



St Bonaventure's Pre-school Newsletter

Term 1 4th September – 24th October 2025

Welcome to your first St Bonaventure's Pre-school newsletter

What a fabulous first week we have had! It has been really lovely meeting and getting to know all the children and I have been so impressed with how well they have settled into their new Pre-school. All of the children have been exploring the Pre-School room and garden with growing confidence, even if we haven't been out as much as we would have liked with the wet weather we have had.

Photos of the day

Please do check the whiteboards by the front door of Pre-school for pictures of what the children have been up to during the day. We will aim to change these everyday so please do have a look. I will also put up any important notices, so do check both whiteboards.



Labelling Clothes

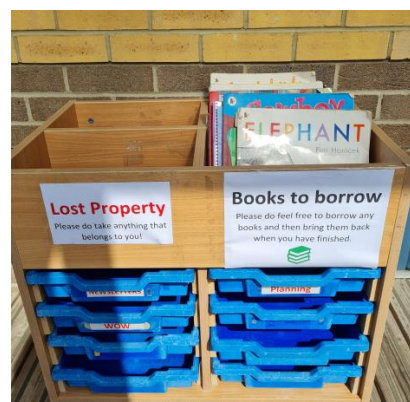
Please can I ask that all your belongings are clearly labelled, including bottles, lunchboxes, uniform, coats and bags etc. We have a couple of lunch boxes which are the same so it'll be really useful if everything is labelled.

Gate Safety

Please can I remind all parents to shut the gate and pull the bar across, after being buzzed into Pre-School at arrival and pick up. We are still getting to know all your faces, but on the odd occasion that a Grandparent, childminder or friend may come to collect a child, it is important that each person uses the buzzer to tell us who is coming up the path. Please can we ensure that an adult is opening and closing the gate, it can be quite difficult and we want to avoid any little hands and fingers getting trapped.

Check the Trolley

Please do help yourself to the books in the trolley in front of Pre-school. You can take them home to read together and then bring them back when finished. We will also put any bits of lost property in the trolley too, so do keep checking.





Reminders

* Lunches - please can olives, grapes and cherry tomatoes be cut in half / quarters lengthways to limit risks of choking.

* We are a **NUT FREE** setting; please can we remember not to put any nuts, peanut butter / Nutella sandwiches in lunch boxes.

*If possible, can long hair be tied back – this will help keep those pesky nits at bay

*We are doing lots of water play, so if possible could spare clothes be put in bags just in case we need a change



Birthday Celebrations at St Bon's

Birthdays are very special and we love to help celebrate!

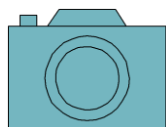
We invite parents to donate a favourite book and inscribe it 'from...on my 4th Birthday...'

Practitioners and children all sing Happy Birthday and read the special book. This happens at circle times; both morning and afternoon, ensuring the birthday celebrations go on throughout the day!

Due to allergies we do not give out cake or sweets.



Notice board – do have a look at the notice board where you will find important information



Photos of Family

we have made a display board with lots of pictures of the children and their families or anything important to them from home. This is a really nice talking point for the children as well as being a comfort to them. So, we ask that you bring in some photos that we can use. If you have any special celebrations that you would like to share with us then do please bring in photo's that we can share, and add to the board throughout the year.



Next Steps

As we progress through the year we are continually extending your child's learning and development through play, observations and interactions. We also focus on key points each term. These are referred to as Next Steps. We would like to share these Next Steps with you and ask for your input. If you would like to contribute with comments, anecdotes and photographs from home please give these to one of the team. This will help build a whole picture of your child's development at home and at pre-school.

This term we are very much focusing on settling in and making new friendships. We will spend lots of time getting to know the children and allowing them lots of opportunities to get to know us, the other children and their new Pre-school.

Your child's Key Person will be observing them throughout the term and will build up some sound knowledge of the children and their developmental stage, allowing them to establish next steps. At the end of each term we will share the next steps with you.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask one of the team!

WOW

We love celebrating successes here in Pre-school and we do this with our WOW forms. Please do let us know if you would like to celebrate any achievements from home with us. You can do this by filling out a WOW form (in the blue drawers in the trolley) and share this with us, we will then celebrate together during circle time.



Absence

If, for any reason, your child is not going to be coming to Pre-school, please make sure you let us know either via text, email or phone call.



I do believe there is a Parents WhatsApp group. If you would like to join the group then do let me know and I can email you.

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Please note I am always here if you need to chat. Please always feel free to email or call at any time.

Many Thanks
Marie and the team.