots of issues in Pre-school and the teachers are frequently re tying them to try and prevent trips and falls. If this type of footwear could be avoided, it would be a great help!

**Nappies:** Just a reminder that unless your child is going through toilet training and starting to use the toilet at home and pre-school, please put your child in nappies rather than pull ups. Thank you.

Caroline Bickerton Pre-school Manager