

Wintringham Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

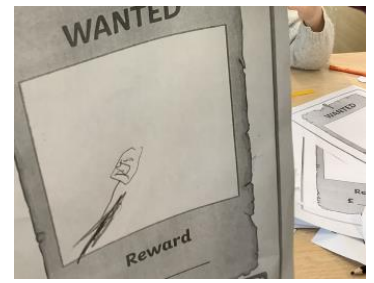
I would like to take a moment to welcome all our new families to Wintringham Pre-School. I have been into Pre-school and all the children seem to be settling in well to their new learning environments and I cannot wait to see them all grow with us!

As January draws to a close, we have had a brilliant few weeks learning about this half term's focus of 'Traditional Stories'. To support children in this area we have been looking at the books 'The Three Little Pigs' by Mara Alperin and 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' by Susanna Davidson. Next week we will be moving on to 'The Gigantic Turnip' by Aleksei Tolstoy. This will see us through to half term.

To further support this learning, the children have been accessing a variety of different activities. They have worked hard to create strong structures from different materials to protect them from 'The Big Bad Wolf'. The children also looked at what they could do to help catch him and stop him from being so troublesome. They have also been very busy creating lots of different pictures about the stories they have read – in Scribble Club children have been making wanted posters and using these in their role-play activities.

The children in Pre-school have also been exploring the sound aspects around the rhyme '1, 2, 3, 4, 5'. It has been great to watch them sing along as the children learn all about the different concepts of songs and sounds. They have managed to grasp the concepts of sound patterns and have been identifying some rhyming and alliteration.

This week children have been looking at how to help some of the wildlife that we have on the school grounds. During outdoor learning they looked at some different types of birds that we have seen and created some bird feeders to hang around the pond area at the top of the field.



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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 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 and not on Nuffield Road, where parking enforcement is being introduced by Urban & Civic. 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

Spring Term 2025

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
Monday 24th February
Friday 4th April
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April

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

February Half Term

Spring Term Continues
Term Ends
Easter Holidays

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.

Yours sincerely



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