



Newsletter

MAY 2025

WINDMILLS PRESCHOOL LTD

Dear Parents/ Carers

As we approach summer half term, we have been very busy in preschool; the leavers are focusing on group work, school readiness & their transition to “big” school – the team will be completing all their transition documents and meeting with parents before the end of June.

Transitions to your child’s chosen primary school for those starting in September, will take place in June/July. If you are unsure or need any further information, please ask Rachel or Natalie.

School Readiness Workshop

Monday 9th June 3-4pm at Windmills Preschool

We are running this in conjunction with Barnardo’s Family Hub. We anticipate it will be very useful with lots of helpful information on how to prepare your child for September & would encourage ALL OUR SCHOOL LEAVER PARENTS to attend!

Please sign up using the QR code link below.

Children are welcome & the Windmills team will also be on hand to support.

Reserve your space now! Scan the QR code to book your free place.



Summer Diary Dates 2025



With the warmer weather, we will be heading out to the beach, the park & into the village. We will also be visiting our intergenerational friends at Inver House.

SAVE THE DATES!

Summer 25 half term break – Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May inclusive (1 week)

School readiness workshop for parents - Monday 9th June 2025, 3-4pm at Windmills Preschool

Leavers Trip & Graduation Combined – Saturday 19th July (morning – details to follow)

End of Summer Term 25 – Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Last week of August 25 – new starter sessions x 2 (dates tbc)

Beginning of Autumn 25 Term – Monday 1st September 2025

Autumn 25 half term break – Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October inclusive (2 weeks)

End of Autumn Term 25 – Friday 19th December 2025

Safeguarding & Housekeeping

Warmer weather – sun cream & hats - Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the warmer weather, a sun hat and has sun cream applied thank you. If this isn’t possible for any reason, we will apply sun cream that we keep in setting unless otherwise informed.

Mobile Phones – Please do not use your mobile phone in the preschool. Keep it out of sight and preferably leave in your car at drop off/pick up, thank you.

Gates and Bolts! - Please remember to close the front gate and secure all bolts when leaving or arriving at preschool, thank you.

Medication - Please do inform us if your child has been given any medication prior to attending preschool; all medication to be administered here must be prescribed & have the correct label. In both cases, forms need to be completed in preschool.

Absences – Please remember to call us as soon as possible in the morning if your child will not be attending preschool. We are obliged to record all absences for the local authority funding records.

Collection of children – Prompt pickups and drop offs help us to maintain the correct ratios of staff to children thank you! If you have a child at the Primary School, please do pick up from preschool FIRST thank you!

Invoice Payments – We appreciate prompt payment. We are a small educational charity with limited cash flow! Any problems at all pop in and have a chat with Rachel.

Funding Forms – The statutory council funding forms will be filled out and available for parents to sign for this term (April to July) after the half term break in June.

Funding Codes – Please remember to renew your funding codes regularly when you receive the notification, thank you. Failure to do so will result in your funding being withdrawn.

Healthy Lunches & Snack donations

We notice a marked difference in behaviour after lunch when our children have foods with hidden sugars in their lunch boxes!

Please remember that we promote the healthy snack and lunch initiative. Where possible please avoid including squash and chocolate but do include lots of fresh fruit and vegetables. Children who eat lots of sugar and salt do find it harder to concentrate and regulate their behaviour due to the resulting rush of short-lived energy. It is better to have natural carbohydrates which are longer acting energy providers.

Donations of healthy snacks are very welcome. We do not currently charge for consumables, so any donations help immensely. These could include breadsticks, crackers, cheese, bananas, apples, grapes, cucumber, carrots etc. Please give them to a member of the team at drop off, thank you.

Choking hazards – Please chop all grapes, olives, tomatoes and small foods into very small pieces, thank you. These are proven choking hazards for children.

Nuts and Allergens

The preschool's NO NUT policy covers a broader allergen awareness - this means that we still have a no nut policy but ask parents to be aware of other allergens present in lunch box food which can cause severe reactions. We will be happy to give more advice on this with a list of known allergens if required.

Water Bottles Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle into preschool. Water is available all day but having their own bottle encourages independence and helps to avoid bugs spreading.

Please remember to check your child's drawer at the end of each session, thank you.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF TRAINING

All staff continue with regular CPD topics including speech & language, autism, a 10week signing course & a course giving us a greater understanding of P.D.A. (pathological demand avoidance).



Beach school training Natalie & Sarah attended "Teach on the Beach" training with other Early Years Professionals,

spending a jam-packed Saturday in the sun at Fort Victoria!

They explored the risks & benefits of playing in coastal environments; investigated the plants & animals living on the rocky shore; shared a range of games & activities to support learning on coastal habitats; & discussed sustainability.



Activities included den building, kite flying, boat building, museum curating, species I.D. & much more! This enriching experience was bought back into setting this



week when the team ran a rock pooling session at the local beach – the first of many we hope!



Finally, we would like to thank all our families for your continued support.
The Windmills Team