

Box Pre-School Playgroup

Learning through creativity and play



Newsletter – January 2026

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas. We start back with a superhero topic. Our superhero adventures will be inspired by the much-loved **Supertato** stories. Through these stories, the children will explore themes of good versus bad, teamwork, problem-solving, and helping others. We have set up our superhero role-play office, allowing imaginative play around role-playing rescue missions, and discussing what makes someone a hero – kindness, bravery, and helping friends.

We will also focus on emotional literacy using the story **Even Superheroes Have Bad Days** by Shelly Becker. This book will help the children understand that everyone – even superheroes – can feel angry, sad, frustrated, or worried sometimes.



by SHELLY BECKER • illustrated by EDA KABAN



Early Maths

This year our preschool is taking part in the [NDNA Maths Champion Programme](#), an initiative designed to support and strengthen early maths learning in the early years.

Through this programme, we will be developing new ideas and approaches to help the children build confidence and enjoyment in maths through play, everyday routines, and real-life experiences. Early maths is not just about numbers – it includes problem-solving, measuring, patterns, shapes, and developing positive attitudes towards learning.

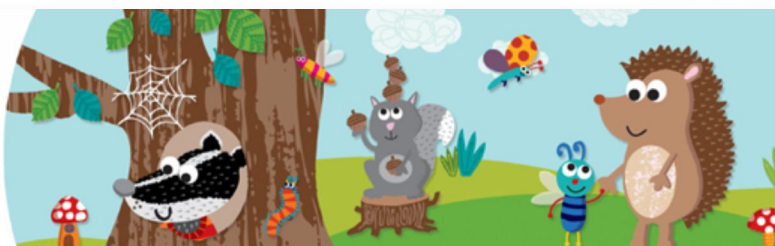
As part of this journey, we will be sharing simple and fun maths ideas that you can try at home with your child. These activities will be easy to fit into daily life, such as counting while tidying up, spotting shapes on a walk, or talking about size and quantity during mealtimes.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising during 2025. We raised **£400** from the Christmas grotto. We are going to use the funds to buy a sensory wall for our book corner. Also, our cumulative total raised from [Easy fundraising](#) (since we started the scheme in 2023) is now at **£961.63**.

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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 3 – Monday 5th January

Sports Sessions – Every Tuesday

End of Term 3 – Friday 13th February

Start of Term 4 – Monday 23rd February

End of Term 4 – Friday 27th March

Staff

Supervisor/Manager–Yvonne Jenkinson

Deputy Supervisor–Sarah Vick

Playgroup Assistants–Isabel Lopez, Sarah-Jane Woods, Gemma Moore, Katie Smith, and Caroline Kirkwood

Committee

Chair–Sally Weymouth

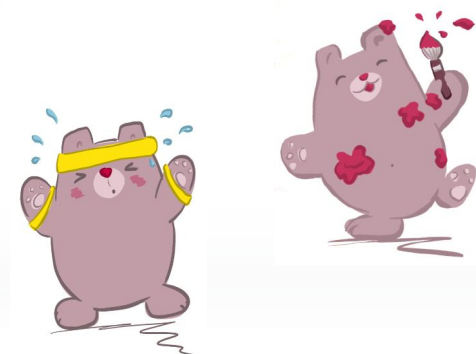
Treasurer–Emily Aspin

Secretary–Charlotte Mumme–Phippen

Other committee members–
Jerry Watkins, Hannah Antrobus

Ofsted representative–Yvonne Jenkinson

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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