



Holding Hands Preschool Monthly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 23rd June 2025

The Sun Has Got His Hat On!

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

• Garden

- *Water play – hosepipe, paddling pools, transporting, pouring, splashing, puddle jumping!
- *Sand – castles, filling and emptying containers, treasure hunt.
- *Physical – water slides, cars, bikes and scooters, balance beams, hoops, beanbags, cones and sack races.
- *Growing area – weeding, identifying plants, and turning over the beds for planting.

• Bank

- *Weeding and planting in the allotments.
- *Using the wheelbarrows to transport soil and woodchips.
- *Caring for and feeding the chickens, collecting eggs.
- *Rolling down the hills and hiding in the long grasses.

Sensory

• Creative Art

- *Spending time talking about our summer fair and preparing our lovely t-shirt surprises.
- *Early mark-making - using crayons, pencils, colouring pens and chalk.

• Sensory Play

- *Sand – free play, pirate ship, buried treasure!
- *Cornflour and water (gloop) – dinosaur footprints, adding food colouring to see what happens, free-play.

Story Corner

- Our favourite action songs – ‘Tommy Thumb’, ‘Farmers in his Den’, and ‘Miss Polly had a Dolly’.
- Our favourite books – ‘Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School’ and ‘Sam Plants a Sunflower’.

Mini-World

- Introducing school-uniform, dressing-up opportunities
- School role-play scenarios

Gym

- Free-play and construction – threading, wooden blocks, Train set, rocket, books, colouring.
- Indoor apparatus – Balance beam, climbing frames, soft play.

Pod

- Sensory lights, projector, rocker, beanbags, puppet shows.

What's happening over the following weeks?

- We will continue to explore school readiness and promote positive discussions about school.
- We will be planting and harvesting outside in our growing areas!

Dates For Your Diary...

Thursday 17th July – End of Summer term/ Academic Year 2024-2025.

Preschool will close for the summer holidays, at the end of afterschool session, on this date.

Friday 18th July – Summer Fair and Leavers Celebration

Preschool will hold the annual summer fair and leavers celebration between 11.30am and 1.30pm, on this date. Further details included with main email information.

***Tickets, tokens, raffle and pot-of-gold now on sale.**

***Helpers for the day will be needed, so if you're keen to volunteer, please let us know.**

w/c 11/08/25 & 18/08/25 (Monday-Friday) – Summer Club

Preschool will be holding summer club sessions on these dates. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more or book onto these sessions.

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



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School Leavers!

The Summer term is flying by, and we are in our last few weeks at Holding Hands Preschool. As we are sure many of you are aware, we have been doing lots at preschool to help our school leavers prepare for their transition to school (or a new setting). This has included, hosting teacher visits, introducing familiar uniforms from our surrounding schools and using imaginative play to create classroom type scenarios.

Many of our families will be feeling anxious about the new adventure ahead of you and your little ones and to support you with preparations and give you some reassurance, we have included a link below with some excellent guidance. Take a look when you get the chance...

[2024-families-guide-transitions.docx](#)



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.

Dates: w/c 11/08/25 & 18/08/25 (Monday-Friday).

Hours: 9.30am-1.30pm

Ages: 2-10 years (siblings welcome)

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



Family Photos Needed

Most of our families will already have a photo up on our community display, but for those of you who haven't yet handed one in, please try to before the end of term. The photos are displayed where the children can access them, and they really mean the world! Please provide a family photo with main family members, including your child, ideally up-to-date and not one you need returned in perfect condition.



RAFFLE TICKETS

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Don't forget to return your raffle tickets with your child's name written on the back and any payment, prior to the end of term.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 18th July and there are some great prizes available!

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 review, 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 important information and updates, connect and give our families a community of like-minded friends!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BGN06p04FDD7a06d88PcnZ>

