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Holding Hands Preschool Fortnightly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 17th November 2025

A look at the past couple of weeks!

Remembrance decorations, and Christmas songs!

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

Sensory Room

- Sensory Play
 - *Flour – snow castles, build it up and squash it flat!
 - *Natural resources – exploring conkers, acorns, dry leaves, sticks and cones.
- Art
 - *Poppy hand-printing – bright red and black for Remembrance Day.
- All About Me
 - *Looking at measurements and comparing our heights.

Outside

- Garden
 - *Sensory trays – sand and water play.
 - *Physical Exercise – football, ring games, throwing and catching.
- Bank
 - *Parachute – lifting and lowering, using our muscles, collaborative games.
 - *Physical Exercise – Frames, slides, pirate ship.
 - *Chickens – talking about, caring for and collecting eggs from.

Story Corner

- Our favourite action songs – 'Zoom, zoom, zoom', 'Twinkle-Twinkle' and 'Jingle Bells'.
- Our favourite books – 'Pick a Pine Tree' and 'Don't Wake the Bear Hare'.

Gym

- Free-play and construction – Farm, Click-clack track, musical instruments and singing, Mega Blocks, Magnetic Shapes, Foam Alphabet.
- Indoor apparatus – Climbing frames, hopscotch, balance beam and hoops.
- Group Discussion – Remembrance and quiet time to think about what it is to be brave and kind.

Pod

- Music, dance and parties – Listening to our favourite songs, moving to the music and singing together.
- Exploring the sensory lights, plasma, projector, and bubble tubes.

What's happening over the following weeks?

- The children will have opportunities to look at the changing season, discussing the darker morning and evenings, dewy/ frosty grasses, what we can do to keep warm in the colder weather and what Winter means for our animals and wildlife.
- Outings to the library, market and Old Amersham High Street for small groups of children.
- Following on from discussions with the children, we will be introducing Christmas songs, crafts and bakes, as well as decorating the setting with the children in preparation for our annual Christmas Event.

Dates For Your Diary...

Thursday 11th December 2025 –

Christmas Jumper Day

Preschool invites you all to join us in wearing your Christmas jumpers on this day (and throughout the week should you wish), in support of Children in Need.

Thursday 18th December 2025 –

End of Term

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

Friday 19th December 2025 –

Christmas Party from 10.30am-12.30pm

Our annual Christmas event. More details to follow – keep an eye on your emails.

Monday 5th January 2026 –

Parent and Child Stay and Play Session

Pre-school will be open between 10am and 12pm for you to come along and play at preschool, to help your child settle back in following the festive break.

Tuesday 6th January 2026 –

Beginning of Spring Term (1st half)

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

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

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Headlice

We wanted to take this opportunity to notify you that we have had a case of headlice within the preschool. **Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.** We have included a link to information regarding headlice from the NHS to help you recognise the signs and how to treat lice at home. If you do find headlice in your child's/ children's hair, please use an appropriate treatment and continue to follow NHS advice with regards to combing. Your child is welcome to continue attending preschool once their hair has been treated. Please do take a look at the link provided. [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)



Holding Hands Preschool Christmas Gifts

We are excited to inform you that our Christmas decorations will be in production once again this year, and we are nearly ready to take your orders!

We are also supporting one of our lovely Mummy's, by sharing her catalogue of gifts and clothing, which can be personalised in time for Christmas.

Orders will take some time to process, so please keep an eye out for an email regarding Christmas gifts and make sure to get your forms and payment (cash or card payment in preschool) back quickly to avoid disappointment.

Chicken Adoption

Chicken adoptions are ACTIVE!!!
Thank you to those who have already adopted a chicken!



This is something we set up a long time ago and lots of families signed up with benefits such as ½ dozen eggs per half term and opportunities to visit your chicken.

Adoptions are £10 per year, and the money raised through this scheme will help provide food and bedding for the chickens.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to speak to us in the cloakroom and we'll give you a form to complete.

Christmas Jumper Day 2025!!!

On Thursday 11th December, Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day is back – and you need to be part of it! Wear a Christmas jumper on this date or throughout the week! Join millions of people across the UK and raise money for Save the Children. And the best bit? By having fun, you're creating lasting change for children around the world. Simply donate at preschool or keep an eye out for a link to a relevant JustGiving page in the next couple of weeks.



Christmas Raffle Prize Donations Needed

Donations of any bottle (alcohol/ non-alcohol), unopened gifts, unused cosmetics, toiletries, etc., new books/ toys/ games/ clothing, complete hampers, unopened food gifts, company/ workplace donations, vouchers, or anything else! Thank you!

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>

Parents...We Need your Help!!!

We are currently distributing our flyers to advertise the preschool. If you know of anywhere that would be happy to display these or hand them out, please take some from the cloakroom and help us if you can. If a family chooses us and they quote that you have referred them, we will offer you a free session to get some pre-Christmas shopping done!

It Takes a Village...

Have any topics you would like to hear about or would like support with. From lunch box ideas to healthy sleep guidelines, we're here to help. We want to include more of the information that you would like to read, so if you have a question or something you're finding tricky at home, please get in touch via holdinghandspreschool.news@gmail.com and let us be your village!