



## July 2025 Newsletter

### Welcome



We would like to welcome Aniskaa to our setting until she starts school in September. I hope you have fun in Saplins until then.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Sadie to our team. Sadie will start with us in September on an apprenticeship and will primarily be working with our younger babies and children.

### Farewell



We would like to wish all of our school leavers the very best of luck at their new schools. Transitions have gone really well and they all seem very excited to start.

Good luck Albey, Alex, Alyssia, Aniskaa, Elliot, Flynn, Frankie, Harry, Imogen, Jamie, Kabir, Lily, Loxley, Maisie, Monroe, Nelly-Rose, Noah, Ophelia, Teddy

### Education



As from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 all babies and children of working parents over the age of 9 months as of 1<sup>st</sup> September will be entitled to 30 hours government funded childcare. Please ensure that you apply for your 30 hour code from HMRC and forward it to me with the NI number so that I can process the code before the end of August. Please apply within Childcare Choices on your HMRC account and forward your code and NI number to me as soon as possible. If you are issued with a temporary code starting 1 followed by 10 digits then ensure that you forward your permanent code as soon as you receive it.

### Health and Safety



**Food Reminder:** Please ensure your child does not bring nuts, chocolate or sweets in any form to pre-school. Please ensure that sausages, tomatoes, grapes and olives are chopped lengthways in half as these items are major choking hazards for children at this age. In order to promote 'healthy eating' please only provide one yoghurt and as a maximum one sweet item such as a biscuit or cake and ensure your child has at least one item of fruit or vegetable per day.

### Planning:



- Summer and Transitions
- Holidays and Transport

### Sun cream:



When the weather is forecast to be hot please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child before entering pre-school. Please ensure that your child still wears shoes that cover their toes. Whilst we are using water to keep children cool outside, please provide crocs, beach or swimming shoes as we have noticed that their wellies are rubbing their legs. Please remember no strappy tops or dresses.



### Gate:

Could I please ask all parents and carers who collect before 3pm to wait at the gates when there are children playing outside in our play area. We do have some children who like to run when the gates are open and we need to ensure that all of our children are kept safe. Please ensure that if other adults collect on your behalf that they are also aware. Thank you for your

cooperation.

#### Dates for Diary



Last Day of Summer Term Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Leavers' Party Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July (no parents!)  
Holiday Cover during August

Tue 5<sup>th</sup>, Wed 6<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Wed 13<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>

Tue 19<sup>th</sup>, Wed 20<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

Anyone else who would like to book on, please let me know. We are going ahead with all of these dates.

First Day of Autumn Term 2024/2025 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

A calendar of opening times can be found on our web site [www.saplingspreschool.co.uk](http://www.saplingspreschool.co.uk) under 'Our Week'.

#### Organisation:



Due to the demand for early years' places for babies under two and the funding incentive for 30 hours childcare from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 we have decided to restructure our setting to accommodate the demand for spaces within each age group.

From September, our smaller room will be for our 2026 school cohort and will be limited to 14 spaces. Our babies under two and our 2-3 year olds will be in Acorns and Seedlings in the larger room which will be divided to provide separate areas for the two age groups. This way we will be able to provide activities and opportunities of learning appropriate for each age group.

Chloe will be the Assistant Manager

Vicky will be Supervisor

Louise will be running the Acorns' and Seedlings' room.

#### Photographer Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July



Our school photographer, Mark, will be visiting us on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. He will be ready from 8am onwards to enable families to have group photos with older siblings if required. If your child is not usually in on Tuesdays please come along to have your child photographed. There is, however, no obligation to come or purchase any.

I would like to let you have some lovely feedback from our photographer from last year:

"As an early years' photographer with over 30 years experience, I've had many challenges and often go home exhausted. I've visited Carol at Saplings many times over the years, and I have to say, the children today were an absolute pleasure. All the children were so happy, which Carol and her team should take lots of credit for. The children's behaviour, speech and understanding were probably the best I've seen in a long time. Many pre-schools and nurseries could learn a lot from whatever you're doing Carol, thank you for having me again, and I look forward to seeing you all next time.

Kind regards Mark"

Mark has requested a short turn around with orders in by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, so that we can get any photographs ordered returned to you before the end of term.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and safe summer.

**With thanks Carol and the Saplings' Pre-school Team**