

Newsletter

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Welcome back to Pre-school after the summer holidays and a big welcome to all our new families. We all look forward to the new term and 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.

This term we are looking at the following:-

Week 1/2 – Settling in
Week 3/4 – All about me
Week 5 – Animals
Week 6 – Animal noises
Week 7 – Signs of Autumn

The role play area will be a home corner.

Story mapping – Gruffalo

Dates for your diary:-

Date of committee meeting
26.9.25
Kents Cavern Trip
15-12-25 at 10am

Term dates:

Monday 8 September 2025 to
Friday 19 December 2025

**Half term – Monday 27 October to
Friday 31 October 2025**

Please see www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years for further information on funding.

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. 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 when to send my child to school leaflet.

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 and putting on their own wellies.

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 teeth, are ways you can help children build up their self-esteem and physical skills.

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.

Website:

0-19 Torbay Services for Torbay

Safeguarding: NSPCC

TSGB (Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership)

Family Hub –

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

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 named coats and wellington boots. Also please dress them in clothing suitable for the outdoors as they will get dirty. If anyone has spare time we would appreciate help to keep the garden tidy.

Extra information for new parents – please come in and see us if you have difficulty signing on to the Tapestry website/app.

Consumable charge – don't forget this supports the pre-school for items that are not covered by the government's education funding given to the setting. As you can imagine there are numerous extra costs that the setting must finance, so please help support the setting and your child.

- following the annual general meeting it was decided to increase the consumable charge from £1.00 to £1.50 a session to meet with the new healthy snack statutory requirements and extra costs to the setting.

Lunch boxes – please note there have been lots of changes to our Food and drink Policy. To meet the statutory requirements of the EYFS and guidance please read the policy as this is explained in more detail.

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

The first committee meeting is being held on Friday 26 September at 9.15 am and if you are interested in becoming a member please come along and join us. We are still seeking a chairperson in order to run and continue staying open, if this is something you or a family member is interested in then please get in touch.





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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



Advice and guidance

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