

Newsletter May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



Year 6 children, St Francis of Assisi headteacher, and their school bunny – Oreo came to visit our preschool yesterday. The children were delighted to meet Oreo, a very friendly and fluffy bunny who instantly became the star of the day. Thank You to St Francis School for such a thoughtful and engaging visit.

Please make a note of the below Preschool closure dates in May due to May Bank Holiday and Summer half term.

May Bank Holiday – Monday, the 5th of May – Preschool Closed

Summer Half Term – 26th – 30th of May – Preschool Closed

First day back after Summer Half Term – Monday, the 2nd of June.

Spring Activities at Preschool

This Spring children will take part in a variety of engaging activities designed to support their learning and development.

- **Learning spring words and extending their vocabulary**
- **Nature Walk – We will be visiting Southgate Park to observe the signs of spring, including blossoms, flowers, and seasonal changes in nature.**
- **Butterfly Life Cycle – Our butterfly kit will arrive on the 6th of May. The children will have the exciting opportunity to observe tiny caterpillars transform into butterflies.**
- **Science Experiment – The children will explore sinking and floating using spring-themed resources such as blossoms, twigs, and other natural materials.**
- **Spring Stories and Songs – We'll be enjoying a selection of seasonal stories and songs to celebrate springtime.**

- **Teddy Bears Picnic – June, Friday the 13th - This is a lovely annual activity where we invite families, grandparents, and friends to come along and spend the day at Goffs Park. There will be games, miniature train rides, craft activities, and more. We encourage everyone to bring a picnic and spend a fun day with our preschool families and friends.**

Green Fingers Garden Project

Thank you to all children who looked after their plants and returned them to the preschool. The plans have now been planted in our garden and are growing very fast. The children help looking after our flowers, vegetables and herbs. They learn about growth and care.



Preparing for Reception – School Transition Support

As we approach the final term of the school year, we are beginning to prepare our older children for their exciting transition to Reception in September. To support a smooth and confident move into “big school,” we are working closely with local primary schools. Where possible, your child’s new Reception teacher will visit them here at preschool. In some cases, a member of our staff will visit your child’s chosen school to share helpful information and support your child during this important transition.

[Outdoor Landscaping Project – The work on our garden project and the building itself has been completed. The children can enjoy our new turf and an outdoor construction area.](#)

Reminders

- **Sun protection** – As the weather gets warmer, we kindly remind all parents to apply sun protection for your child before arriving at preschool. Please note that staff are not able to apply sunscreen during the day. We recommend using a long-lasting, 8-hour sunscreen to ensure your child stays protected while at preschool.
- **Sun Hats** – Please provide your child with a sun hat clearly labelled with their name.
- **Preschool Spare Clothes** - from time to time, when children do not have the appropriate spare clothes in their bags, we lend them items from our preschool supplies. Unfortunately, many of these clothes have not been returned, and we currently have no spare clothes available. We kindly ask that any borrowed preschool clothing be returned as soon as possible so we can continue to support all children when needed.

Parent Rota



We would like to invite parents to come in and spend time with the children or engage in activities such as storytelling, singing, cooking, or crafts. Please let us know your availability, as this is a wonderful opportunity to observe your child's play and gain insight into preschool experience.

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.



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