

St. Peter's Pre-school Newsletter





Autumn term 1 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Autumn term 1. We would like to send good luck wishes to all the summer leavers as they start their school journey.

Our topic for the first half of the term is 'Animals'. We'll be setting up our popular Vets role-play area and learning about different animals, including how we can keep them safe, well, and healthy. We'll explore animals from around the world and learn about the habitats they live in. We'll also head out on nature walks to look for minibeasts, leaving bird feeders to give our local wildlife something tasty to munch on!

This term we've introduced *Music Monday*, and after a couple of sessions it's clear the children are really enjoying the freedom of exploring instruments as they learn. We'll be continuing our theme of alliteration with the return of Wellie-Wednesday, along with a brand-new addition after half term 'French-Friday'. We plan to alternate Wellie-Wednesday and French-Friday each week, and we'll share more information about these sessions soon.

We've also added a new Conversation Station – this is an area where children can bring items to the table to explore visually, creatively, or verbally. They can choose something that interests them from preschool or bring a special item from home to share. It's a calm space the children can visit whenever they like, giving them time to think, talk, investigate, and follow their own curiosity in a quiet moment of learning.

As part of our drive to promote the preschool and welcome new families, we've refreshed our overall theme, moving from bright colours to muted woodland tones and friendly forest creatures. Our message is, 'It takes a village to raise a child, and our village welcomes your child,' We also want to celebrate the wonderful grounds we're lucky to have access to by making the most of our natural environment and taking our learning outside.

After the half term break, the topic will change to seasonal celebrations.

Tina and the team.



Dates for your Diary

28th Oct – Rev Steve Story time visit

23rd Oct – End of Autumn term 1

3rd Nov – Autumn term 2 begins

Points of interest

Going anywhere during the half term break or at weekends? – Take Roly our travel bear and record the fun time you share together.

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We continue to join efforts with St Peter's Church to establish a more sustainable future for the preschool – we welcome any ideas you may have.

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Please visit our family Facebook page for more insight to the activities the children have access to.

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Please check out our newly updated website by visiting www.stpeterspreschool.org.uk

Notices

- 2027 School admission preferences can now be applied for via West Berks online service, closing date **15th Jan 2027.**