

WELCOME BACK

Holding Hands Preschool Fortnightly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 24th February 2025

From Valentine's crafts to baking bread!

Take a look below to find out what we have been up to...

Sensory

- Different art techniques
 - *Painting – footprints, handprints, stampers and sponges.
 - *Early mark-making - using crayons, pencils, colouring pens and chalk.
 - *Clay – using rolling pins, and cutters to make heart shapes.
- Sensory Play
 - *Playdough – free play, rolling, shaping, squeezing!
 - *'Gloop' (cornflour and water) – looking at how this amazing mixture changes from liquid to solid.

Outside

- Garden
 - *Wendy House – role-play games and re-enacting stories.
 - *Water play – blowing bubbles, washing the toys, car wash
- Bank
 - *Climbing on the logs and practising our jumping.
 - *'Farmers in his Den', 'Duck, Duck, Goose' – Playing collaborative games.
 - *Allotments – Transporting the wood chips using the wheelbarrows.
 - *Caring for and feeding the chickens.

Story Corner

- Our favourite action songs – 'Wind the Bobbin Up', 'Roly-Poly' and 'Five Little Ducks'.
- Our favourite books – 'The Colour Monster' and 'Zog and the Flying Doctors'.

Gym

- Free-play and construction – wooden blocks, Mega Blocks, Hopscotch, Beanbag throwing and catching.
- Indoor apparatus – Balance beam, climbing frames, soft play.
- Interactive Board – 'Danny Go!', 'Floor is Lava'.

What's happening over the following weeks?

- The children will be exploring what is meant by feelings and emotions, talking about loved ones and exploring 'The Colour Monster'.
- Next week we have 'Pancake Day', 'Communication Week' and 'World Book Day', so we will be carrying out lots of lovely activities to support this, encouraging character dressing-up, group cooking sessions and watching/ listening to live book readings.

Dates For Your Diary (Updated)...

Tuesday 25th February – Spring Term (2nd half)
Preschool returns with normal operational hours from this date.

**Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March 2025-
Communication Week**

Annual campaign across Buckinghamshire looking to start conversations about interaction with young children and babies, promoting the values of 'Engage with Chat: Explore with Play: Read together'.

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Preschool will be celebrating World Book Day, and we invite the children to join in by dressing up as their favourite book characters throughout the week (w/c 03/03/25).

Friday 4th April – Easter Trail and Games.

Details to follow.

Friday 4th April – End of Spring Term.

Preschool will close at the end of the afternoon session on this date, for the Easter period.

Tuesday 22nd April – Summer Term (1st Half)

Preschool returns with normal operational hours from this date.

Tuesday 22nd April – Parent Feedback

Parent feedback sessions will be held, via zoom, on this date. Please arrange a convenient time with your child's key person.

*Please always check subsequent newsletters for updates to our key dates!



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Extended Hours of Operation Now Running

After-school provision, until 5.30pm has now been introduced. This can be arranged as ad-hoc sessions or as part of your regular hours. Please feel free to email Sandra for further information or to add additional hours.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025!

Please come along throughout next week, wearing your favourite book character fancy dress to join us in celebrating World Book Day, and Communication Week 2025! Use the links to find out more...

[World Book Day - World Book Day | World Book Day is a registered charity. Our mission is to give every child and young person a book of their own.](#)

[Early Years Communication Week 2025 | Family Information Service](#)

Help us support our lovely Sandra with her fundraising efforts!



[Sandra Chant is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support](#)



Holding Hands Preschool EXTRAS

From Summer 2025, our summer club will be back up and running! Please see details below and book by sending an email to Karen & Sandra, as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

Hours: 9.30am-1.30pm

Ages: 2-10 years (siblings welcome)

Price: £35 per session, discounted rate of £31.50 for siblings (10% off)

Get in touch to find out more!

Holiday Club



Thank you

We would like to send out a huge thank you to all those who continue to support the preschool, by continuing to provide such wonderful donations. It really means the world to us!

Socials

- website

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool website below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates, such as newsletters and term dates. Make sure to take a look and tell us what you think.

[Home - Holding Hands Pre-School Ltd \(holdinghandspreschool.co.uk\)](http://holdinghandspreschool.co.uk)

- Facebook

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool Facebook page below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates. Make sure to like, follow and share!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091883683367>

- WhatsApp

Additionally, we have included the link to our parents WhatsApp group below. Created to share information, connect and give our families a community of like-minded friends!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BGNO6PO4FDD7aD6d88PcNZ>