



Wroughton Preschool Newsletter Term 3

Welcome Back

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. On behalf of all the staff I would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts we received at the end of term.

URGENT - School Admissions

Please remember that if you have a child who was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you must apply for your child's school place by 15th January 2026.

New starters

This term we are pleased to be welcoming some new children (and their families) to Wroughton Preschool. We hope they will enjoy their time with us!

Safeguarding and Welfare

Lots of pre-schoolers have their own tablets or borrow their parents' devices to play games, use apps and watch their favourite TV shows. Click on the link below for advice on simple things you can do to make sure your child is staying safe online.

[Pre-school \(0-5\) online safety tips and advice | Internet Matters](#)



If you have a safeguarding concern please speak to Zena (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Charlotte (Deputy Safeguarding Lead).

Advice for parents and carers

Swindon Local Offer is a website in Swindon for children & adults who have support needs, giving you correct information and advice at any time.

This includes Early years and childcare, Health, Education, Support for parents, Support at home, Counselling, Housing etc.

[Swindon Local Offer - Home](#)

Christmas Fundraising

We would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** for your support with our Christmas activities!

We raised £190 from the Christmas raffle and £106 from the Santa letters.

This will go towards new equipment and activities for the children.

Termly Theme

For term 3 we will be continuing with the theme of Winter. We are taking part in The Big Garden Birdwatch week.

We will be learning about and enjoying traditional stories during National Story telling week - 2nd February.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year and Pancake day - 17th Feb.

We will be looking at Internet safety with the children - 10th February.

If your child has any interests or favourite stories, please let us know.

Lost property

Please label all children's belongings. If not labelled lost items may be found in the lost property box in the front entrance.

Help us when you shop ...

You can help us raise money by shopping online on our easyfundraising page:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wroughtonpresch/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e2

Health and Safety reminders

- **The car park is for staff only.** Please DO NOT park there for drop off and pick-ups. We would be grateful if you could let Grandparents and other carers who collect know of this.
- **NO** mobile phones or any other electronic device with cameras to be used within the preschool or used to take photographs of your children playing in our garden.
- Children should not be running around in the car park at either drop off time. Please do not let them play on the little garden area, or near the sheds at the side of the building. This is really slippery due to moss growing.
- If your child has grapes or mini sausages in their lunchboxes, please make sure these are cut in half to avoid choking.

Severe weather emergency - closure of the Preschool

I would like to remind you of the emergency closure procedure in the event of snow. We will always do our best to keep the preschool open. If the preschool must be closed due to adverse weather conditions or other major incidents, then parents will be informed via email or telephone and on our Facebook page and website. Please ensure that we have your correct telephone numbers and email addresses and that your mobiles are switched on.

Remember - Preschool will remain open unless parents are informed otherwise.

Donations Needed



A huge thank you for all your kind donations last term. Every donation really does help to keep costs down for the Preschool.

To help us to promote healthy eating we would appreciate donations of fruit and vegetables for the children's snack this term.

Please look out for 'donations needed' on our notice board or Facebook page.

Please see below for donations needed:

- **Fresh snacks of fruit, vegetables, and cheese.**
- Bleach, washing up liquid, hand soap, blue J-cloths.
- Sellotape, glue sticks, chalks (small and large), shaving foam, cooking flour

!!We have lots of breadsticks, crackers and biscuits. Thank you!!

Outdoor play

Now the weather is colder could you please ensure that your child brings a **warm waterproof coat and a hat and gloves** to Preschool every day. All items need to be clearly labelled.

We have free flow play in all weathers, so please ensure your child is suitably clothed.

The children should also wear layers as the building can be cold in the winter.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 5th January – Term 3 starts

Tuesday 3rd February – Art ventures at Preschool (AM) -wear old clothes

Friday 13th February – Term 3 ends

Monday 23rd February – Term 4 starts

Thursday 5th March – World book day (Dressing up) – more to follow.

Friday 27th March – Term 4 finishes

REMINDER - CALPOL

If your child is unwell and they have had Calpol please keep them at home until 24 hours after their last dose. If children are needing Calpol they are not well enough to be at Preschool.

Contact details

Zena Warburton (Room Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead) – for concerns/ questions about your child or what is happening at Preschool and any safeguarding concerns– zenaw.wps@outlook.com / telephone: 01793 798000

Katie Woodcock (Administration Manager) – for funding, children's sessions, enquiries -

wroughtonpreschool_enquiry@live.co.uk / telephone: 01793 798000

Preschool Chairperson – Committee meetings / fundraising. If you have a complaint - wroughtonpreschool@gmail.com

Facebook / Instagram

Look out for 'updates and what's happening' on our notice board in the entrance or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

