

Newsletter March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers



As we approach Easter, we will be helping the children understand the true meaning of Lent in a gentle and age-appropriate way. Our focus will be on kindness, love, and caring for others. In the classroom, we have created a **Kindness Tree**. Each time a child shows kindness towards a friend, we will write their kind action on a leaf and hang it on the tree. We will celebrate these wonderful acts together and encourage positive behaviour throughout the month. Throughout this time, we will also be sharing books and

stories about Easter, enjoying craft activities, and having simple discussions to help the children understand why Easter is so special.

Green Fingers Garden Project

Thank you for supporting your children in caring for their plant pots at home. Please remember to return the plant pots to preschool before we break up for Easter.



Upcoming Events

- **Crawley Library Visit – 2nd March**

We are delighted that the wonderful team from Crawley Library will be visiting us on 2nd March. During their visit, the children will enjoy listening to stories and taking part in songs and interactive activities. These sessions are always a highlight for the children and help to encourage a love of books and reading. We are very grateful for the library team's continued support and the fantastic work they do.

- **Holy Festival of Colours, 3-4 March.**

Holi is a popular Hindu festival that celebrates the arrival of Spring. To mark this special occasion, we will be doing some colourful activities including Traditional Music and Dance inspired by the festive tunes of Holi and large painting activities.

- **World Book Day – 5th March**

Children are encouraged to dress up as any character they like to celebrate this special day at preschool. Our focus book this year is: **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**. Staff will also be dressing up as characters from the story! Each child will receive a book token. We kindly encourage you to take your child to a bookshop to choose a favourite book. Supporting children to develop a love of reading from a young age is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

- **Incredible Duck Eggs – Arriving 9th March**

We are very excited to share that the children will have the wonderful opportunity to watch duck eggs hatch live here at preschool! The duckling hatching kit will arrive on 9th March, and over the following ten days the children will observe the magical process of the ducklings hatching, growing, swimming, and exploring their new environment. This will be a truly memorable and hands-on learning experience for the children, sparking curiosity and helping them learn about life cycles and caring for living things.

- **Mother's Day – 15th March**

To celebrate all the wonderful mums and their unconditional love and dedication, the children will be taking part in special activities at preschool, including making a card and participating in a cooking activity to prepare a small treat. We also invite children to come to preschool on 13th March wearing an outfit in their mum's favourite colour.

- **Cheneler School of Dance – 10th & 27th March**

We are pleased to have Hayley from Cheneler School of Dance, who will be delivering two fun dance sessions for the children.

- **Eid, Monday, end of March.**

It is a time of celebration after a month of fasting, prayers and reflection. Muslims give thanks to God for the strength to complete their fast and seek forgiveness for past mistakes. To make this event special we will do stories about the festival.

Easter Holiday Break

The last day of preschool before the Easter holidays will be 27th March.
Children will return to preschool on 13th April.

We wish all our families a happy, blessed, and joyful Easter!

Parents' Evening – 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th March

Your child's key practitioner will contact you to arrange an appointment time.

Parents' Evening is a valuable opportunity to:

- **Discuss your child's progress**
- **Celebrate achievements**
- **Share any questions or concerns**

Please remember to note your appointment date and time and attend promptly.

Important Notices

Nappies - To help children start their session feeling happy and comfortable, we kindly ask that children who wear nappies arrive at preschool in a fresh, clean nappy.

Nut-Free Setting -We are a strict **nut-free setting**. Please ensure that no food items in lunch boxes contain nuts. This includes pesto and peanut butter products.

Healthy Eating -We kindly ask parents to provide healthy lunch box options. As we encourage toothbrushing activities in the setting, children's diet plays an important role in their oral health and overall wellbeing. Thank you for your support.

Late Collection Policy

- Morning session ends at **12:00pm**
- Afternoon session ends at **3:00pm**

Late collection charges are as follows:

- £5 for every 15 minutes late

If you call to inform us in advance, the charge is £1.50 for every 15 minutes

SNACK donation.



Thank you so much to everyone remembering to bring a piece of fruit for snack time and to those donating money towards our healthy snacks. Please can we continue to encourage this from as many as possible.

Friary Preschool Contact Details:

For general enquiries, these can be emailed to the Friary Preschool using the following email address: info@friarypreschool.co.uk or by telephone on 01293 403873.