

Little Stars Pre-school

Newsletter

1st Half Autumn Term 2026

Welcome back to the 1st Half of the Autumn Term.

We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready to tell us all about your activities and adventures!!

Staff News

Unfortunately, Ellizer has decided not to return to Little Stars after the Summer Holidays, and we wish her well in the future. Julia will be covering Red Group, as the Key Person, until we have a new member of the Team, we are hoping that this will be in October.

If you have Facebook - please follow us. We put up photos and information during the session, every day. [Follow, Little Stars Pre-school Farlington.](#)

I know the Newsletter can be a little long, but can I encourage you to read it all as it does contain a lot of important information and if there is anything you would like to speak to us about, please do not hesitate to do so by either text, phone or e-mail.

Please refrain from messaging on Facebook, as we do not always get these messages, or see them.

Our Term Dates, Colour of the week, Important Dates for Your Diary and Song of the week can be found at the end of this Newsletter. Please take a look as this is very important information.

Please can we ask that the children refrain from wearing jewellery to pre-school, except for stud earrings. We have had a few incidents including necklaces being pulled and broken as well as being a choking hazard!!

Please ensure that you inform us of any changes in your e-mail address and phone numbers. We communicate, mostly, through e-mail and text, rather than paper, and it is essential that we have the correct contact information.

The weather is changing all of the time at the moment, please ensure that your child has a change of clothes, suitable shoes and a sun hat, in their bag, every day. We also cannot stress enough how important sun cream is. Please apply suncream, if needed, before coming to pre-school and if your child is with us all day, we will apply again after lunch.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to keep everyone safe from coughs, colds and infectious disease, where possible. If your child has a raised temperature or is not feeling their normal self, please keep them home until they are feeling better. We know this can be difficult for working parents, but we cannot stress enough how important it is for the children to be warm and cosy at home to recover and get better to come back to pre-school and be with their friends and teachers. Can we remind you that if your child is sick or/and has an upset tummy, you must not bring them into pre-school until **48 hours** after their last episode. This is so important, as we need to ensure that the children and Team are safe from catching any bugs!!

This half term our topic will be "All About Me". We will be taking part in activities and talking about ourselves, our families, our senses, our feelings, healthy foods and harvest, seasonal changes and then the story of Room on the Broom. Our activities will include painting with brushes, sponges, our hands and fingers, experimenting with mixing colours and making a nature collage. We will go on local walks and collect some resources for our collage and weather permitting a play in the park. We will practice our fine motor skills with playdough, mark making and threading and our gross motor skills with ball skills, balancing beams and the parachute.

Please take the time to look at our notice boards. Our Notice Boards contain important information that is very informative.

Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided for both you and your child when dropping off and picking up. All of children have their temperature taken first thing and throughout the day and if their temperature is high, you will be asked to come and collect them.

LET'S STAY SAFE AND DO WHAT WE CAN to still prevent contamination!!!

Can we also ask that when dropping off and picking up your child/children, **that you go into the playground** and wait for a member of the team to be at the steps to take your child from you at drop off time or handing over to you at the end of their

session. Please refrain from waiting on the pathway or coming down the steps. Thank you.

Extended Hours

We offer breakfast 8am-9am for Parents/Carers that may need that extra childcare. We are happy to take older siblings that need to be taken to Solent Infants or Juniors (Unfortunately we are unable to drop off at other schools in the area). If this is something you need, then please speak to Julia or Aimee or drop us an e-mail. If you know anyone that this might help, please pass on our details. Can I also say that we can take children up to the age of 8 years of age, this means that children can come to us when on Inset Days. Again, please let us know if we can help or let anyone else you know that this might help.

Invoices

Please be reminded that if you are issued an invoice, it must be paid promptly to avoid arrears. **Invoices need to be paid in full by return, and definitely before the end of each half term, as agreed in your payment policy.** Full Payment by the last Wednesday of each half term has always been a gesture of good will from myself to help with spreading the payments, it is not a date for the invoice to be left unpaid until then. Therefore, I am asking that Invoices be paid by return. If you need to pay weekly over the half term, then you will need to agree this with me. I am sorry to have to change this, but it becomes very frustrating and embarrassing to have to chase for fees owing.

Please note that we do not accept cheques at Little Stars Pre-school.

Fees are as follows: (Price Increase will be April 2027)

2-3 years - £7.50 per hour

3-4 years - £7.30 per hour

Extra sessions and lunches are to be paid on the day attending.

We are experiencing lunches and extra sessions not being paid for on the day, or in advance, as well as invoice payments being left right to the last minute and resulting in us having to chase for payments that can be a little embarrassing as well as worrying. Please ensure these payments are made promptly. Can I also remind you that if you require Breakfast Hour or 3-3.30pm please give us notice in advance even if the day/night before.

Collection of Children.

Please be reminded that if collecting your child before 12 noon or 3pm you will need to collect them before 11.45 or 2.45pm as to not disturb story time. We would also appreciate it if we know you are collecting early to enable us to have your child ready to bring them to you at the front door.

Lunches

Please can we remind you that we do not have sweets, this includes fruit winders and Bear products, chocolate bars etc, fizzy drinks **or ANYTHING containing NUTS** in our lunchboxes, that includes peanut butter as we can have children and staff with severe allergies. We promote healthy eating and **GRAPES AND LARGE BLUEBERRIES NEED TO BE SLICED LENGTHWAYS to avoid potential choking hazards**. Can we also ask that an ice pack be placed in your child's lunch box please as we do not have a large fridge to store them in during the morning. **We DO NOT heat any food for the children.**

Being ready for all weathers

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for both inside and outside with them in a named bag and all items have their name in. Autumn is here and the hall can be quite cold in the mornings until we come in and turn up the radiators when needed. Please ensure that your child is dressed ready for the day with adequate changes of clothing, including suitable footwear. Please name all belongings including coats, shoes, hats, changing bags and lunch boxes. If your child wears wellington boots to pre-school, please supply a named change of shoes or slippers for us to change them into.

Pre-existing Injuries

It is essential that you let us know when you drop off if your child has a pre-existing injury, this could be a bump, bruise, rash or sore etc. We are experiencing a lot of pre-existing injuries that we are not told about. You will need to complete a pre-existing injury form before leaving. If we discover a pre-existing injury after dropping off, we will contact you and complete a form that will need to be read and signed on collection.

Song of the week

Please encourage your child to sing our weekly song at home with family and friends.

Week beginning	
07/09	Tommy Thumb
14/09	Baa Baa Black Sheep
21/09	Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
28/09	If you're happy and you know it
05/10	Humpty Dumpty
12/10	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
19/10	Wind The Bobbin Up
Week Beginning	Jolly Phonics
07/09	S
14/09	A
21/09	T
28/09	I
05/10	P
12/10	N
19/10	Review

Week Beginning	Colour
07/09/26	 Favourite
14/09/26	Blue
21/09/26	Yellow
28/09/26	Red
05/10/26	Green
12/10/26	Orange
19/10/26	Purple

Colour of the Week

Colour of the week is something we use, within pre-school, to learn our colours and encourage the children to "Bring an item into Pre-school". Please ensure that any items are clean and have the colour of the week on them. The Teachers will ensure that all items are kept safe. Please encourage your child to find an item that coincides with "The Colour of the Week" above and bring it into Pre-school so we can talk about colours and show and tell. The children also make playdough on a Monday to coincide with this each week.

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Term Dates September 2026 - July 2027

1st Half Autumn Term 2026

Monday 7th September - Friday 23rd October

HALF TERM

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

2nd Half Autumn Term 2026

Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January

1st Half Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February

HALF TERM

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

2nd Half Spring Term 2027

Monday 22nd February - Thursday 25th March

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

1st Half Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 3rd MAY (CLOSED)

HALF TERM

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

2nd Half Summer Term 2027

Monday 7th June - Friday 16th July