

Newsletter January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you and your families enjoyed a joyful time celebrating the birth of Christ, and we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2026.



A very warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined our Friary Preschool family this January. Our classroom is a warm, safe, and nurturing environment where children learn through play, build friendships, and grow in confidence. Please know that we are always here to support both you and your child as you begin this exciting journey with us.

A big thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts we received – they were greatly appreciated by all of us.

🌧 January in Preschool 🌧

This Month's Focus:

In January, our preschoolers will be exploring:

- Winter weather and seasonal changes
- Exploring feelings and emotions
- Building classroom routines and friendships
- Letters, numbers, colours, and shapes through hands-on play

Activities Include:

Winter craft projects, sensory play, story time, music and movement, and simple science experiments.

Topic: Animals in Winter

- Arctic animals
- Hibernating animals
- Penguins and polar bears

These activities support children's curiosity, language development, early scientific thinking, and social-emotional skills, all while having fun in a warm, and nurturing environment.

Upcoming Events	News
<p>12th of January – Dental nurse will be visiting. The children will learn about healthy eating and the importance of brushing their teeth.</p> <p>14th of January – Music therapy workshop</p> <p>19th of January – Library Ladies will be visiting for a session including stories, singing, and action songs.</p> <p>21st of January – Professional dance session with Cheneler School of Dance</p> <p>These special story and activity sessions help to extend children's learning and support their overall development.</p>	<p>Science Workshop (School Leavers Only)</p> <p>Led by one of our parents, this session will guide children through simple, hands-on activities to explore basic scientific ideas, such as how electricity moves and lights up circuits.</p> 

Christmas Photoshoot/raffle

We are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic **£450** from our recent fundraising events—thank you all so much for your generous support.

We plan to use some of the funds to introduce an exciting **duck egg** project during the Spring term. This will give the children a wonderful opportunity to experience the hatching of duck eggs and to learn about caring for ducklings throughout the project.

Final Reminder for School Application – Please remember that the West Sussex school application deadline is 15th of January 2026. Make sure you have applied for your child's school place before this date.

Parents Feedback Questionnaire

We greatly appreciate all those who have taken the time to provide valuable feedback. We are still awaiting responses from some parents, and we would kindly ask any remaining parents to complete the questionnaire at their earliest convenience.

Your feedback is very important to us and helps us to continue improving our provision for your children.

Reminders

- Please label your child's belongings clearly, coats, hats and mittens.
- Please collect your child promptly at the time their session ends. Collection times are 12.00pm or 3.00pm. A late collection fee of £5 will be charged.

PACKED LUNCH

1. If your child brings yoghurt for lunch, please provide a spoon to eat it with.
2. No chocolate, biscuits, sweets, or crisps etc. – encourage good eating habits.
3. No popcorn – the highest choking hazard food for young children.
4. We are a **nut-free setting**. Please do not pack any lunch items containing nuts or products that may contain nuts.
5. Please cut chunky fruit pieces in half and grapes, tomatoes, cocktail sausages lengthways to protect your child from choking.



SNACK donation.

Thank you so much to everyone remembering to bring a piece of fruit for snack time and to those donating money (£2/week) 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.