



PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CLUBS NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER... After a great first half term we are focusing on small group work this month and have started to introduce children to musical instruments. We are also having key groups in which children are with their key person and other children and they will do simple activities, have opportunities to focus on things that will further support your child such as listening and attention, communication and language etc. All children have now had a Wellcomm assessment and some of them speech sounds checks to identify aspects of both receptive and expressive language that may need additional support.

SAVE the DATE...20th December- 11.am we will be having an end of term "Christmas party", all are welcome. More information to follow nearer the time.

Term Dates... This term will end on **Friday 20th December 2024 at 1.15pm.** We will return after Christmas on **Monday 6th January 2024 ...**

Staffing... We are really sad that at the end of this term Lea Kloeppinger is leaving us to work at one of the University Nurseries as an Early Years Educator. Lea has been with us since Easter 2023, when she came to complete her level 3 apprenticeship and we have loved watching her grow in confidence. She will be much missed by adults as well as Children, especially her key children, however we wish her the best of luck in this new experience! Her key children will be reallocated amongst our team and I will let you know as soon as possible.

Extra Sessions... Before Christmas I will be looking to see if we can accommodate any extra sessions for children on a permanent basis, starting from January 2025. We will then be able to establish if we can offer any more children a place from our waiting list. Some days are fuller than others but we will see what we can do so if you are interested in further sessions please let me know before Friday 29th December. I can't guarantee we will be able to offer everything you want as we may need to recruit, so even if you have spoken to me already,

please can you email me upon return with requests. Some of you will be entitled to the 30 hours from January so I need to see what we are able to accommodate. Recruitment is still very difficult in the early years sector.

Applying for a school place for September 2025... Applications can now be submitted for children to join Reception at Primary School for 2025/26.

Please visit Oxfordshire primary school webpages for all relevant information and to apply online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **15 January 2025** and National Offer day is **16 April 2025**

Applications received after the deadline will be processed later in the year and are far less likely to secure a place at a preferred school.

If you have children who are summer born (1 April – 31 August) but wish to delay entry to primary school (September 2026) then you need to complete a separate form via the website [Delay reception application | Oxfordshire County Council](#) They will need to formally consult with the school(s) to check if they are in agreement and we encourage them to still apply through the usual way for entry in 2025, until the request has been dealt with.

If you need any help or advice please have a chat with me (Ruth).

Preschool Photos...We had photos taken this week and you will get an email with a link on to see them/ purchase them should you wish. The children yesterday were brilliant and really loved it and we are having more taken on Friday, if you missed it. Let me know if your child is not in on either of these days and you can bring them in on Friday if needed.

BABY Photos.. To extend our family photo wall and we would love it if you could either send in or bring in a photo of your child/ children as a baby. It is a really nice way for key people to talk to children about how much they have changed.

Lastly...Staff have reminded me to ask can you please make sure you provide plenty of clothes changes including socks and simple plimsolls in case of wet shoes! This is the amount of space there is so leaving a long handled bag of spares here is useful.



As usual, if you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further please feel free to contact me.

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