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Summer Term 1 Newsletter 2025

We are looking forward to seeing you all again and hearing about your children's break. A warm welcome to our new families joining us this term. I hope everyone else has had a good break. Our first day of the new term is **Tuesday 22nd April**. It was fantastic to hold another lovely event at the end of last term for the Easter Hat parade. We raised a total of £198.72 from the hamper squares, refreshments and donations. Thank you to families and staff again for your contributions and a big thank you to our local TOUTS for their support. We are donating £30 to our chosen charity – St Peter's Hospice.

Themes and learning opportunities

We return to our theme '**Spring and animals**' before moving on to '**Health and Wellbeing**'

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:

24th March- 2nd May: Spring and animals

5th May- 6th June: Health and wellbeing

9th June- 4th July: Space, the world, travel, summer

7th July- 21st 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 letters of the first week back will be 'A' and 'B', the number of the week will be number '2' and the poem will continue to be 'Spring Breeze' for the rest of the month.

You can view the poem on YouTube here:

[WIN 20210408 10 36 31 Pro](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnRpC7dbTlo) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnRpC7dbTlo>

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 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. Our next letter of the week is the letter 'A' and 'B'

Take Home Ted

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.

Vaisakhi

Over the break, it has been the celebration of Vaisakhi, also called **Baisakhi**, this is the festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community, the Khalsa, in 1699.

We will be looking at this celebration through some activities and books.

It is important to us that we celebrate all of our Pre-school families traditions, if you have any information or would like to share any traditions regarding Vaisakhi or any other festival/celebrations that you celebrate with your children, please let me know.

You can find out more information about Vaisakhi here:

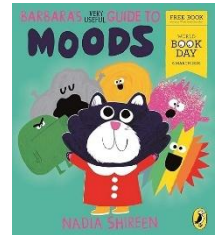
[What is Vaisakhi? - BBC Bitesize](#)



Pre-school Core Books

At Pre-school we have core books that we look at repeatedly throughout every term, as well as books that link with our themes.

As a team, we reviewed our core books and decided to remove 'The Colour Monster' we have now found a replacement - 'Barbara's Very Useful Guide to Moods' by Nadia Shireen. This is a great book that represents different emotions in a relatable way, it was free during World Book Day and we have spare copies if you'd like to borrow a copy to read at home.



Our updated core book titles are: '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

Organised Educational Visitors to Pre-school

Forest School

We have one booked session for a forest school session with Alice Tucker from 'Goblin Combe Adventures' and are hoping to be able to book further sessions.

Premier Sports

We are also hoping for Premier sports to join us over the summer terms, I will keep you updated regarding this.

Helpers at Pre-school

If you or a family member have a faith, culture, job or a hobby that you would like to come to Pre-school to tell our children about or if you would like to come and read a favourite story or help us with our garden area, it would be lovely to invite you in.

At Grove Pre-school we are anti-racist, we value and celebrate diversity. It is important for our children to hear from members of our community to help them to further develop their understanding of the world.

Please let a member of staff know and we can arrange a convenient date for you.

Primary School Places September 2025

Primary school places for September 2025 were announced on **Wednesday 16th April**

Please confirm with us the school place your child has been allocated on their return to Pre-school

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 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.

Nailsea Carnival and Fayre

We are excited to take part in Nailsea Carnival 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 5th July**. Procession entrants should assemble at Clevedon Road car park from 12:15pm, ready to be judged by 12:30pm. The procession leaves Clevedon Road car park at 1:00pm and will finish at Millennium Park for the afternoon Fayre – with the prize-giving, entertainment in the form of music and dance, children's rides, stalls and a car boot sale.

A map of the procession route can be found on our website at www.nailseacarnival.org.uk/processionmap.

This year we have chosen one of our Pre-school themes that the children always engage well with 'People who help us'

Costumes should be simple to put together

We will provide different 'People who help us' hat templates to decorate and would like so make some 'Thank you People Who Help us, from Grove Pre-school' banners.

There will be a sign up sheet for parents/carers to confirm their attendance at the carnival and to come in to Pre-school and create hats/ banners/props with your children from the first day of term.

We would love to have a mix of all the different professions from police officers, firefighters, farmers

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



Term Dates January 2025- July 2025

Term	First Day of Term	Last Day Of Term
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Summer Term 2	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Monday 21 st July 2025

Pre-school is closed during Bank holidays.

Term Dates September 2025- July 2026

Term	First Day of Term	Last Day Of Term
Autumn Term 1	Monday 1 st September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
Autumn Term 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 12 th December 2025
Spring Term 1	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026
Spring Term 2	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer Term 1	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer Term 2	Monday 1 st June 2026	Monday 20 th July 2026

Pre-school is closed during Bank holidays.

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 step-up session due to the mix of children, we will need to hold this on a day that some younger children usually attend – this will take place on **Thursday 19th July from 12pm** if your child is not starting school and they usually attend a Thursday 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 Thursday 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 21st 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 will be confirmed closer to the date.



Safeguarding

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

Our designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is Nicola Brierley, Caroline Reynolds is our designated safeguarding officer (DSO) in their absence, Nikki Ferguson is also qualified to deal with any instances or queries relating to safeguarding. If you would like to speak to us privately, 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, as per standard procedure, for you to sign. If you would like to discuss anything further, please speak to a member of staff.



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 7th May

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WWW.CONCEPTPHOTOGRAPHYLTD.CO.UK

Photographer at Pre-school

This year, we will be having a photographer visit Pre-school on **Wednesday 7th 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 and you would like photographs, you will be able to sign up for a time slot from the first day of the new term so that you can bring them to Pre-school for their photo on the day.

Hot Weather Safety

As the weather (hopefully) starts to warm up, children will need **named sun hats 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.

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.

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.

Fees

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

Session Fees

If paying privately the cost is **£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.

2 year old 15-hour codes and 30-hour codes 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

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) or

<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, Mother's/Father's Day, Easter gifts etc. 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

Late Collection Fee

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

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.

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

Food and drink

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

As part of the EYFS we will be encouraging 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 and ice pack - we will provide a safe space for lunch boxes.

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. Please do not include popcorn in your child's lunch.

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.**



Contact Details

It is important that we have up to date contact details- phone numbers and address, in case we need to contact you urgently to collect your child or if we have to close suddenly. Please notify us of any changes as soon as possible so we can update our records.

All our contact details are at the top of the newsletter.

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, these can stay at Pre-school.

Please apply all day sun cream and provide your child with a named sun hat on sunny days.

Uniform is optional. Please provide changes of clothes in your child's bag,

If you wish to purchase any you can do so online:

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

Books and book bags

We are very 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 is also a '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 are some information sheets in the bag, please take time to read them.

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.

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 text messages sent where possible.

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 and memos which will include information, **updates, newsletters, invoices, fee reminders and emergency closures due to weather etc.**

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

Once you have read memos, please give it a 'like' 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)

Thank you to the parents who have already signed up- if you are having any trouble accessing this or would like to add another family member to receive updates, please email and let us know.

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 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: <https://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.