Newsletter

September 2026



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www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk
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This term we are looking at the following:-
Colour of the week
Shape of the week
Story mapping will be - Elmer

Week 1/2 – Settling in
Week 3/4 – Differences
Week 5/6 – Habitats/bugs/insects
Week 7 - Signs of Autumn

The role play area will be a home corner.
We will be using the garden to go on bug hunts and adventures.

Dates for your diary:-

Date of committee meeting
24.9.26

Term dates:
Monday 7 September 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026
Half term - *Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026*

Useful websites:
Safeguarding:
TSGB (Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership
Family Hub:
Torbay Online Family Hub – Home - Family Hub
Online safety:
https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/

Welcome back after the summer holidays and a big welcome to all our new families. We all look forward to the new term. If you have any ideas or suggestions on activities, resources, or ways to do things then just let us know as we are keen to try and meet the needs of everyone at Pre-school.

Please see Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life
For further information on funding and advice.

Registration we will need everyone to up-date their registration forms this term please, to ensure contact and other details are correct.

Absences it is important for you to phone us about any absences your child has as it is part of your funding agreement with Torbay Council to notify us. We also have to inform other parents when children have illnesses which might affect others. Remember that sick children should be looked after at home until they are well enough to return to the setting, please. If your child has had diarrhoea and vomiting, they need to be fever free for 48 hours. Please check the when to send my child to school leaflet below.

Existing injuries - it is also important for you to tell us about any existing injuries your child might have even if you don't know how they occurred, as we can then monitor them at pre-school, if needed.

Self-help skills – We shall be encouraging sharing a book together and handling books carefully alongside recognising their own peg.
You can also help your child with these vital skills at home. Sharing a book encourages listening and attention skills which is key in the development of language, speech sounds and literacy development.

Putting on their own wellies and brushing their own teeth, are ways you can help children build up their self-esteem and physical skills.

Meetings: Hopefully you have all been able to read your child's end of term report and if you wish to discuss anything further then please let us know.
We would also like to know about their current interests so that we can incorporate them into their learning and for us all to support their next steps.

Garden – Don't forget to send in your child with a named coats and wellington boots. Also dress them in clothing suitable for the outdoors as they will get dirty. A spare change of clothes is a must for their peg. Please don't forget to label their bags, lunch boxes, hats and coats with their name, as you can imagine having three to four of the same bag etc can sometimes cause mix ups.

Extra information for new parents – please come in and see us if you have difficulty signing on to the Tapestry website or need any information and support.

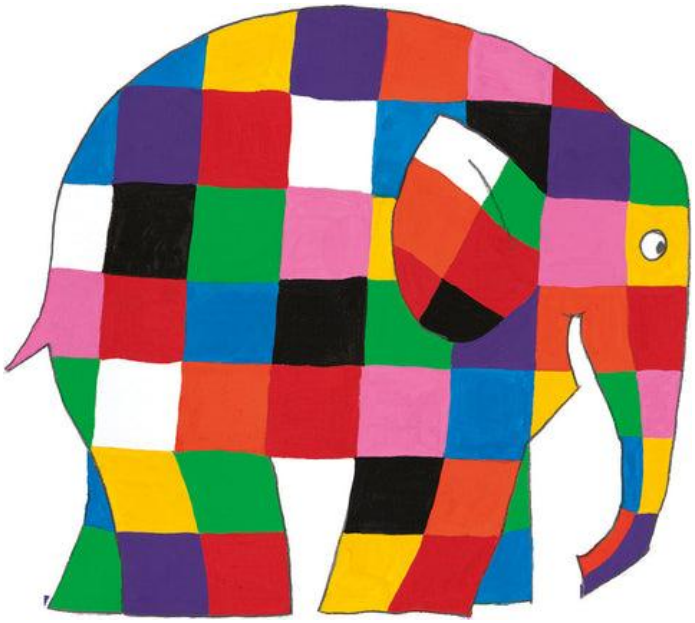
Invoices – Polite notice all invoices must be paid within four weeks of receipt.

Lunch boxes – Please note we do not allow sweets, popcorn and fizzy drinks in the children's lunch box please see the website below for healthy lunch box ideas.
Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Bags2school – **URGENT** we are once more collecting clothing to give to Bags2school to help raise funds for the pre-school so we need your unwanted clothing by Tuesday 15 September please. Many thanks!

The first committee meeting is being held on Thursday 24 September at 9.15 am and if you are interested in becoming a member, please come along and join us.

Library books – We will be sending home book bags for you to share stories with your child, please could we have old ones back to swap. If you have any spare and unloved books at home, we would love to update our library books with them. Thank you.





UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	**Glandular fever**
Head lice	**Tonsillitis**
Threadworms	**Slapped cheek**

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Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit **https://qrco.de/minfec**.

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