



Newsletter June 2026

Welcome back to Pre-school. I hope you all enjoyed the lovely sunny weather!

Focus: 'All About Me' will be our broader topic this half term. If possible, could each child please bring in a photograph of when they were babies so we can see and talk about how they have changed! We will be looking closely into mirrors and painting self-portraits. We will be playing games with dice with different questions on- what is your favourite animal/colour/food/ TV programme and also learning about emotions. We will be exploring all our senses and really practising our fine motor skills.

We will be carrying on with our focused phonics sessions 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. The younger children are enjoying their nursery rhyme sessions while the older group do phonics!

Our football sessions led by Macclesfield Town Community Trust have been a huge success and we will be continuing with these next half term.

Transition Visits for Bollinbrook School children: Mrs Henderson will be holding 1:1 meetings with all parents of new starters on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June throughout the day. Please sign up for a time at pre-school, I will put a booking form up in the cloakroom. There will be two transition visits for the children on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th of June in the afternoon. If your child is normally in pre-school on these days, we can take them at 1.30pm and parents can collect from the school office at 3pm. We will make sure we send over all their belongings with them! On Tuesday 14th July 2-3 pm you are invited to a Teddy Bear's Picnic at the school with your child. Please collect from pre-school at 1.50 pm if your child is with us on a Tuesday. If you are unable to support your child during the picnic, we can send a member of staff but please let us know.

Summer Trip: We will be taking our older group of children to the Social Farm near Crewe. Mrs Henderson, our reception class teacher in school, will be joining us for the trip so it will be a nice opportunity for your children to spend some time with her if they are going to Bollinbrook School in September. Pre-school will remain open on this day for younger children or any older children not coming on the trip.

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 climbing frame. Thank you.

Leavers Assembly and Picnic: On Friday 17th 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 16th July.**

Dates for the diary:

Pre-school closes for younger children: Thursday 16th July

Leaver's Assembly and Picnic: Friday 17th July

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