

Playgroup News

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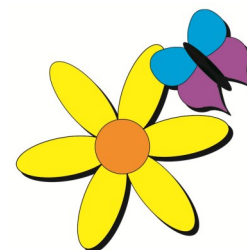
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Autumn Term 2025



Activities

With the weather turning colder as winter approaches and leaves have fallen, we have counted seeds, acorn and conkers, using natural resources to support mathematical learning.



In December we will be writing Christmas lists and walking to the letterbox to post our letters. These will be sent directly to the child's home address rather than the letterbox. The letter will have a message from Santa plus their wishlist.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

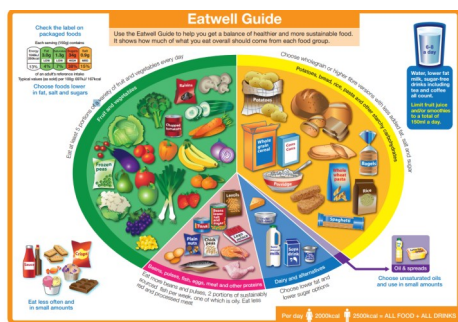
Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival show. Didn't the children do well with their singing!! Thank you for all of your donations which have been donated to the Potters Bar food bank to support local families in need.

Healthy Eating

Just a reminder on Healthy Eating for children

Encourage children to eat a balanced diet containing a wide variety of foods.

Plan meals and snacks that include a variety of food and drinks from the 4 main food groups every day. The more children try new foods, the wider the range of nutrients they will get from their meals.



https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5bbb790de5274a22415d7fee/Eatwell_guide_colour_edition.pdf

PLEASE NO FAST FOOD/MC DONALDS IN LUNCHBOXES

Playgroup/staff News

We said goodbye to the previous manager Celia Mills in the Summer,, we wish her a very happy retirement. Our new manager Nikki Haylock has settled-in very well!

At Half-Term we will be saying Goodbye to Amanda Moore who is stepping down as a key worker to spend more time with her family. Amanda will still be with us once a week on a Wednesday AM and will be part of our 'bank staff'.

NATIVITY SHOW Wednesday 17th December 2025, 11.15am—12:00pm.

The nativity show will be held in St John's Methodist church. All the children who attend St John's Nursery Playgroup are invited to take part. Family and friends are invited to attend this wonderful event, sharing in the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the Clifton Room from 10.45am and parents can take their seats (entering via the Clifton Room entrance) in the church from 11.00 where you will be able to view pictures from our sessions



Children who attend on Wednesdays should be dropped off at the normal time at 8.55am, the remaining children are to be dropped off at 10.40am. Please let us know if your child will be attending (using the form on the notice board).

All the children are given the opportunity to wear a costume if they wish but we will not pressure any children to dress up if they don't want to. Don't be disappointed if they refuse or change their minds, remember this is the first of many opportunities they will have to perform! Please park considerately and avoid blocking cars in; we encourage you to walk if at all possible. We allow parents to take pictures and videos (as unobtrusively as possible please), however we can only allow this with the agreement of all parents - if you have any concerns about this, or any other issues concerning the nativity, please speak to Mrs Stone in complete confidence. Videos and photos must not be uploaded onto social media sites e.g. Facebook

On this day we will close at 12:00pm after the performance, so no lunchboxes will be needed on the day.

There will be NO PM SESSION on this day.

Christmas Party



Wednesday 10 December
11.00am – 2.00pm.

We would like to invite **all the children**, whether they attend on a Wednesday or not, to join the Christmas party. During the party we will have time for making Christmas crafts and party games.

Lunch will be catered for by Teddy's mum (Tase & Graze).

Children who attend Wednesday mornings arrive at normal time (8.55) but can stay until 2pm.

- Children who **do not** attend Wednesday morning are invited to arrive at 11.00.am.

ON THIS DAY WE WILL CLOSE AT 2PM FOR ALL CHILDREN.

Please let us know if your child will be attending.



Snow Conditions

With winter on its way, there is the possibility of snow. We would like to remind you of our 'snow policy'. If any of the

local primary schools are closed due to the snow, we will not open either.



WE WILL ANNOUNCE ANY CLOSURES ON OUR PARENTS WHATSAPP GROUP.

Parent Consultations



Consultations with your child's keyworker will take place from **Monday 1 December**. We will give you your child's learning journal and a brief report to take home earlier in the week; please remember to bring it back with you for your 10 minute appointment.

There is a form on the notice board stating when your 10 minute appointment time will be. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their keyworker

Term Dates

Autumn term 2025

Thursday 4 September - Wednesday 17 December (14 weeks)

Mon 27th—Fri 31st Oct Half Term (closed)

Week commencing 2 Dec: Parent Consultations!

Wednesday 10th December Christmas Party for all children; 11.00am -2:00pm. **CLOSE 2PM**

Wednesday 17th December - Nativity in Church

11:15am—12:00pm & **LAST DAY OF AUTUMN**

TERM—CLOSE 12:00pm. NO PM SESSION

Christmas Holidays: Thurs 18th Dec—Fri 2nd Jan inclusive.

Spring Term 2026

Mon 5th January— Fri 27th March (11 weeks)

Mon 16th— Fri 20th February Half Term (Closed)

Thursday 5th March World Book Day (dressing up day)

Fri 27th March — Easter Service in Church

11:15am—12:00pm & **LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM**

CLOSE 12pm. NO PM SESSION.

Easter Holidays: Mon 30th Mar—Fri 10th April inclusive

Summer Term 2026

Mon 13th April - Fri 17th July (13 weeks)

Mon 4th May - Bank Holiday (Closed)

Mon 25th - Fri 29th May Half Term (Closed)

Week commencing Mon 6 July: parent consultations

Friday 17th July Picnic, sports day, end of term

event at Furzefield open space and woods & **LAST**

DAY OF SUMMER TERM. Finish 2pm.



Sustainability

This academic year we will be focusing on Sustainability. We have 2 'Sustainability Leads' in the setting; Ms Haylock & Ms Odedra.

Some of the ideas we have already put in place are:

- Sending PDF's rather than printing.
- Sending Invoices via email (please let us know if you are happy to receive your invoice via email)
- Recycling / Food Waste with the children

Please talk to your children about Recycling to re-enforce what we are learning in playgroup!