



November/December 2025 Newsletter

Welcome



We would like to welcome Porsha who has been offered an apprenticeship with us. Porsha will be working across all ages within the setting.

Lunches



We have noticed that many children are supplied with an overwhelming number of items for their lunch. Please try to provide 4 to 5 items or reduce the quantity of an item if you wish to provide more variety.

Pre-School Structure As a pre-school team we have had discussions as to how best to move children on from one room to another, keeping all children and babies as safe as possible and being able to provide opportunities to move them all forward with their learning and achievements particularly focusing on the three main areas within the EYFS. (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.) Some moves to Saplings have taken place and consequently there have been some alterations to key groups. I have attached the new list of key groups so that you can see who your child's key worker is.

Organisation



Carol is **The Manager of The Saplings Pre-School with overall responsibility**, **Chloe** is responsible in Carol's absence. **Vicky** is the pre-school **Supervisor**, **Louise** is the room leader for **'Seedlings and Acorns'** supported by senior management.

Staff are here to help you and for information the following members of staff should be approached for the following: Designated Lead Safeguard: Carol, **Deputy Safeguard:** Chloe, **Special Educational Needs:** Zoe, **Health and Safety:** Carol and **Inclusion (Equality and Diversity), Bereavement:** Carol.

Education



Starting School in September 2026: If

your child will be 4 years old between 1st September 2025 and 31 August 2026, that is, born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they will be entitled to start school in September 2026. You can apply online for a place from **1st November** until the deadline of **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

Online notifications of your allocated place is 16th April 2026, waiting list established 30th April.

General



Gloves and Hats: As the weather is now getting colder, please ensure that your child has mittens/gloves and a hat when appropriate. Please put gloves in their coat pockets or down sleeves so that they can find them. Wellington boots should be provided for outdoor use and cannot be worn inside on wet days as they create a slipping hazard.

Indoor Shoes in Saplings



Could all of our children who have moved to the Saplings' room please bring indoor shoes to help protect the carpet.

Learning Journey



Your Child's Profile will be sent home this week.

Please add photos of some outings that you have been on with your child and/or achievements and family photos. If you wish to print some we can add them for you.

Book Bags



Your baby/child has been issued with a book bag and craft scrap book. Please ensure that you bring this into the classroom every day. We have been sending home one of our books to be shared with you at home and would like to be able to change it on a regular basis. Thank you.





Wednesday, 05 November 2025

Two and Beyond

Believe in children
Barnardo's

We have a speaker coming into pre-school focussing on issues and practices for children two and beyond. This has been booked at a parent's request and is primarily intended for our Seedlings' and Acorns' parents. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th November starting at 9am and will be held in our sensory room within the large classroom. Please email to confirm whether you are interested in attending. Currently only two of you have confirmed.

Christmas Art



Your child has produced some Christmas craft which has been sent off and can be viewed at www.mychildsart.co.uk/order. Your child will bring a leaflet home tonight. Please remember there is no obligation to purchase anything.

Dates for Diary



Christmas Art – Discount ends at midnight on 17th November

Photographer Wednesday 3rd December from 8am, individual photos, family photos, photos with siblings. Open to all of our families even if your child doesn't attend on that day. School children can be photographed too.

Saplings Room Christmas Lunch Thursday 18th December – no lunch boxes please

Autumn Term 2025 last day Friday 19th December 2025 **CLOSURE at 3pm** at the latest.

Christmas Post Box last collection in pre-school Thursday 18th December.

Spring Term first day of Spring Term is Monday 5th January 2026

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

Health and Safety



Hazards of Autumn As you will have noticed we are already experiencing the hazards of Autumn. Berries and leaves are covering the ground and we will do our best to clear these as often as possible. The trees are variations of Sorbus which although produce red berries, are harmless as has been confirmed by Hampshire County Council. In addition to these we have an Arbutus which is equally safe.

As a matter of good practice, we talk to the children and discourage them from playing with red berries.

Planning



Within Saplings/Seedlings we have been talking about celebrations starting with Diwali, the festival of light.

This week we have spoken about Halloween and celebrated Bonfire Night and the importance of safety when handling fireworks. We will talk about Remembrance Sunday and then Children in Need on Friday 14th November. Please allow your child to dress up in spots for the day.

We will talk about hibernation and why some animals sleep throughout the autumn and winter months.

We will then talk about Christmas. Please join us in wearing your Christmas jumpers and tops throughout December.



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2026.

Carol and The Saplings Pre-School' Team

