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Holding Hands Preschool Fortnightly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 8th September 2025



A Warm Welcome Back from Holding Hands!!!

First of all, we would just like to say a huge welcome to all of our new families and a lovely warm welcome back to all of our returning families. We hope you had a wonderful summer!

Autumn Term

A few tips for what to pack

- Water Bottle filled with fresh water for the day
 - Wellington Boots
 - Spare Clothing which is weather appropriate (if toileting is new, ensure plenty of changes, but please also pack spares in case of water/ messy play).
 - Nappies, wipes, cream and nappy sacks (if in nappies these are essential items and if not in nappies, wipes and nappy sacks are still handy for accidents or changes due to messy play).
 - Coat now the weather is turning colder
 - Slippers (this is optional, although we tend to leave our shoes by our pegs and in the colder months the floor can feel cooler).
 - Packed lunch (if staying between 12.15 and 1.15pm)
 - Comforter to help your child settle.
 - Anything needed to help your child sleep well for nap times, e.g., blanket, muslin, dummy, comforter, etc.
 - Any prescribed medication needed during their time within preschool (a healthcare plan will need to be completed before administration and only prescribed medication will be administered)
- *Please ensure anything brought into preschool is labelled clearly, so we can avoid lost belongings and any confusion over matching items.**

***Further information regarding what to pack can also be found on our 'what should we pack for preschool?' document, which has been attached to the email, for your convenience.**

Lost Property

- Please take a look at the lost property and claim any missing items that were left over the summer. We will be donating/ discarding anything that is not claimed at the end of September, so get in there quickly to avoid disappointment.

New Entry System

- As many of you will be aware, we had some difficulties with our entry system at the end of the summer term. We are now pleased to announce that we have had the whole system replaced and you will now find a new camera and doorbell installed which means we can see you when you press the buzzer. We will then admit entry into preschool with our new door release upon seeing your lovely smiling faces!

Dates For Your Diary...

Friday 5th September 2025 – Stay and Play Sessions

A lovely session for families to attend alongside their children, prior to the start of term.

10am-12pm – New Children

1-3pm – Returning Children

Monday 8th September 2025 – Beginning of Autumn Term (1st half)

Preschool will open for the start of the 2025-2026 academic year, with normal operational hours.

Friday 24th October 2025 – Half Term

Preschool will close for the autumn break, at the end of the afterschool session, on this date.

Friday 24th October 2025 – Halloween Trail from 3.30-4.15pm

A small family-friendly event held towards the end of afternoon session on our last day before half-term. More details to follow.

Monday 3rd November 2025 – Parent Feedback

Parent feedback sessions will be offered via your child's key person. Please liaise to arrange directly. These can be held via video call, or face-to-face within the setting at a mutually convenient time.

Tuesday 4th November 2025 – Beginning of Autumn Term (2nd half)

Pre-school will re-open on this date for the second half of the autumn term, with normal operational hours.

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

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Holding Hands Community Garden Project

As many of you will be aware, we have always intended for our outdoor area to be a communal space for our families to attend alongside us, in the future!

We hope to grow our gardens with you, and we are reaching out to find out what interest there is amongst our families in coming together and joining us in our outdoor areas, as we develop, plant, harvest, and more.

***If this sounds like something you would be interested in or would like to find out more about, please do get in touch via email or drop us a WhatsApp.**

Staff Team Update!

We have something lovely to share with all of our families, following the summer holidays. On behalf of Faith, we would like to announce her exciting pregnancy news! Faith is expecting another addition to her family, at the beginning of January and we hope you will join us in wishing her all the best for the rest of her pregnancy and beyond, as well as a huge congratulations!

We wanted to let everyone know that although this is wonderful news, it does mean she will be going on maternity leave from Christmas 2025. If your family has Faith as a key person, please be reassured that over the next term, Faith will work closely with other members of the team to ensure smooth key person transitions and you will be notified, as soon as possible, regarding who your new key person will be.

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 half term break.

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.

Thank you, in advance.



Parent Pop-In Sessions

We truly love working closely with all of our families and one thing that sets us apart from other settings is our relationships with you!

That's why, if you are interested in coming along to read, cook, play or carry out another activity, we would love you to get in touch!

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/BGN06p04FD07a06d88PcNZ>

