



Autumn Term 2 Pre-school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second term of the year! We have already been back a week and have had so much fun and learning take place already.

We have absolutely loved welcoming lots of familiar faces back to our 'Once Upon a Time' pre-school and it has been wonderful to have some new friends join us.

Whilst your child is in pre-school, you will receive this newsletter to inform you of some of the important information, dates and events coming up during the term so that you can be fully prepared.

Don't forget to keep an eye on MyEd for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Wygate Park. You can also keep up to date with all the latest events/news at Wygate Park by following us on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter).

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Purkiss

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Important term dates

Tuesday 18th November - Open Day for children starting primary school on September 2026 (9.30am and 1.30pm)

Tuesday 9th December - Pre-school Christmas Nativity Performance (9:30-10am)

Tuesday 16th December - Pre-school Christmas Stay and Play (9-10:30am) and Pre-School Christmas Party Day

This term, we are looking at

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be looking at the numbers 1 and 2 as well as following and creating simple patterns.

The children will begin to look in more detail at the numbers 1 and 2 and will look at different ways to represent these. We will be focussing on recognising the numbers in our environment.

The children will be recalling their knowledge of colours and objects that match to help them in creating simple ABAB patterns.

To further develop the children's learning at home, you can continue to look for different colours together when out and about and see if you can use toys and objects at home to make simple repeating patterns. Whilst out and about and at home, have a look for the number 1 and number 2 and see how many ways you can represent this. A fun game is to go on a number hunt when you are out on a walk!

Here is a great song that you can sing together to practise counting all the way to ten!

[10 Little Airplanes | Kids Songs | Count To Ten | Super Simple Songs - YouTube](#)

English

In English, the children will be reading Storm, Little Robin Red Vest, Stick Man, Elmer and a Christmas Story.

The children will have lots of chances to use 'book talk' to discuss the books with adults and with their friends and will be taking part in lots of activities around these books.

The children will be working on mark making in different ways using a range of different resources both inside and outside of the classroom.

You can support your child at home by beginning to encourage the correct grip on pens and pencils and allow them to practise their mark making skills in a variety of ways. Please read lots of books with your children at home and sing nursery rhymes as well. This supports the children in learning new vocabulary from a young age and helps support them as they get older.

We will be continuing to develop the children's phonics awareness by beginning Chapter 1 of Phonics Shed. This term, the children will be focussing on introducing Joe, singing nursery rhymes and beginning to look at motor skills.

Understanding the World

Our topic this term will be 'Autumn and Winter' and we will be talking all about different changes that we see as well as the celebrations that take place during these seasons. At the beginning of term, we will also be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week and also focussing on Road Safety Week. As we near the end of the term, we will begin focussing on the changes we might be noticing from Autumn to Winter, including looking at what weather we might experience, what we might need to wear and we will also look at different creatures that like the cold weather. Of course, as we near the end of the term, our focus will be on Christmas celebrations and how this is celebrated by different people. We will take part in lots of fun activities linked to this special celebration that is always incredibly popular with the children!

Communication and Language

This term is all about continuing to build up the children's confidence within their own communication at pre-school, developing new words and phrases in line with the learning that takes place in the classroom. We will continue supporting the children in communicating their needs in regards to toileting, their feelings and the general pre-school daily routines. We will be working on good communication with our friends, using our words to be able to express our feelings and to support us in sharing and playing along with others.

Please continue to encourage and support your children with this at home, supporting them with ways they can ask for help and support whilst at pre-school if they need it. We will also be doing lots of learning around seasons and celebrations, so please have lots of discussions both whilst at home and out and about to support with the learning of new vocabulary.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to focus lots on pre-school routines during this time and looking at going to the toilet, washing hands and routines such as snack and lunch. This will also extend into the children's play and friendships, looking at how to regulate our emotions and communicate our feelings effectively.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be learning lots of new songs this term including lots of nursery rhymes and some favourites that will link to our learning. These include 'I hear thunder', 'When I was one', 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'One finger, one thumb'. We will also be singing and practising lots of Christmas themed songs ready for our Christmas performance!

We will also have lots of opportunities for some creativity including making mice for our Hickory Dickory Dock, Christmas decorations and lots more! I'm sure your children will be bringing home lots of their creations to share with you!

Please sing lots of nursery rhymes and familiar songs with your children at home. These are great for supporting language learning and vocabulary development.

[Sing a Song of Sixpence Piccolo Music signed with Makaton and Lyrics - World Nursery Rhyme Week 2025](#)

[Humpty Dumpty with Piccolo Music signed with Makaton and Lyrics - World Nursery Rhyme Week 2025](#)

[I Hear Thunder Lyrics - Piccolo Music | World Nursery Rhyme Week 2025 | Babies, Toddlers, Nursery](#)

[Two Little Dickie Birds Lyrics Piccolo Music: World Nursery Rhyme Week 2025: Babies Toddlers Nursery](#)

[When I was One - Pirate Song: Piccolo Music: World Nursery Rhyme Week 2025: Babies Toddlers Nursery](#)

Physical Development

During this term, the children will have lots of opportunities to develop both their gross and fine motor skills. This will be done through a range of cutting activities, use of different resources such as tweezers and spoons and using loose parts to make patterns and pictures. The children will also have opportunities to practise skills such as jumping, skipping and climbing through use of our indoor and outdoor provision.

Important Information

Healthy Lunches

The children who are in school for the full day (9am-3pm) or for the afternoon session (12pm-3pm), will require a packed lunch.

Within the early years sector, there is a huge emphasis on the nutritional value of food and supporting our children in making correct and balanced choices with their food. With this in mind, we continue to encourage you to send in healthy choices for your children's lunch to continue to fuel their minds and bodies for a full day of learning and play. Please ensure you are not sending in chocolate, sweets or nut based products within your child's lunch. Please be aware that we are a 'no nuts' school and there should be no consumption of nut products on the premises.

The following website has some excellent information in regards to supporting your children with healthy choices and portion sizes.

[Eating well early years — First Steps Nutrition Trust](#)

Snack Donations

We aim to give the children snack during the morning session of pre-school. Snack isn't however provided until the children get to school age. As a school, we will be able to provide a range of items such as fruit, vegetables, bread sticks, rice cakes, toast etc. But we would appreciate some donations of fresh fruit and vegetables for our children.

If you are able to donate anything we would really appreciate this!

Milk and Water

Children will be provided with a choice of milk or water at pre-school during their morning snack and will again be offered it throughout the day/afternoon if requested. The children will not be allowed to drink other juices, fruit drinks etc at this time in the classroom. If you wish to send your child with a drink of squash, this will be given to them with their lunch. This is to encourage healthy choices within the classroom.

MyEd

Please keep an eye on MyEd as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app.

If you have any issues/problems with accessing MyEd please see Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross in the office

Spare Clothes/Toileting

Please could I remind everyone to send spare clothes into pre-school to be kept on their child's peg. We understand that children may have accidents, spillages etc and it is always useful to have a quick change of clothes handy when needed.

Please can we also ensure all clothes and items that are sent into school are clearly labelled. This includes coats, jumpers, hats, scarves etc. The children can sometimes leave belongings lying around and it makes it quick and easy to locate if they are clearly labelled to ensure nothing goes missing.

We will be encouraging your children to develop independence with toileting throughout their year in pre-school to ensure they are school ready and would like to support families on this journey. Please let us know if your child has any issues with toileting or isn't toilet trained so that we can support the children through this and work together. If your child is still in nappies, please ensure you send some into school along with wipes and nappy bags.

If you have any further questions about this, please let me know!

Pre-school Nativity Performance

Pre-school will be performing their own nativity on Tuesday 9th December at 9:30am. This will last approximately 15-20 minutes and the children will perform a variety of Christmas themed songs whilst our wonderful Year 6 children narrate the story for us. We are not going to ask for specific costumes this year as we know that this can be an extra pressure on

parents. We will therefore be making our own 'accessories' with the children in preschool for them to wear. If you could send your child in with a plain top (black or white) and trousers for this day that would be amazing but if not, they are welcome to just wear what they normally would to preschool.

We know that activities such as this are so exciting for children and families but can also be daunting for our youngest learners so this will be kept very relaxed and be used as a chance for the children to celebrate the run up to Christmas. In order to not overwhelm the children, we are asking for only 2 adults per child to attend. We understand that extended families love to share these special moments but this can become quite overwhelming for such little people. Younger siblings are welcome to attend with adults. After the performance has finished, we will take the children back into pre-school to enjoy the rest of their day. If your child only attends pre-school during the afternoon sessions, you are welcome to bring your child into school for 9am and they will then perform with their friends and you can then take them home at 10am once the performance has finished.

Tickets will be available from the classroom from the 24th November. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Pre-school Stay and Play/Christmas Party Day

On Tuesday 16th December, we would like to invite you to a Christmas themed stay and play session! This will give you the chance to come and play with your child in the classroom environment, taking part in lots of Christmas themed games, crafts and role play!! The session will run from 9am until 10:30am. As we only have limited space, we can only accommodate one adult per child.

Please complete the form below to let us know if someone is able to attend and who this will be. We completely understand the commitments of family members, so please do not worry if someone isn't able to attend. Your child will be well looked after by a member of pre-school staff and will still have the opportunity to complete the same activities.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pP1x2cj9h3>

Once the stay and play has finished, our pre-school children will be having their 'Christmas Party'. This will include party food, dancing, games and lots of fun! The children are welcome to come in their best Christmas party clothes! If your child only attends the morning sessions and you wish for them to come for the afternoon, please speak to Mrs Cannon in the office about adding this session on for £15 (£5 per hour).

We are planning on having a 'Christmas buffet' during this day for lunch. If you are able to donate any party food this would be really appreciated. We would like to ensure the children are still eating a balanced meal so any of the below foods would be amazing!

Fruit (bananas, apple, berries, melon, etc)

Vegetables (carrot, peppers, cucumber, tomato)

Crisps/Bread sticks/Cheese straws

Sausage Rolls

Mini pizzas

Cheese

Quiche

If you have any questions, please let me know!

One extra note...

We have noticed a few children popping toys/equipment from preschool in pockets and bags. We completely understand that this is a normal part of development and learning to understand rules and routines and this is something we talk about a lot at pre-school. If you do notice anything coming home from pre-school, please could you hand it back to a member of staff so that we don't lose all of our wonderful resources!

Appointments

If you wish to discuss and problems/issues that arise, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross as I will be happy to meet with you.