



February 2026 Newsletter

Welcome



We would like to welcome Ariel, Avery and Grayson who will be joining Seedlings later this month and to Aarush who joined in January.

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.

30 Hour Funding



If anyone is thinking of increasing their child's sessions from September 2026 please let me know as soon as possible as we are now very nearly at full capacity in all three areas of the setting.

General Gloves and Hats: Please ensure that your child has gloves and a hat when appropriate. Please put gloves in their coat pockets or down sleeves so that they can find them.



Please ensure your child has shoes they can manage themselves for inside.

Several children have been wearing shoes/trainers with laces, even if these have zips on them, the laces are a major tripping hazard for the children and are unsafe on the climbing frame. Within Saplings the children remove their shoes whilst using the soft play and sensory mats and as part of their independence are encouraged to try to put their own shoes back on.

Bags



If your child is in Saplings' you will appreciate that we have a very limited storage for bags and coats. I have designated the righthand wall of pegs within the main entrance area of the pre-school for the bulky rucksacks.

Due to the lack of space in general we would prefer all children to have a drawstring bag which takes up much less room than a bulky rucksack. These can be left overnight if you wish.

Wellington boots should be provided for outdoor use and cannot be worn inside on wet days as they create a slipping hazard. If your child is in the smaller room, Saplings, please provide indoor shoes or rubber/plastic soled slippers.

Main Entrance Area



Please could parents take their buggies home after dropping off in the morning. We have a small entrance area and children and staff will need to have access to their pegs during the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Saplings' Afternoon Tea



Within the Saplings' Room we will be inviting our mums for a simple 'Afternoon Tea' with your child to celebrate Mother's Day. Your child will bring home an invitation for you to join us between 2.30pm-3.30pm on Monday 16th March. We hope you will be able to join us.

Dates for Diary



Half Term Monday 16th–Friday 20th February
Afternoon Tea – Monday 16th March
End of Term Friday 27th March

Summer Term Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 4th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Summer Half Term 25th May – 29th May inclusive

A calendar of opening times can be found on our web site www.saplingspreschool.co.uk under 'Our Week'.

Planning This half term we will look at:



Chinese New Year – Tues 17th February- 3rd March (Year of the Horse)
Valentine's Day – Saturday 14th February
St David's Day – Sunday 1st March
World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
Mother's Day – Sunday 15th March
St Patrick's Day – 17th March
Carol and the Saplings' Pre-School Team