

Newsletter: Friday 18th July 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome - Final Newsletter of the Year

As we wrap up this wonderful school year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our amazing Pre-School families! It has been such a joy watching your little ones learn, grow and shine each day. From first-day smiles to end-of-year achievements, every moment has been special.

This is our final newsletter of the year, and as we head into the summer holidays, we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break filled with fun, laughter and sunshine. A huge thank you goes to our incredible team for their dedication, care, and hard work throughout the year — your passion makes all the difference.

To those returning in September, we can't wait to welcome you back and continue the adventure; to our children heading off to 'big' school — we wish you all the luck in the world! We'll miss you in Pre-School, but we look forward to seeing your smiling faces at the school gate each morning. We're also lucky to still work with some of you in Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club, and we're excited to stay part of your journey.

Have a fantastic summer and thank you again for a truly special year!

A look at September

In September, our first topic will be 'Stories About Superheroes.' But not just the superheroes we see in comics or films — we'll be thinking about the real-life superheroes all around us. Who are the superheroes in your child's life? Maybe it's a parent, grandparent, auntie, uncle, teacher, or a kind neighbour — the list could go on! We'll be talking about the various other people who help lots of people every day, such as doctors, firefighters, police officers, nurses and even the friendly faces at Pre-School. As part of this exciting topic, we'll also help the children discover their own superpowers — focusing on how they can be helpful, kind, and thoughtful. Whether it's sharing, helping a friend, or simply being a good listener, every child can be a superhero in their own way.

Through stories, role play and creative activities, we'll be celebrating the special people, animals, and even superhero vehicles that make our lives brighter and better. Together, we'll explore what it means to be unique, and how we can all help those around us — because there's a little hero in everyone! We will begin by exploring the stories Superhero Mum and Superhero Dad by Timothy Knapman. These engaging books will help us celebrate the special people who care for us and introduce exciting learning opportunities across all areas of the Early Years curriculum.

Children will:


- Share stories about their families and who helps them at home.
- Take part in creative activities like making superhero masks and capes.
- Join in superhero obstacle courses to build strength and confidence.
- Learn about real-life community heroes like firefighters and nurses.
- Create superhero badges and talk about what makes their grown-ups special.

It would be fantastic if the children could bring in photos of the 'superheroes' in their lives — whether that's mums, dads, grandparents, carers or other special people. We'll use these photos to create a display celebrating all the important people who help and care for us. Please send photos in at the start of term if possible.

We're looking forward to starting the term with a fun and familiar theme to help the children settle into their new routines.

Reminders


Pre-School Outing – Foxdown Farm


 Monday, 21st July 2025

 Foxdown Farm – families make their own way there

 Meet at 10:00 AM | Finish at 2:00 PM

- * A fun outdoor day for children to explore and enjoy the farm
- * £8 per child has been covered by Pre-School if you have booked through us.
- * Each child must be accompanied by a parent/carer.
- * Adult tickets: £6 (to be paid by parents) if booked through us, £9 on the day.
- * Siblings welcome – £6 per child (under 2s go free) if booked through us.
- * Families are welcome to stay on after 2:00 PM, but staff will be leaving at this point.

 The graduation of our Pre-School leavers will take place at the end of the day, as a special celebration to mark their time with us before they move on to new adventures.

We look forward to you joining us for a fantastic day at the farm! 

Dates for the Diary

- Transition to Stockland Primary Academy: Wednesday 16th July.
- Pre-School Trip: Monday 21st July 2025 - Foxdown Children's Farm, 10am - 2pm.
- Last Day of Summer Term: Tuesday 22nd July 2025.
- INSET DAYS: Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September 2025.
- Return to Pre-School Thursday 4th September 2025.
- Half Term: Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025.
- INSET DAY: Monday 3rd November 2025.
- Christmas Break: Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026.
- INSET DAY: Monday 5th January.

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Safeguarding

At Stockland and Yarcombe Pre-School, safeguarding your child's wellbeing is always our top priority. As we approach the end of term, we would like to remind all parents and carers of the following key safeguarding points:

- **Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs):**
If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak directly to a member of our safeguarding team:
 - Jemma Harvey-Jones – Designated Safeguarding Lead
 - Kelly Patch and Alice Hutter – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
- **Staying Safe Online:**
As children may have increased access to screens over the holidays, we encourage all parents to supervise online activity and make use of parental controls where possible. The NSPCC website offers excellent advice on online safety.
- **Holiday Contact Information:**
While the setting will be closed during the holiday period, concerns about a child's welfare can still be reported directly to:
 - Local Authority Children's Services: 01392 384964.
 - NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000
 - In an emergency, always call 999.
- **Returning to School:**
Please ensure we are informed of any changes to your child's circumstances, contact details, or family arrangements before the start of the next term to help us support your child effectively.
- **Reminder:**
All staff working with children at our setting have undergone safeguarding training and follow strict procedures to ensure every child's safety and wellbeing.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy can be found online at:

<https://stocklandpreschool.co.uk/policies-and-procedures/safeguarding>.

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