



St Bonaventure's Pre-school Newsletter

Term 3

Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February 2026

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Welcome to term 3. I hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you once again for the lovely gifts we received, they were very much appreciated.

The children have seemed really happy to be back at Pre-school with their peers and it has been lovely to hear all about their Christmas breaks.

This term our focuses will be: traditional tales, numbers and recycling.

Numbers

This term our Maths focus will be numbers and counting. We will encourage the children to count objects accurately, by letting them move, touch or point at the objects as they count. We will also provide the children with opportunities to make sensible guesses, e.g. "how many children do you think are sitting in the circle?" and then support them to count and check how close their guesses are by counting out loud together.

Reminders

*Please do continue to check the lost property section of the trolley and claim any items that may be yours.

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

* If any contact details have changed please do let Marie or Joanne know so we can update your details.

* Please do let us know if your child will not be attending Pre-school for whatever reason so we can keep our files updated



The cold has arrived!

Please do ensure the children have warm sensible clothing to wear as we will still be going outside, playing tennis and taking part in our forest school activities. It will also be really useful for any extra clothing to be named, so we can avoid any lost items.



**Term 3 ends
on Friday 13th
February
2026**



Primary School admission deadline is Thursday 15th January!

Traditional Tales

Over the next few terms we will be reading traditional tales together, including The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk etc. The children will have the opportunity to read these stories together, draw and make pictures about them and act them out. These activities help cement children's understanding of the stories and extend imaginations.

We would LOVE to know if you have any traditional tales that you may read in your households that may be different to the stories above. Please do let us know so we can share these stories together.

Forest School

Over the next few weeks of this term, the children will be taking part in different forest school activities. We will be utilising all the space and land outside the front of the Pre-school. These activities will be taking place every Friday this term and then every Tuesday and Thursday next term so as to ensure every child will be taking part.

The children will have the opportunity to collect natural materials, find and explore bugs and their homes, make nature clay sculptures and have fun making mud pies. These activities can enhance construction, craft and role play as well as providing a springboard for discussions about what they have found or what kind of animal may have lived there etc.

These activities have many benefits including the development of collaborative learning skills, by encouraging children to work together outdoors as well as equipping children with practical skills and an appreciation for their outdoor environment. We hope it is going to be lots of fun.



Tennis will continue on a Monday with Tom and Wednesday with Gabe.

We do love hearing about any wonderful achievements at home. Please do fill out a WOW form (found in the trolley on the front deck), which we can then celebrate together at circle time.

WOW!



How to help at home – Maths

practice counting out objects, such as, buttons, toys or sticks collected on a walk. Encourage your child to point to each object as they say the number name. Cooking is a great way to incorporate lots of mathematical language. Measure ingredients and bake something yummy together and set the time for it to cook.

Our Committee needs you

*Would you like to be part of our Pre-school Management Committee? We are looking for new members to join our Committee, **specifically a treasurer.** Please do let myself or Heather (current Chair) know if you or anyone you know would like some more information heatherlouiseturner@gmail.com*



The Makaton sign we are learning is PIG

We seem to missing some of our spare clothes here at Pre-school, particularly trousers. We did have lots of leggings at the beginning of the year. If you think you have any Pre-school clothes at home then do please bring them back to Pre-school as we do need them when we have done water play or if there is an occasional wet accident. Thank you.

Please note I am always available if you need to have a chat at any time.

**Many Thanks
Marie and the team.**