



LOWER WILLINGDON PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY

Term 6 Newsletter

It is amazing to think that we are already at the last term of the academic year. The children and staff continue to be amazing creating fun out of everything, and hopefully we will start to see some sunshine to help us through this final term. We continue to adapt our environment according to the children's loves and interests which enables them to continue to be stimulated with the space. This also includes our extended area on the field which we are using more and more.

We also continue to work with the children to prepare those who are going to school for September. Every child is continuing to visit the school on a weekly basis during this term which will really help them to develop the relationships with the school staff and prepare them for the changes coming. There are also a number of dates that schools invite you to join them, some of which are mentioned below.

- **30 Days Wild**

During the month of June Shelley will be leading the setting on our '30 days wild' exploration. The Wildlife Trust invite everyone to do something wild every day throughout June. That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness (well 21 for us!). Shelley has organised a brilliant range of activities including cloud gazing, mud faces, bark rubbing and even nettle crisp tasting! If you would like more information have a look at this link...

<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/57739/petition/1>

- **Staying safe in the sun**

As the weather is hopefully starting to improve could we please remind you to put sun cream on your child before they come in for their sessions if the weather is looking promising. We are re-applying sun cream at 12.30pm when the uv index is above 3 for those families who have given us permission (if the child is in for the full day). Please also don't forget to send in a labelled hat from home!

Could you also please send your child in with a jumper and/or coat if the forecast is not too good. The children love to be outside and although they love running around there are times in the day that they are feeling cold, particularly if we start to sit outside for snack or lunch.



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- **Our Sports Day**

We have a really exciting sports day planned for the 7th July with a lot of the traditional sporting races taking place as well as some new and exciting ones! Our amazing committee will be coming up to help us run a children's tombola, face painting and much much more. Please come and see your child joining in with some fun games and warm yourself up for the parent's race!!! We would also like to invite you (and any family/friends) to come up to the pre-school to have lunch with your child in the garden prior to the sporting events so you are welcome to join us at 12.00pm. We are looking for many donations of bottles, cakes, good quality gifts and soft toys, and other great ideas that you may have to help with fundraising on the day. **Please bring these in as soon as possible (apart from the cakes!).**

- **Transition**

I am sure all of you who have a child starting primary school in September are concerned with how they are going to cope with the transition. Please be assured that I have been, and continue to be, in discussion with all of the primary schools involved and will forward you any information that I receive. I feel reassured that your child(ren) are all ready and excited about moving on so they can continue to thrive and learn whilst playing.

17 July - Last day of term

We would like to invite **all** (regardless of whether it is their normal session) of the children who are starting school in September 2026 to join us for a leavers party from 8.45-11.45am. **All morning parents are invited to come and listen to the children sing a leavers song at 11.30am to mark the end of the year.** It will be so lovely for everyone to get together to mark the end of their time here together.

However, this will mean that there is **no** lunch and/or afternoon provision for the children who would usually stay for the full day. If your child usually just comes in for the afternoon on a Thursday (and is staying with us in September) they are still welcome to come in. **It will mean, however, that there is no morning provision for the younger children on the 17th July, however, they are welcome to come in for the afternoon instead.**



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Key dates 2026:

30 June - WPS transition visit (as per the pack information from school)

- 9.15-10.15am for group A children
- 10.30-11.30am for group B children

6 July - Pop in and play week. Children who will be starting with us in September will be visiting through the week (not Tuesday afternoon).

7 July - Sports Day - all parents / families are welcome to join us from 12pm for lunch.

7 July - last day of observations on Tapestry for children leaving us this year. All parents will be given a 2 week window to then download the whole file prior to us passing it on to their corresponding school or nursery (with your permission). All younger children staying with us will have their account continued as normal until the end of the year.

8 July - WPS stay and play visit (as per the pack information from school)

- 1.00-1.45pm for group A children
- 2.00-2.45pm for group B children

17 July - last day of academic year. Please see details above.

20-22 July - we are closed to pre-school children for our deep clean of the setting.

3 September - start of term 1 (inset day 2nd September)

Don't forget to keep checking the Facebook page and website for further information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/573368700071737/> /
www.lowerwillingdonpreschoolnursery.co.uk.

Finally we made over £500 at Music in the Park on 7th June which is great, so thank you to everyone who donated a bottle or prize for that event or came on the day to see us. Please don't forget we will also need donations for our sports day which is in a month.

We would finally like to thank you for all your support this year. We wish all the children who are moving on to school in September lots of luck and hope that they continue to love to learn as we have loved to see them grow this year. We also hope all the younger children a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing them back in September 2026.

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