

Wintringham Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are already nearing the end of the Spring Term, this year truly is flying by, and it has been a pleasure to see all the fun things happening in Pre-School over the past few weeks.

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news about an exciting project taking place at Pre-School over the Easter break! We are very fortunate to be welcoming Lashley's Landscapes, who have volunteered to work their magic to transform our outdoor learning environment.



This incredible project aims to enhance the children's outdoor experiences by creating a more engaging and interactive space. One of the key additions will be raised planters, allowing our little learners to get hands-on with nature by growing their very own fruits, vegetables, and herbs. These fresh ingredients will not only be used during snack times but will also play a part in our baking activities, encouraging the children to understand where their food comes from. Plus, they'll have the joy of taking home some of their homegrown produce to share with their families!

We can't wait to see the children enjoying their newly improved outdoor space and making the most of these wonderful opportunities! Stay tuned for updates and be sure to check in with us after Easter to see the transformation.

The children in Pre-School have started to look at Spring and they have been noticing the changes in the environment around us as the season takes full effect. They have started to use their fine and gross motor skills to plant lots of things in the garden and have been observing the flowers that have started to come out in the outdoor areas.

The children have been looking at 'Animals' this half term - Using the books 'Driving in My Tractor' by Jan Dobbins, 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell and 'Would You Rather' by John Burningham to help influence activities and further develop the children's understanding of animals, the environments they live in and also recalling their own experiences of where they may have seen some of these animals before.

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In music and movement sessions we have started looking at the rhyme Humpty Dumpty and the children are exploring the different elements and aspects of rhyme time and have picked up sound patterns and syllables well. It has been lovely to walk by and experience the children who will be going to school in September taking part in their phonics sessions out in the corridor. The children have been learning about the phonemes S, A, T, P, I, N, M and will move onto the next phonemes after the Easter Holidays.

In addition to all the fun happening throughout the last few months, the children were involved in a discussion surrounding 'Internet Safety'. Using 'Buddy the Dogs Online Safety Story' and the staff spoke to the children about the importance of staying safe online and how to use technology appropriately. Tools have been shared with you all via Tapestry on how you can help your children remain safe when using devices at home.



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 attending a session due to a holiday or an 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.

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. 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

Spring Term 2025

Friday 4th April
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April

Term Ends
Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April
Wednesday 23rd April
Monday 5th May
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May
Monday 2nd June
Tuesday 3rd June
Wednesday 23rd July

Training Day
Summer Term Starts
May Day
May Half Term
Training Day
Summer Term Continues
Term Ends

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

Please remember that we have a staff training day on Tuesday 22nd April and therefore look forward to welcoming the children back to Pre-school from Wednesday 23rd April.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tracy Bryden
Executive Headteacher
On behalf of Wintringham Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)