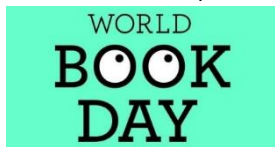




March 2026 Newsletter

World Book Day Thursday 5th March



We will be celebrating World Book Day from Monday 2nd March until Friday 6th March. We will be looking at Marmaduke, the very different

Dragon by Rachel Valentine on Monday 2nd, The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson on Tuesday 3rd, The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr on Wednesday 4th, Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt on Thursday 4th and The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle on Friday 6th. Please allow your child to dress up during this week but there is no requirement to purchase anything specially for the event as we have plenty of dressing up items.

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 and olives are chopped lengthways in half and grapes into quarters as these items are major choking hazards.

Please ensure that all new lunch boxes and drink bottles are labelled.

Thank you.

Organisation



Carol is **The Manager of The Saplings Pre-School with overall responsibility**, Chloe is **The Assistant Manager** supporting Saplings' and Seedlings' and **Vicky is the Supervisor** supporting Saplings'. **Louise** is the room leader for Acorns and supports Chloe within Seedlings. Zoe is our **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) practitioner SENCo**.

Saplings' Room Afternoon Tea



Within the Saplings' Room we have invited our mums for a simple 'Afternoon Tea' with your child to celebrate Mother's Day. Hopefully, you have all received the invitation. If you haven't already done so please confirm whether you will be joining us.

Dates for Diary



Afternoon Tea – Monday 16th March
Saplings' room only
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)

St David's Day – Sunday 1st March (2nd)
World Book Day – Thursday 5th March (2nd-6th)
Mother's Day – Sunday 15th March (Mon 16th)
St Patrick's Day – 17th March
Comic Relief – Friday 20th March
Easter

REQUEST



Could we please remind parents to provide shoes that their child can manage – no laces please. They are a tripping hazard and can get caught in climbing and wheeled equipment.

Within Seedlings can we please ask children to wear clothes that help with toilet training – no dungarees or tights please.

Education



Starting School in September 2026:

Online notifications of your allocated place is 16th April 2026, waiting lists are established 30th April 2026. Please let us know where your child will be going so we can prepare transitions.

With thanks Carol and the pre-school' team