

Wintringham Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the school year draws near, our Pre-School children have been incredibly busy, embracing every opportunity to learn, discover, and grow.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been captivated by the fruits and vegetables growing in our outdoor planter. Their enthusiasm was contagious as they checked on the progress of the plants each day. Last week brought a particularly special treat — we were thrilled to harvest some ripe strawberries and radishes. These were shared and tasted during snack time.

This half term, our learning has been centred around the theme 'Wonderful World'. Through this topic, we've explored the magic of nature and the wonders of science. From investigating different ecosystems to conducting simple experiments, the children have had hands-on opportunities to deepen their understanding of the world around them.

To support this, we have enjoyed reading a range of fantastic books together:

- *Octopants* by Suzie Senior – a funny, underwater adventure that helped spark discussions about marine life.
- *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen – a much-loved classic that encouraged imaginative storytelling and outdoor exploration.
- *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llana

In the garden, the children have shown great interest in spotting and observing insects. A particular highlight has been the discovery of tiny caterpillar eggs. This led to thoughtful conversations about what these might become, helping the children explore concepts like life cycles and transformation in nature. These kinds of real-world discoveries have enriched our discussions on ecosystems, and the children have loved sharing their own thoughts and experiences with these environments.

Our older children who will be moving on to Reception in September, have started a gentle transition process. They have been enjoying lunch in the main school hall, which has helped them become familiar with new routines. After lunch, we've been focusing on a range of school readiness activities designed to support independence, early number skills, name recognition, and emergent writing. It's been wonderful to see how proud they are of their achievements — their enthusiasm and progress have been truly inspiring.

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Reminders:

A polite reminder that during collection periods you should remain behind the brown picket fence in the Pre-school area. This is essential for our safeguarding procedures as it allows staff on the doors to be able to see you and guide your children to you. If you have a question or have lost an item, please wait for all children to have gone before coming to ask.

Also, if your child will not be in attendance of a session due to a holiday or appointment, please can you ensure that you email the office at pre-school@wintringham.cambs.sch.uk detailing this and the dates your child will be absent for.

We have a closed Facebook group that is only open to parents and carers of children in the Pre-School. A request to join this group can be made using the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/397561551714119>

The page is updated regularly with photographs and information of news and events.

Term dates for the school year 2024/2025 are provided in the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter. Future term dates for the school year 2025/2026 can be found on the school website.

Please be aware that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea in Pre-school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be accepted back into Pre-School until 24 hours after the last symptom has elapsed.

Please, if possible, could you walk to school with your children. If you must drive, please can you park with consideration. Thank you for your co-operation.

Uniform

Please note that children in Pre-School do not have to wear uniform. Children aged 3 and above may purchase a sweatshirt with the school logo on if they wish however.

Please ensure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to Pre-school with them every day. All children should also have a named water bottle or Sippy cup with them every day.

Email Communication

We have an email communication system, Arbor, which allows us to communicate with parents by email. Please ensure that your email address and all telephone numbers are kept up to date with the school office.

Online Payments

Our Arbor online payment system is used for recording charges incurred for sessions taken and for you to be able to pay for sessions. If you can't access the Arbor Parent Portal or app, which is also now available for both Android and Apple devices, please contact the school office.

Nut Allergy

May I remind parents that children's packed lunches must **NOT** contain peanut butter or other nut snacks as we have several children with allergies in school. This includes items that state that they 'may contain nuts'. Thank you for your consideration.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2025

Wednesday 23rd July

Term Ends

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November

Friday 19th December

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Training Day

Training Day

Autumn Term Starts

October Half Term

Training Day

Autumn Term Continues

Term Ends

Christmas Holiday

Please be aware that we do occasionally need to alter some of these dates, but any alterations will be notified to parents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Bryden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs Tracy Bryden

Executive Headteacher

On behalf of Wintringham Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)