



LOWER WILLINGDON PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY

Term 4 Newsletter

I hope you are all well and had a good half term break.

School visits - we are really pleased to say that the older children (who are starting school in September 2026) have started going down to the Reception area (inside and outside spaces) at Willingdon Primary School once a week. Our staff go down with the group each session and help them explore and start to understand the differences between pre-school and school in preparation for September. We hope you enjoy seeing their visits on Tapestry, but please be assured that although this is a really beneficial experience for the children in preparation for starting school, it can cause some anxiety, so we keep the discussions about leaving us to go to school to a minimum.

Internet matters link

There is a wealth of information regarding the internet and how to ensure that your children are kept safe at all times when they are on electronic devices.

There are a number of links included on the flyer [here](#) that takes you to internetmatters.org that contains a wealth of information giving you reassurance that the parental controls on your devices are safe for your children to use. It gives you details on:

- Put yourself in control

Make use of parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

- Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube and it is possible to lock these so that they can't be inadvertently removed. You can find out more by visiting the [Google Safety Centre](#).

This flyer and consequent links are on our website so please do follow the link to find out how to protect your child on various websites, which is so useful <https://lowerwillingdonpreschoolnursery.co.uk/useful-links/>

- **Key worker sessions**

Your child's key worker has the following allocated hour (from 9am - 10am) that we would like to invite you in to talk about how your child is developing. Please



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email your child's key worker **prior to the day** to arrange a specific time so we can stagger the times you come in.

The term 5 dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 14 April - Jenni (jennib@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Wednesday 15 April - Justine (justinef@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Thursday 16 April - Harriet (harrietm@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Friday 17 April - Angela (angelas@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Monday 20 April - Jodie (jodiev@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Tuesday 21 April - Lauren (laurend@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Wednesday 22 April - Shelley (shelleyr@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Friday 24 April - Lisa (lisap@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)

If you would rather have a phone call with your child's key worker this is absolutely fine also. Again, please email your child's key worker to arrange a time that is convenient for you both.

Key dates 2026:

Please find below a long list of key dates for your calendars. I appreciate that they stretch beyond this term but thought you would like them as early as possible.

wk of 23 March - Sponsored bunny hop week - please help your child(ren) raise money to get a range of woodwork equipment to develop our outside area. Sponsor forms have already been sent home and we look forward to lots of fun at the end of this term. Further details of what we need will follow.

30 March - Easter holiday

13 April - INSET day so we are closed to the children

14 April - Term 5 starts

16 April - Allocation day regarding school places for **September 2026**

4 May - Bank holiday

11 May - photographer in to take a picture of all children who are going to school (& therefore leaving us) this summer. All older children welcome and invited to come in for 9am regardless of whether or not it is their session.

21 May - Last day of term

22 May - INSET day so we are closed to the children

1 June - Term 6 starts

10 June - Blackberry Farm visit (10am - 2.30pm) for all children in the setting who wish to come. (Further details will be sent nearer the time).

7 July - Pre-school sports day & lunch from 12pm



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6-10 July - Pop in and play sessions for all new children starting in September

17 July - last day of the academic year. We will be having a party for all of the children who are leaving us during the morning so **ALL** morning children are invited to attend for the morning **ONLY**. **There will be NO lunchtime session or full day provision this day.** Then the Friday afternoon children will be welcome to come in for their usual session in the afternoon (as they will have their party when they leave).

If you have any queries with any of the above dates please do come back to us, but also be assured that more information will follow for plans in the later terms.

Many thanks, Julie, Shelley (and the team!)