

Ruskin Road PreSchool



Spring Two Newsletter

Welcome to Spring Two

Hello, and welcome back to all our families to Spring Two. We hope you had a restful half term week and are ready for the next six weeks until Easter.

Welcome to our new families who started with us during Spring One. A big 'hello' to Atiana and Leah who joined Clare in Parrots, Arthur who joined Jessica in Monkeys, and Faye who joined Sam in Lion group. Well done to you all for settling so well.



Term Dates 2024/2025

Preschool will reopen on Monday 24th February after our half term break.

We will be closing on Friday 4th April for our Easter holidays, returning **Tuesday 22nd April**, due to Easter Monday bank holiday.

School Fund

A big 'thank you' to everyone who paid their school funds this term. 90% of families have paid which makes an enormous difference to our staff being able to offer amazing experiences to our children.

If you are yet to pay, please do so asap.

Many thanks

Topics

For March and April, we will be focusing on Spring and Easter with lots of fun experiences to learn from.

There are some other notable dates that we will be learning about including, St Davids Day, St Patricks Day, Global Recycling Day, International Day of Happiness, St Georges Day, and World Oral Health Day.

To celebrate World Book Day on 6th March, we are planning 'World Book Week'. We will be focusing on a different book each day, including a reading for a new author. Please keep an eye on the weekly roundup email for more information.

Another important day for us to celebrate is Mothering Sunday, therefore, we would like to invite our children's mummies to the preschool on Monday 31st March, from 9.30-10am for a little Mother's Day breakfast. Please can you let us know by Friday 21st March, at the very latest, if you will be attending, so we can cater appropriately.



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Housekeeping

Daily Items: Can we gently remind parents of what children need to be bringing with them each day they are at preschool. We have had circumstances recently where we have had to ask parents to collect as children did not have the correct items required. Each day, children need a minimum of a full set of space clothes, this includes, socks, and underwear. If children are toilet training, or relatively new to using the bathroom, please increase to three sets of underwear.

If children are in nappies, please remember wet wipes and at least 3 nappies per day. Ideally, can nappies be the taped variety rather than pull ups.

Outdoor clothing needs to be appropriate for the weather, therefore if it is raining, a pair of wellies would be great.

Time Keeping: We have noticed an increased occurrence of children being late to preschool. Our doors open at 9.30am and will close at 9.40am, please ensure your child is here within this time frame. We begin our registration at 9.45am, during which we welcome each child individually to the day and talk about what we are learning and playing with. For children who are missing this, it can impact their settling in the morning and their learning for the session.

Equally, can we please be mindful that preschool closes at 2.30pm. Due to the hall being used by multiply other groups, and our staffing team all needing to get to various schools in the borough for collecting their own children, we do not have the capability to have continuous late collections. Unfortunately, we will start having to implement a late collection fee for repeat offenders.

School Admissions 2025

Hopefully, everyone submitted their school preferences back in January for their children leaving us this year.

National offer day is Thursday 17th April.

Can we please ask all families whose children are leaving us this year to let us know as soon as possible what school you have accepted so we can start the transition process.

For children who are leaving us for school nursery, whilst most schools stick to the above date, there may be a slight difference. Therefore again, as soon as you know, please do make us aware.

London borough of Sutton hold a transition morning in June for all preschools to handover information on all children moving on. Therefore, we need time to collate this information before the meeting. Thank you.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's role, but if you wish to speak to someone in private, please note that Lisa is our safeguarding lead within the preschool. Jessica is the deputy in Lisa's absence.