



The Saplings Pre-School

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## January 2025 Newsletter

### Welcome



I trust you have all had a wonderful Christmas and welcome you all back to the start of the Spring Term.

We welcome the following children this term: Archie, Eliza, Esme, Frankie and Ryan.

### 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. 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 and Vicky**

**Supervisor. Louise** is the room leader for Acorns and Seedlings.

Zoe is our **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) practitioner SENCo.**

### General



**Gloves and Hats:** As it is now winter 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.** 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 Acorns/Seedlings room please provide indoor shoes or rubber/plastic soled slippers.

**Adverse Weather:** In the event of severe weather please check our website and Facebook for updates of opening hours.

### Education



#### Starting School in September 2025:

If your child will be 4 years old between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 31 August 2025, that is, born between 1 September 2020 and 31

August 2021, they will be entitled to start school in September 2025. You can apply online for a place from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November until the deadline of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

[www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions)

Online notifications of your allocated place is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025, waiting list established 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### Dates for Diary



**Spring Term** first day of Spring Term is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Half Term** Monday 17<sup>th</sup>–Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**End of Term** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday**

**Summer Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June inclusive**

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

### Planning This half term we will look at:



New Year

Dinosaurs & Ice Age

Winter

Animals

Chinese New Year – Wed 29<sup>th</sup> January (Year of the Snake)

Valentine's Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

St David's Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March

World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March



**30 Hour Funding** If your child is 3 before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and you are eligible for 30 hours, please log in to the HMRC website, make a claim and forward your 30 hour code to me before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. No late validations are accepted by Services for Young Children. Babies who are 9 months before 1/4/25 will also be entitled to 15 hours funding.



**Happy New Year:** I trust you have all had a wonderful and safe Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year for 2025. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who bought Christmas gifts for me and my staff.

Carol and The Saplings Pre-School's Team