



# Newsletter

March 2026

## Dates For Your Diary

End of term 4 Thursday 26th March

TD day Friday 27th March

Term 5 starts Monday 13th April

Bank holiday Monday 4th May - Pre-school closed

Summer party and school leavers graduation - Thursday 9th July - Normal sessions will not happen on this day; more information to follow.



## Parent WhatsApp Group

We have a parent whatsapp group which is used to keep in touch about events, pass on information and arrange end of term staff treats! It is managed by one of the committee. Use the QR code below if you would like to join.



## Session From Easter Onwards

If you haven't already done so, please let the pre-school know any changes to your child's hours for after the Easter Holidays. Sessions have limited availability until September 2026.

## easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the app to raise money for the pre-school. Please ensure you are doing as much shopping as possible via the app to ensure we receive as many donations as possible.

To get started click on the link below or use the QR code:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)



We are also able to use easyfundraising instore which will increase our donations massively especially during the lead up to Christmas. All you need to do is link your cards to the app and it will do the rest (I did it yesterday – very easy!)

All money raised will be put to improving the outside space for all of the children. So far we have raised £534.65

## Staff Update

Kelly Luker joined the pre-school in Jan '26 and has settled well - Kelly comes from a background of nursery life and holds a Level 2 early years qualification - Welcome to Kelly!



Amy Andrews has now gone on Maternity leave and had her baby girl Emilie on 22.2.26 - mum and baby are doing well. Congratulation's Amy!

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a very important aspect of our work at Old Court Community Pre School, if you have any concerns around a child's safety feel free to come and speak to any of us, Michelle, Emma.G and Ann-Marie are designated safeguarding leads within the pre-school as well as Helen on the committee. Further information can be found on our safeguarding boards based in the main corridor or in the rainbow room entrance.

We also work closely with the police through Operation Encompass (please see attached poster below)

	<p><b>Michelle Miller</b> DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead)</p>
	<p><b>Emma Giles</b> DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)</p>
	<p><b>Ann-Marie <u>Nickles</u></b> DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)</p>
	<p><b>Helen Jarvis</b> DSCM (Designated Safeguarding Committee Member)</p>

# OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Are you concerned about a child or children in your school who are experiencing domestic abuse?

Would you like FREE advice and a professional dialogue with an Education Psychologist about how to best support them?

Call the Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline

**0204 513 9990**

(Charged at local rate)

Monday to Friday 8.00am to **1.00pm**

EXTENDED TO

1.00pm

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## Room updates

Since Christmas we have been on many outings, which the children have been really excited about. However, as this year is 'National Year of Reading' we have visited our local library a few times. The children have loved this, exploring books, reading with an adult and reading something new. The children's behaviour was wonderful and represented the pre-school in the best light, we're so proud of them! The photos below show the fun we had at the library also see below a poster from our local library about joining the library.





# Is your child a member of the library?

it's FREE and can make a real difference!

Struggling to read doesn't just hold a child back in school – it holds them back in life.

- Longer Life Expectancy
- Improved Mental Health
- Career Prospects
- Better Qualifications
- Higher Confidence

CLOSE THE LITERACY GAP

MIND THE GAP

PART OF THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026



Join by scanning the QR code or visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-join-the-library>.

 **Wiltshire Libraries**

**GO ALL IN.** National Year of Reading 2026

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