



LOWER WILLINGDON PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY

Term 5 Newsletter

Welcome back after your Easter break - which I hope was full of rest and a little bit of chocolate!!! We have had a bit of a change around with the room, incorporating a vet role play area along with the other favourites in the space, and we will continue to adapt it with the children in their play. We will also be looking at the life cycle of a variety of animals including cultivating our own caterpillars! When the caterpillars transform into the beautiful 'Painted Lady Butterflies' we will release them in the garden and share it with you on Tapestry. We also have several tadpoles who are continuing to grow and have developed their back legs, and will be returned to their habitat where they came from once they are frogs.

Annual trip

This year we are hoping to take all of our children on our annual trip to Blackberry Farm, Whitesmith. It will be on Wednesday 10 June and we will leave the setting at 10.00am and will return at 2.30pm, therefore not interfering with your other daily activities. We will be sending out a letter with further details nearer the time, but please make a note of the date, especially if you would like to offer your support in coming with us!

Pleas for resources

Please don't forget our Amazon wish list as we still have a wide range of items on there that we would love to have. We have put 'high priority' next to the resources that we would most like to have please! Thank you so much again to those of you who have already bought items from the list.

As we hopefully move towards warmer weather we will try to have more snacks etc outside in the garden (in the shade). As you all know we provide a range of healthy snacks for the children across a 3 week menu, which they love. It has been lovely to see the range of healthy foods coming in for the children's lunches, but if you are looking for more ideas please go to our website, or the attached document may help as it has a wealth of ideas including ways to save money!

Key worker sessions

We are continuing with our format with all the key workers sessions where all staff will have an allocated hour (from 9am - 10am) that we would like to invite you to come and talk about how your child is developing at the beginning of each term. Again, I have included all of the key workers email addresses below so if you would like to come and meet them could you please email them **prior to the**



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day to arrange a specific time so we can stagger the times you come in. Please note that these will be the last ones of this academic year.

This terms dates are as follows:

- Monday 1 June - Jodie (jodiev@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Tuesday 2 June - Jenni (jennib@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Wednesday 3 June - Justine (justinef@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Thursday 4 June - Harriet (harriem@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Friday 5 June - Angela (angelas@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Monday 8 June - Shelley (shelleyr@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Tuesday 9 June - Lauren (laurend@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)
- Friday 12 June - Lisa (lisap@lowerwillingdonpreschool.co.uk)

Key dates 2025:

1 May - deadline for Willingdon Primary School place acceptance. You need to complete and return the admission form emailed/given to you to accept the place for Willingdon Primary School by this date. You will then be invited to come to the new parent meeting on Wednesday 3 June @ 9.15am to meet your new teachers and get a pack containing all of the information for the transition to starting school.

4 May - Bank holiday (the setting is closed)

11 May - End of year photograph for all children who are leaving in July. All leavers are welcome to come in regardless of whether it is their usual day for the photograph at 9am. Individual photos will also be taken outside.

21 May - Last day of term

22 May - INSET day (closed to the children)

1 June - Term 6 starts & 30 Days Wild starts (more detail to follow)

3 June - New parents meeting at Willingdon Primary School (9.30am)

7 June - Music in the park. Please come and join us for the brilliant music in the park at Huggett's Lane. We will be asking for donations of bottles and tombola prizes over the coming weeks. Please see the notice boards nearer the time.

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).

6 July - Pop in and play week for all new children who will be starting at the setting in September

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

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**



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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).

Reminder: End of academic year - as some of you may already know pre-school closes to the children a few days before the end of the academic year so we can do a deep clean of all of the toys and resources that the children use. This enables us to keep a clean and safe environment for the children and provides us with the time to do this. Therefore I would like to inform you in plenty of time that the last session of this academic year will be **Friday 17 July**.

During the summer months can we please ask you to send your child in with an appropriate **named** hat that can ideally stay at the setting between sessions. Also, as per the recent letter, please apply suncream before they come into pre-school to help protect them from the UV rays, using the 8 hour cream where possible. We will only be applying the cream at 12.30pm to the children who are in for the full day and whose parents have given us permission to do so. As you can imagine, this is potentially going to cost the setting a considerable amount of money over the coming months, so we have added the suncream to our Amazon wish list. If anyone is happy to support us in buying some it would be really gratefully received.

As ever, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to email the office or speak to a member of staff when you are next in.

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