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## Summer Term 1 Newsletter 2026

We hope you are enjoying your break. We are looking forward to seeing you all again and hearing about your children's break. A warm welcome to our new starters joining us this term.

Our first day of the new term is **Monday 13th April 2026**.

It was fantastic to hold another lovely event at the end of last term for the Easter Hat parade. We raised a total of £246.50 from the hamper squares, refreshments and kind donations.

Thank you to families and staff again for your contributions and a big thank you to our local TOUTS for their support supplying refreshments.

### Themes and learning opportunities

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and should support children to gain a broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life. We also follow the non-statutory guidance, 'Development matters' to help support our own knowledge.

We will provide a high quality, enabling environment that supports the seven areas of learning and nurtures children's interests. The curriculum will continue in the format of 'themes' and will support each unique child. The themes will be as follows:

**13<sup>th</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May: Spring and animals**

**4<sup>th</sup> May- 5<sup>th</sup> June: Health and wellbeing**

**8<sup>th</sup> June- 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Space, the world, travel, summer**

**6<sup>th</sup> July- 20<sup>th</sup> July: School and transitions**

We will also be following and supporting the children's interests and incorporating them to support their learning. Alongside our themes, we have accompanying songs and themed poems from 'The Poetry Basket' as well as letters of the week - the first letter of the first week of the new term will be 'Z', the number of the week will be number '1' and we start the term off with our April Poem- 'Spring Wind' you can view the poem with Makaton here: [Poetry Basket - Popcorn](#) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r95dKqmWMCU> please keep an eye out of 'Tapestry memos' for our Makaton signs of the week - the children have engaged well with this - we may repeat some if the children are struggling to remember them.

### Show and Tell

At Pre-school we welcome every child to bring something in from home to 'show and tell' during morning registration. It's a great opportunity for them to extend their communication, language and personal, social and emotional development. To make it fair, we ask that children show something **once** a week to allow everyone to have a turn. We are asking for children to **only** bring in specific items such as something that shows their achievements, something they have made, something related to our letter of the week or an item related to our current theme. Please label items from home if possible.

### Take Home Ted

Take home Ted already had some lovely adventures last term with some of the children.

Take home Ted is our Pre-school Teddy, children who are due to start school this September will all have a chance to take him home for a week so he can join them on their adventures- this could be anything from a trip to the library or visiting family . Please add pictures, some words or allow your child to draw a picture of them with Ted visiting so they can share it with their friends when he returns with them to Pre-school.

### Helpers at Pre-school

If you or a family member has a job or a hobby or if you would like to share cultural or religious celebrations important to your family with us, we would love to welcome you to Pre-school for a one off visit where you can share information with our children - For our next theme 'People Who Help Us' we are hoping to have some additional visits from 'people who help us' and are looking to invite more people who have occupations that would reflect 'helping people' this could be police officers, doctors, nurses, dentists, librarians etc. if you or anyone you know has a job that 'helps' and would be happy to come to Pre-school to give a short talk to the children about this, please let us know. Alternatively, if you'd like to come and read a favourite story or help us with our garden area, please let a member of staff know and we can arrange a convenient date for you.

### Planned Educational Visitors to Pre-school

#### Premier Education Sports

We have the sports team from Premier Education joining us for 6 sports based short sessions in May to help with supporting the children's physical development alongside all other areas of learning. These sessions are structured similarly to PE sessions at school and will support the children with their school readiness.



#### Forest school

We have some dates in booked in June with Alice from Goblin Coombe Forest school, these will take place in June on The Grove field- there will be more information in the next newsletter regarding this. We are excited to have Alice join us again - it is always a great hands-on, holistic learning opportunity for the children

### Primary School Places September 2026

Primary school places for September 2026 will be announced on 'National offer day', **Thursday 16th April** **Please confirm with us the school place your child has been allocated once you have received the information.**

For more information on the school application process, please see the link below

[Offer day for new school places | North Somerset Council](#)

or

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/allocated-school-places-bulk>

We will be inviting teachers from the allocated schools to visit Pre-school once we have the information on school places. I will notify you when I have confirmation of any dates, if it occurs on a date that your child does not attend, they will be invited to join where possible.

We will be looking at encouraging children to engage in 'step up' focus group activities in their prospective school groups.

<b>16 April 2026</b> <i>or the next working day if this falls on a weekend or bank holiday</i>	If you made an 'on time' application and provided an email address, you will receive your outcome via email.
<b>National Offer Day</b>	If you made an 'on time' application and did not provide an email address, your outcome letter will be sent out by second class post on this day.
<b>By 30 April 2026</b>	You must respond to your offer by this date.

## Term Dates April 2026- July 2026

Term	First Day of Term	Last Day Of Term
Summer Term 1	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Summer Term 2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

Pre-school is closed during Bank holidays.

## New Term Dates September 2026 - July 2027

Term	First Day of Term	Last Day Of Term
Autumn Term 1	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2026
Spring Term 1	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Spring Term 2	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Summer Term 1	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
Summer Term 2	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2027

### Fundraising

We are always raising funds to help improve and update Pre-school, a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed, helped and donated this year!

We will update via Tapestry memos with Grove Pre-school Fundraising Committee updates.

### Turn Nailsea Pink

This year we are taking part in the community event of 'Turn Nailsea Pink' again, to raise money for Cancer research, it was a great event last year!

From the week commencing **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** We will be decorating Pre-school pink, with the help of the children . We are also asking for children to wear pink from the week commencing **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**.

We have joined the 'Turn Nailsea Pink' Team with our own fundraising page and ask for all donations to be made electronically via the link or QR code below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/turn-grove-pre-school-nailsea-pink>



## [INNCo/SENCo support](#)

At Grove Pre-school, Caroline Reynolds is Pre-school Inclusion Co-ordinator (INCCo), this is also referred to at times as a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo).

Ms Reynolds helps to oversee any additional needs the children may require support with e.g. speech and language support, emotional development support etc Ms Reynolds also supports families with English as an additional language.

The aim as Pre-school INCCo is to work in partnership with parents/carers, supporting the staff team and working with outside agencies such as the speech and language team or the North Somerset Area SENCo.

If you have any concerns about your child's development please discuss this with their key person and they will pass it on to Caroline Reynolds, alternatively, you can speak directly to Caroline Reynolds.

Ms Reynolds has recently completed the official Early Years SENCo Level 3 qualification that looks like it is set to become compulsory for all Early Years settings in the future.



## [The North Somerset SEND Hub](#)

The North Somerset SEND hub is a useful website for parents/carers to view to see what is available in our area. [SEND Hub \(Local Offer\) | North Somerset Council](#)

## [Online Support for All Families](#)

### [Tiny Happy People \(Cbeebies Parenting\)](#)

There is an overwhelming amount of advice aimed at parents/carers online, some of which can be conflicting!

A great website with reputable advice is Tiny Happy People - Cbeebies Parenting: [Tiny Happy People](#)

There is also a great page about Pre-schoolers on the website here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/science-and-facts>

### [Family Corner by The Early Years Alliance](#)

At Pre-school, we are a member of Early Years Alliance, they are offering a support and information service for families -

[Home | Early Years Alliance Family Corner](#) / [https://www.familycorner.co.uk/#msdynmkt\\_trackingcontext=216b7465-caec-4c67-8c5a-8e1b10f40100](https://www.familycorner.co.uk/#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=216b7465-caec-4c67-8c5a-8e1b10f40100)

Family Corner: helps families to develop positive home learning environments.

On Family Corner, the Alliance's family arm, they offer a wide range of exciting sessions for parents and carers who would like to learn more about supporting their children's learning.





## CONTEMPORARY NURSERY PHOTOGRAPHY

PLEASE BRING ALONG ANY SIBLINGS YOU  
WOULD LIKE IN YOUR SHOOT.

NO OBLIGATION TO BUY ( PRICES FROM £6 )

A PERCENTAGE FROM EVERY PRINT SOLD  
GOES TO YOUR GROUP.

CHECK OUT OUR GREAT SPECIAL OFFERS  
& PRODUCTS.

WE WILL BE AT YOUR GROUP ON

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

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### Photographer at Pre-school

This year, we will be having a photographer visit Pre-school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

All children in on that day will be photographed and you will receive a sample and be able to buy digital or physical copies if you wish.

If your child does not attend on a Wednesday or you would like photographs with siblings. Please book a time slot on the sign up sheet from the start of the term

### Hot Weather Safety

As the weather (hopefully) starts to warm up, children will need **named sun hats to leave at Pre-school and suitable clothing**- shoulders and feet need to remain covered.

It can take time away from learning and playing if we need to apply suncream to children throughout the day so we ask for children to have **ALL DAY suncream applied before they attend Pre-school**.

On warmer days, we will check that suncream has been applied before children enter Pre-school, if they do not have suncream on you will need to take them home to apply it or come up ASAP to apply it to them.

We will provide shade where possible and give regular reminders to drink water- **please provide water only in named bottles** as this is recommended for oral hygiene reasons and to discourage children from drinking out of other's water bottles.

### Important dates for Summer Term 1

Event	Date	To do
First Day of Summer Term 1	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Welcome back!
National Offer Day (2026 school starters)	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Inform Pre-school of School
Turn Pre-school Pink!	W/C Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Send your child to Pre-school in pink and please donate as above
Pre-school photo day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Sign up if needed
Last day of Summer Term 1	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	-

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## Coming up

### Nailsea Carnival and Fayre

We are excited to take part in Nailsea Carnival again this year. We would love for as many children, their siblings, parents/carers and family to take part! - With staff and adults joining in and dressing up too!

This year's Carnival is due to take place on **Saturday 4th July**. Procession entrants should assemble at Clevedon Road car park from **midday**, ready for the procession to depart at **12:30pm**. Please note that these timings differ from previous years.

Judging will now take place as entries move out of the car park and along the route. The winners will be announced at Millennium Park immediately after the procession's arrival where the Fayre is also held. A map of the procession route can be found on our website at [www.nailseacarnival.org.uk/processionmap](http://www.nailseacarnival.org.uk/processionmap).

This year we have chosen a theme from a great suggestion from a Pre-school parent - "When I grow up, I'd like to be..." This could be a career, a hobby or the person they would like to be represented in a costume.

**Costumes should be simple to put together and recognisable.**

There will be a sign up sheet for parents/carers to confirm their attendance at the carnival- If there are not enough families joining we may not be able to take part.

There will also be dates available for parents/carers to come in to Pre-school and create banners/props with your children, if needed, from the first day of the new term.

We would love to have a mix of all the different things your children would like to be when they grow up - Please ask your children and follow their interests!

We've heard children discuss what they want to be when they grow up such as police officers, superheroes, musicians and even tooth fairies! We're looking forward to hearing everyone's ideas!

If you have any questions, please ask a member of staff.



### End Of Year Arrangements

#### Leavers Party/Farewell

Every year we arrange a leaver's party for the children starting school in September, this year, due to there being no session of only school starters, we will need to hold this on a day that some younger children usually attend - this will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 12pm** if your child is not starting school and they usually attend a Tuesday PM, they will need to be collected at 12pm or if they just attend the PM they will be unable to attend.

If your child is starting school and doesn't usually attend on a Tuesday PM, please bring them to Pre-school at 12pm for the leaver's party.

We will arrange for the younger children not attending Pre-school due to the leavers session to attend an alternative session during Summer term 2. I will be in touch separately to arrange this.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused - it is important for us to celebrate all children's transitions to school.

We will also be inviting parents/carers of children leaving school to a short concert and farewell during the session this will take place at around 2.15pm

#### Last Day of Pre-school

On the last day of Pre-school for the academic year- **Monday 20th July**, during the afternoon session we are inviting all families to join us for a small sports day and to bring your own picnic - weather permitting, this will take place on The Grove field, with the inside of The Grove reserved if it rains.

We hope you will all be able to join us.

**Timings and details will be confirmed closer to the date.**



## Information for new starters and reminders

### Pre-school Curriculum goals

At Grove Pre-school we will provide an enabling environment that supports and extends all children's learning and development, including children with English as additional language and Special Educational Needs.

We will implement the Early Years Foundation Stage to holistically cover all 7 areas of learning and development and support all characteristics of effective learning through flexible planning which is responsive to individual children's needs, interests and experiences.

As follows are goals that are important to us at Grove Pre-school. We aim to work in partnership with parents/carers to help children to be able to learn, remember and master some important skills by the end of their journey at Pre-school.

#### **Communication and language:**

- To know and be able to recite, with actions, at least 6 poems from the Poetry basket with support
- To know and be able to sing at least 6 familiar songs, with actions
- To be able to retell our chosen Pre-school stories – 'Barbara's Very Useful Guide to Moods' by Nadia Shireen, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle, 'Misha Makes Friends' by Tom Percival, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'The Three Little Pigs' by First Readers

#### **Personal, social and emotional development:**

- To be aware of their different emotions and know at least 2 healthy ways to help regulate their own emotions, with the help of our wellbeing box.
- To know our pre-school rules that support our British values. – Play safe, be safe, share and take turns, listen to each other, be kind to others and have fun!

#### **Physical Development:**

- For children to be able to complete an obstacle race
- To be able to be independent and knowledgeable about their self-care -to be able to use the toilet, washing their hands properly, putting their shoes and coats on.
- To make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and oral hygiene

#### **Literacy:**

- To show an early interest in stories and a passion for reading with a focus on our 5 chosen Pre-school books - 'Barbara's Very Useful Guide to Moods', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Misha Makes Friends', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Three Little Pigs'
- To know the structure and storyline of our 5 chosen Pre-school books and be able to reference them and describe what happens during the different parts – beginning, middle and the end.
- To recognise and write some of their name

#### **Maths**

- For children to be able to subitise and have a deeper understanding of numbers 1-5
- To be able to describe a familiar walk and route we take at pre-school

#### **Understanding the world**

- To know the metamorphosis process of a caterpillar to a butterfly and to know how to grow a seed into a plant
- To have positive attitudes about the difference between people

#### **Expressive Art and Design**

- To be able to show different emotions through the media of dance, paint and role play
- To be able to play instruments with increasing control and meaning

## Arrangements for drop off and pick up

### Early drop off

If you wish for your child to start Pre-school earlier, we offer an 8.30 start for a fee of £6 each time, please arrange this in advance via email or talk to a member of staff.

Drop off is operated from the gate, we feel this works well for everyone and it allows the children to settle quicker at the start of the day as well as promoting independence - it's lovely to see the children walk in together, helping each other.

Please wait outside the gate until a member of staff invites your child in, you are welcome to come in with your child if you feel they need this. Mornings can be busy, if you wish to speak to a member of staff you may need to wait until we have welcomed all the children into Pre-school and helped them with their individual needs.

At the start of the day, a member of staff will greet you and your child at the gate, please remain outside the gate, a member of staff regularly checks the gate for new or late arrivals in the morning. Children can enter once a member of staff is there and the remaining members of staff will be inside to welcome children and help them get organised for the day. At pick up/drop off at 12pm, please wait outside the gate and a member of staff will bring your child to you/welcome your child into Pre-school.

At pick up we welcome parents/carers in at 3pm, please wait outside the gate until a member of staff invites you in.

You may be asked to show photographic ID if a member of staff who hasn't met you yet is on the gate. Please notify us at drop off if there are any changes to the person picking up or notify us ASAP if this changes throughout the day. If someone different is to pick up your child, please notify us, they will be required to bring ID and provide us with a password if they are not on the registration forms.

**Drop off - 9am (or 8.30am if booked for an early start)**

**Pick up- 3pm for all**

### Late Collection and Fees

We ask that you are on time to collect your child, it can be upsetting for your child if you are late and they know they are being collected, it can also cause issues with staff/ child ratios if your child is due to go home at lunch time and another child needs to join for the afternoon session

**If you are consistently late to collect your child, due to at least two paid members of staff having to stay with them at Pre-school, a charge of £6 per 15 minutes will be incurred**

## Contact Details

Please notify us of any changes of home address/ telephone number/ email address as soon as possible so we can update our records. **All our contact details are at the top of the newsletter.**

## Emergency Closures

In the event of extreme weather or illness causing staff shortages resulting in us having to close, a memo will be posted on Tapestry and a Facebook post will confirm this.

## Clothing

We encourage outside activity and regularly go for walks.

With the changeable weather, please ensure your child has suitable clothing - no shoulders showing, and footwear- no open toed shoes.

Please provide **named wellies** in a bag and a **named sun hat**, that your child likes and knows is theirs, to stay at Pre-school all year round.

## **Please apply all day sun cream during spring and summer months**

Please provide named changes of clothes including pants/socks or nappies/wipes if they wear them in your child's bag

If you wish to purchase any you can do so online:  
Uniform is optional, if you would like your child to wear a uniform you can purchase it here:

<https://www.gouldgarments.co.uk/grovepreschool>

## Books and book bags

We are fortunate to have several boxes of books at Pre-school the children can borrow these (new children will receive a book bag during their first week at pre-school, if not before) this will include a book to record any comments about the books read, what your child thought about the books and any reading progress. You can also use the record book to write a note for your child's key person.

There will be an information sheet and 'Family book' enclosed, please fill this with family members, pets and anything of importance to your child. These are a great resource to help your child settle and to help them share their home life with us. There is also a 'wow' sheet, this is for sharing 'wow' moments with us- your child's achievements.

We will be sending several books home at a time so please only send in book bags a maximum of once a week or when the books have been read.

## Our Pre-school rules

During the first week back at Pre-school, we will be reminding returning children and introducing new children to our 5 Pre-school rules, these follow our British Values.

We will be working on supporting the children to remember and follow them to help create a positive Pre-school environment.

Please support us at home by talking through them with your child in preparation of them returning/ joining us at Pre-school.

**Be kind to all** - using kind words and kind hands/ feet

**Share and take turns**- We support children to do this using sand timers and name lists for fair turn taking  
**Play safe, be safe**- not running inside, keeping shoes on, listening to instructions

**Look after our things**- Pre-school resources are for all to enjoy and we would like to encourage the children to help to take care of them like they would their own toys at home

**Listen to others**- including their friends, any visitors and the teachers at Pre-school



## 'Take 5' Pre-school Rules



## Fees

**Invoices are issued via Tapestry 'Memos'** - if you have any questions, please speak to Caroline Reynolds

### **Session fees/ funding**

If paying privately the cost is currently £24.00, per session (3 hours) this can be paid monthly/weekly/daily or half termly in advance. Fees continue to be payable if a child is absent. Where there is availability, we will sell sessions. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to book any temporary extra sessions.

Early starts from 8.30am are available, paid privately at the cost of £6.

Each child's attendance is conditional upon continued payment of any necessary fees and/or funding. We expect children who are eligible for funding to use funding for all their sessions at Pre-school or to pay fees as above, we therefore expect that at the end of the first week of term we will have received a payment from each parent/carer for a monthly/weekly/ daily or half termly payment or a completed Funding form.

### **Funding codes**

Funding codes for up to 30-hours last approximately 3 months from the date you received the code, you should receive an email but please make a note to re-check/verify every 3 months.

For more information visit: [www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)

### **2-Year-Old Funding for Families Receiving Additional Support**

The link for parents/carers to apply for 2-year-old funding for families receiving additional support is:

<https://live.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/NorthSomerset/Synergy/>

Please contact Maria Powell or Liz Owen via [Two.YearoldFunding@n.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Two.YearoldFunding@n.somerset.gov.uk)

if you have any queries about applying for the funding.

### **Tax-Free Childcare**

You can subsidise payments via tax free childcare if you are eligible, a contribution is made towards your

payments, for more information visit: [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) /

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

The URN Ofsted registration number, if using tax free childcare is 2653730

Registered as: Mrs C Reynolds, Grove Preschool.

### **Resource fee**

We ask for a resource fee contribution, without it we would be unable to cover extras such as fruit, drawing materials, extra resources, seasonal gifts. You can pay termly (6 times a year) or yearly.

Hours attending per week	Resource fee per term	Total per year
3-15	£11.00	£66.00
16-30	£16.00	£96.00

### **Bank details for Pre-school**

Grove Preschool Nailsea Limited

Account number: 19949720

Sort code: 04-06-05

**Please use your family name as the reference. We do not take cash payments.**

## Absences

Please let us know via telephone call, each day of absence before 9am if your child will not be attending and why, for our safeguarding and records. You can call either telephone numbers 07722326993/07749240004. If you are unable to call, please email us: [info@grovepreschoolnailsea.co.uk](mailto:info@grovepreschoolnailsea.co.uk)

**Please do not post on Tapestry as this may not be seen soon enough.**

Please do not expect a reply, if we have not received communication from you, for safeguarding reasons, we will contact you.

## Food and drink

**Please inform us of any changes to allergies or dietary requirements as soon as possible.**

Following our duties outlined in the EYFS Statutory Guidance we encourage children to make healthy choices about food and drink, please help support this by providing healthy food choices in their lunch box and **only water** in their water bottles for Pre-school.

### Snack time

We will provide a variety of different fruit/ vegetables alongside a drink for your child to choose for a snack during the morning session- the cost is covered in the resource fee.

### Lunch boxes

Children staying past 12 or attending at 12 for lunch will need to bring a packed lunch in a named washable lunch box with an ice pack - we provide a safe space for lunch boxes and make sure the children are aware that lunch boxes are to be used at lunch time.

We are under regulatory obligation to provide healthy, balanced and nutritious food to children where supplied - this is usually just snack time where it will be a piece of fruit. We must encourage healthier food choices for packed lunches, this includes supporting parents/carers to provide:

A balanced diet covering the 4 main food groups

a variety of fruit and vegetables to access different vitamins and nutrients.

**We are also asking that you avoid foods and drinks high in salt, sugar and saturated fat, milk and water are the only drinks that can be consumed at Pre-school.**

**- Please see advice below regarding the statutory framework for healthy eating and choking hazards, the leaflet is in poster form so it can be viewed in full without printing.**

**Please remember to cut grapes and cherry tomatoes as these are a choking hazard for young children. We are a nut free setting, please do not include any nuts or foods containing nuts.**

### Drinks

We provide milk or water in a cup at snack time and lunch time.

**Please provide a named water bottle for your child so they can have access to water throughout the day. - If you forget to provide one, please let your child's key person know and we will find them a spare for the day.**

### Celebrations

Many families like to celebrate their child's birthday and other special events such as a holiday by bringing in a cake or sweets to the setting to share. This can mean that some children are eating these unhealthy foods several times a week. Due to updates in the EYFS and our food and in line with this, our nutrition policy, we can no longer regularly share unhealthy celebratory food. Due some months being busier than others for celebrations, we are suggesting celebrations involving food remain entirely healthy- for example fruit platters to share, or involve non-edible options to celebrate with such as bubbles or stickers. If you would like to discuss this further, please let me know.

## Online Communication

### Tapestry

**We use Tapestry as our primary source of communication to work in partnership with parents.**

Tapestry has multiple functions, not only can you view your child's personal online learning journal with records of photos and observations of your child you can also view documents via memos which will include **information, updates, newsletters, invoices, fee reminders and emergency closures due to weather etc.**

For information on how to use Tapestry please visit: <https://support.tapestry.info/parents-carers/>

**Please check Tapestry regularly to view your child's observations and important Memos**

**Once you have read memos, please 'like' the post so we know you have seen it.**

Email invites have been sent out from Tapestry to all new families and re-sent to parents/carers who have not yet set their account up (Please check junk/spam)

**New Families**-Please go into your child's account, on the right-hand side it says "About me" please complete this section to help us learn more about your child and create a starting point to help us support continual progression.

Please note: the staff have a rota for observations each staff has multiple key children, with this in mind, there will not be updates every time your child attends, but there will be focused observations initially to establish a 'starting point' and 'Wow' moments, There is a general update weekly for all families.

**Facebook**-We have a Facebook page where we share more general information and updates, to like our page search **Grove Preschool Nailsea**

**Instagram**-Follow us on Instagram: [www.instagram.com/grovepreschoolnailsea](http://www.instagram.com/grovepreschoolnailsea)

**If you are having trouble accessing anything online please speak to a member of staff.**

**You are welcome to chat to a member of staff at any time, call us during session times or email us if needed.**

## Safeguarding

**Our Safeguarding statement: "We are committed to promoting the welfare of and safeguarding all of our children and expect everyone to share this commitment"**

Our designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is Assistant Leader, **Nicola Brierley**, in her absence, Assistant Leader **Nikki Ferguson** is also qualified to deal with any instances or queries relating to safeguarding. Leader, **Caroline Reynolds** is designated safeguarding officer and oversees any safeguarding work. If you would like to speak to us privately regarding the safeguarding of any child, we can accommodate this.

Below is a reminder of our statutory duties in safeguarding all children:

There may be times when staff are required to have difficult conversations with you. Where staff are concerned about a child's safety or welfare, they may ask questions you may find uncomfortable or upsetting. Please understand they are normal procedure and we are not passing judgement.

If we need to take further action, as a result of our conversation, we will inform you, unless we feel doing so would cause more risk. We must do this as part of the statutory duties that apply to **all** early years providers. We are required to note any existing injuries on an existing injuries form.

Please let us know if your child has an injury at home or on their way to Pre-school. We understand that children have accidents. If you do not inform us when you drop your child off, we will need to ask you how your child has any injury such as a bruise or other mark. This will then be recorded for you to sign. If you would like to discuss anything further, please speak to a member of staff.

## Grove Pre-school Anti-Racism Statement

We have always joined North Somerset and the Early Years team **at Grove Pre-school to share that we celebrate diversity, promote inclusion, and challenge racism and all forms of prejudice. We want every child to grow up to do the same.**

This is imbedded in our practice and the British values that we follow. You can see this in more detail, along with other useful information on our parent/carer board to the left of the door as you enter our Pre-school room.



Everyone has an equal right to help to make decisions  
We vote on activities such as books, songs and outdoor play



Everyone has an equal right to liberty-freedom of expression  
We encourage everyone to share their opinions, ideas, thoughts and feelings



Rules are applied equally and fairly- everyone is aware of our rules  
We practice positive reinforcement and have discussions about our rules and why we have them



We respect the values, ideas and beliefs of Everyone we treat each other kindly, allowing everyone to have a 'voice'  
We take turns to speak and listen to each other we take equal turns sharing toys- with the help of our sand timer



Understanding, accepting and not judging those we don't share the same beliefs or ideas with  
We discuss and learn about lots of different religions and beliefs we enjoy learning about different celebrations

## Children's health/illnesses

Children can develop a range of common illnesses.

To help guide parents and carers on how best to treat their children at home, a team of paediatric experts has developed the HANDi App. The HANDi app aims to provide advice and support to parents and carers when a child is unwell.

The HANDi app offers simple and straightforward advice, for the following conditions in children:

- diarrhoea and vomiting
- high temperature
- 'chesty baby' illnesses, such as bronchiolitis, asthma and croup
- 'chesty child' illnesses, such as wheezing and asthma
- tummy pain
- head injuries.

You can download the app here: [HANDi app - BNSSG Healthier Together](#)

Please remember, children should not attend pre-school if they have a temperature, even if this has been treated with medicine. They should not attend Pre-school if they have had diarrhoea or sickness until 48 hours after the last episode. As we have a small staff team, we may be unable to open if there are too many of us unwell.

For more information please visit the NHS website: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)