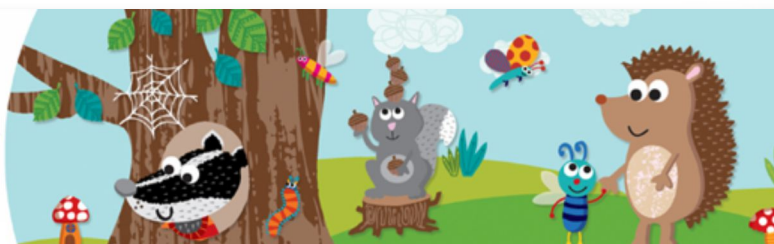


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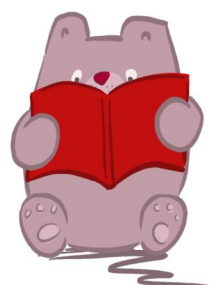
Newsletter – September 2026

Welcome back!

We hope you had a great Summer. A big welcome to all our new starters and their families.

We start back with a **traditional tales** topic. We will be listening to and re-telling stories, describing memorable characters and settings, and identifying common features such as repeated phrases and magical events. You can support your child's learning at home by sharing a favourite traditional tale and talking together about its characters, events and message. If your child has a favourite story book, they are welcome to bring it in to share at Circle Time.

Don't forget you can upload your own photos on Tapestry as we enjoy seeing things that the children do outside pre-school.



Key person

Every child will receive a letter confirming their key person. You are welcome to make an appointment with me to see your key person at a mutually convenient time.

AGM and Committee

We will be organising a date for our Annual General Meeting at the end of September. We are looking for new Committee members. The Committee assists the team in the running of the pre-school. It meets every couple of months to help organise fundraising events, manage finances, approve and source funding for resources, equipment, and staffing.

We have held many successful fundraising events in recent years including Santa's Grotto.

Being part of the Committee is not an onerous task! It's a fun and rewarding way of helping the pre-school to function.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please speak to Yvonne.

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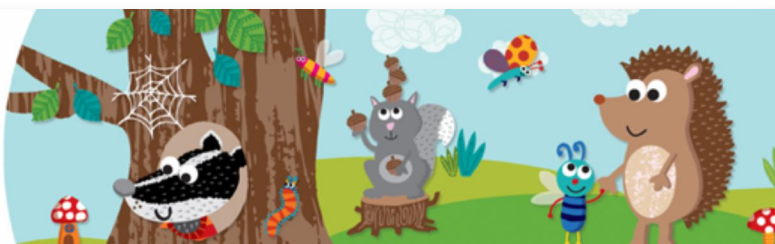


Attendance

Please let us know if your child will miss a session(s) due to planned holidays, days out, or sickness. The easiest way is to email us at boxpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com or phone 01225 743794.

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Passport to Toilet Learning Success

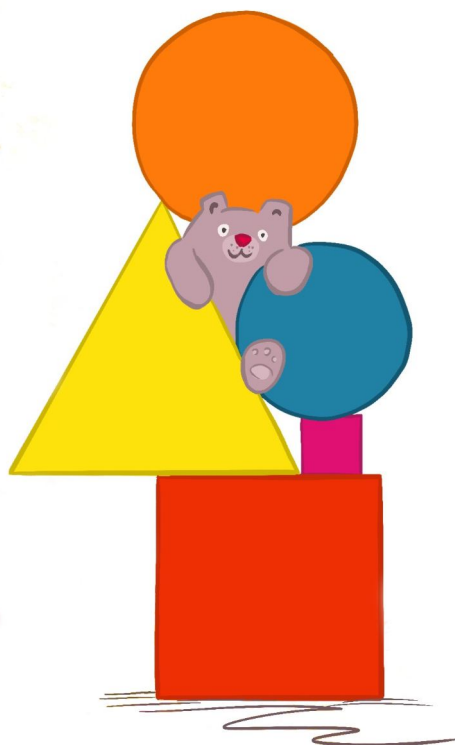
We are excited to introduce our Passport to Toilet Learning Success, a new resource that we will be using with every child to support them on their individual toilet learning journey.

We understand that toilet learning is a big step for children and that every child develops these skills at their own pace. Our passport breaks the journey down into small, achievable milestones, helping children to build confidence, independence and positive toileting habits step by step.

Inspired by the ERIC approach to toilet learning, the passport focuses on celebrating progress rather than expecting perfection. From becoming comfortable sitting on the potty or toilet, through to managing clothing, recognising when they need to go and eventually completing the whole routine independently, each achievement is a milestone worth celebrating.

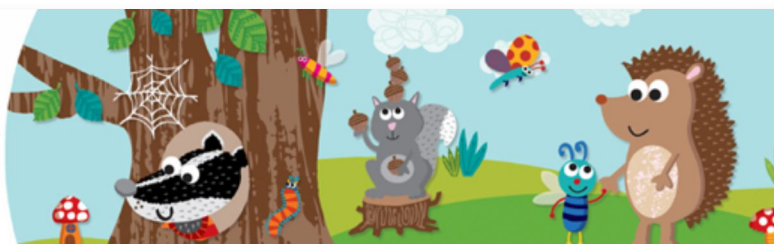
The passport will allow children, families and practitioners to work together and recognise each child's individual progress. Children can collect stickers as they develop new skills, making the experience positive, encouraging and fun.

We hope this resource will help make toilet learning a confident, supportive and rewarding experience for every child, while providing families with a clear picture of the skills their child is developing.



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Safety

Mobile Phones – Due to Ofsted requirements, please don't use mobile phones on the premises or in the outside area.

Toilets – If you need to take your child to the toilet, please check with a member of staff first.

Injuries – Please let us know if your child has an injury so that we can complete a pre-existing injuries form.

Covid-19 and other infectious diseases – children should stay at home for three days if they test positive for Covid-19. If your child develops a high temperature they should stay at home until they are better. In cases of sickness and diarrhoea please return to playgroup 48 hours (minimum) after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Absences – Let us know by email or telephone if your child will be absent.

Diary Dates

Start of Term 1 – Tuesday 1st September

Sports Sessions – Every Tuesday

Police Community Support Officer visit – Tuesday 15th September 10am

AGM – to be advised

End of Term 1 – Wednesday 21st October

Start of Term 2 – Monday 2nd November



Contacting Us

During session time (8:30–15:00), please telephone us on **01225 743794** for anything urgent as we cannot regularly monitor email.

Outside session time, please email **boxpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com**

Staff

Supervisor/Manager–Yvonne Jenkinson

Deputy Supervisor–Sarah Vick

Playgroup Assistants–Isabel Lopez, Sarah-Jane Woods, Katie Smith, Caroline Kirkwood, Amy Howland (Bank staff)

Committee

Chair–Sally Weymouth

Treasurer–Emily Aspin

Secretary–Charlotte Mumme-Phippen

Other committee members–
Jerry Watkins, Hannah Antrobus

Ofsted representative–Yvonne Jenkinson

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