



Newsletter

September 2026

Dates For Your Diary

Halloween Dress Up Day – Tuesday 20th October – More details to follow

October Half Term – 21st October until 1st November

Meet The Teachers – Tuesday 10th November 4.00-5.00pm – More details to follow

Photo day – Thursday 12th November in the morning - More details to follow

Children's Christmas Party – Tuesday 15th December 08.45-11.45am – More details to follow

TD day -Wednesday 16th December

Pre-school AGM – Thursday 14th January 2027

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



So far we have raised £875.41. All money raised will be put to improving the outside space for all of the children.

Team Updates

Welcome to Louise who joined us in September 2026. She has worked in early years since 1998 and we look forward to having her expertise on the team.

Amy M will be covering Laura while she is on Maternity leave.

Laura has now gone on maternity leave and has welcomed her new arrival Rowan, on 17th September, both mother and baby are doing well.



Children's Council meeting

Our first ever children's council meeting has taken place.

We want our children to have a say in what happens at their preschool, these meetings allow the children to have a voice to shape what they do, what they learn and what they love at preschool.

We will be using the children's ideas to improve the preschool experiences for all our children. We had 7 children attend our first meeting. The children's Council meetings will be taking place every term, and will involve all children that would like to get involved and have a say.

The children came up with some great ideas and have given some good discussion points:

The children drew what they wanted to have in the garden and were asked what they liked about being Pandas (pandas classroom)

"Play, the cars" "The cars" "The food kind of things in the home corner"

What could they put in the craft areas?

"Rainbow pictures" "A star"

What would they like in the kitchen?

"Colouring book on the shelf - indicating the craft area."

What 1 new toy would you like in the garden?

"Some Barbies with clothes on", "Balls", "Bouncy balls"

What stories do they like? "Dinosaur ones", "Giraffe one - we can read that today" "Acorn", "My favourite story is Peppa pig", "Tooth fairy"

If they made a song bag what could they put in it?

"Old McDonald, Twinkle", "twinkle little star"

All these ideas will influence how our preschool's environment will be shaped.



Safeguarding – Children's screen time

New guidance for children accessing screen time has been released by the Department for Education (DfE), which we will be following within the pre-school.

Here are some example points within the guidance:

- under 2 years - avoid screen time altogether other than in exceptional circumstances such as a video call with parents and carers
- 2-5 years - screen time should be limited to 1 hour a day, less if possible

Evidence suggests that too much screentime is associated with poorer cognitive and behavioural abilities in children, such as reduced verbal activity and reduced vocabulary, and can be associated with developmental delays, reduced attention and lower executive function.

You should not allow children to access or use screens alone or with other children without adult co-engagement. It is important to view screens with children to protect them from harmful content and to support their development.

Further information about this guidance and for support and advice about screen time at home, please follow the links below:

[Help for early years providers : Screen use](#)

[Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)

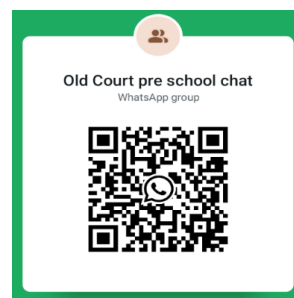
[CBeebies Parenting - Tips and advice for screen time with kids](#)

Feel free to come and chat with the team if you have any questions.



Parent/Carer 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 to join.



Donations

We are running low on Spare clothes in particular long trousers, socks and shoes, if you have any you no longer require and happy to donate we would appreciate it.

The children started a wish list at our council meeting if anyone would be happy to donate/ buy any of the following items on their wish list we would be very grateful:

Wish List

- Barbies – especially those promoting inclusion – similar to the photo
- Balls – for kicking, throwing, bouncing
- Bouncy balls - large
- Items for a bug house
- Bug hotel



Applying for Primary school

September 2027 primary school applications are now open – follow the link below to find out more information and to apply.

[Applying for a school place - Wiltshire Council](#)

Any questions or need any help, let us know and we'll help wherever we can.

We will send out dates for open events from the local schools once we receive them.