



## St Bonaventure's Pre-school Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Term 5

Welcome to Term 5! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have settled back in really well and we have enjoyed hearing all about their Easter holidays.

### Curriculum Focus -

This term our focus is all about **growth, change and measurements.**

This focus can facilitate a development of understanding, that change occurs through life and in the wider world. We will also be looking at growing, and extend our learning to animal, insect, plant and human growth. The children will contribute to our planning and will be asked to give us lots of ideas on what they think we could plant and grow. We will then begin to plant and grow some of their ideas together over the coming weeks.

We will also be exploring weight, length, volume and capacity, we will be modelling language and asking questions like "is it tall, short, heavy or light"?

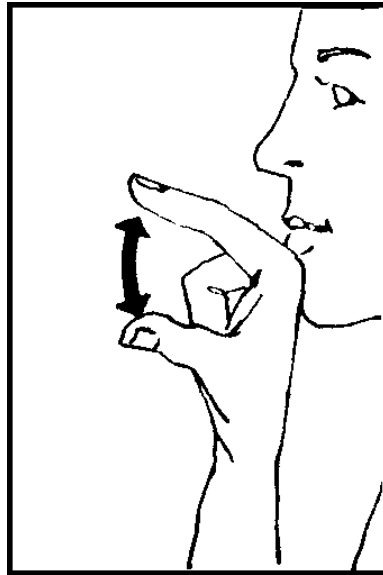
With the warmer weather (hopefully) gracing us with its presence, we will be engaging more and more with water play. This can often mean we get a little wet and therefore require a change of clothes whilst others dry out. If you can, please pack a spare set of clothes in bags, and if you have any spares at home, donations are always appreciated.

**Term 5 ends on Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

Baby photos – we would love it if you were able to bring in a photo of the children from when they were babies, that you would be happy for us to display in Pre-school. This activity is a great way for children to look and discuss all the ways in which they have grown and changed. We also play match the baby picture to the child to see if they are able to recognise one another

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The Makaton Sign we are learning this term is Duck!



### Gentle Reminders

\*Please continue to check lost property and claim anything that may be yours.

\*Can you check when you come through the gate and that it has closed behind you.

\*Please do let us know, either via email or telephone if your child will not be coming into Pre-school

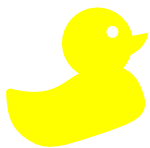
\*Please do ensure that you let either myself or Joanne know if any of your contact details change, e.g. phone numbers/ addresses etc. so we can update our records.

### Important Dates:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Term 5 begins

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Term 5 ends



As I am sure you may have heard, we have Ducklings! They arrived on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and we have had 6 hatch! We will be keeping them for 10 days. The children have been super excited for them to arrive and we have been talking about how we will need to take care of them, keep them safe, and help them grow. They have been so excited watching them hatch and grow (they have gotten so big already). Yesterday they had their first swim!





## The letter in our sound bag this Term is 'P'

### **What can I do at home to support learning .....**

Have children measure the same object using different units.

When they measure an object say with paperclips, then Cheerio's, then pencils, they'll get different measurements. Prompt the child to explain why the measurements are different using different items to measure.

Get out into the garden and look together at what may be growing, talk about what they think plants need to grow.

Bake together. Help to measure ingredients when cooking, using scales or cups, get children to count out or read the numbers on the scales.

### **"We're off to big school....."**

I know that you now would have been informed of your Primary school places. If you have not already done so, it may be nice to liaise with one another via your parents WhatsApp group to establish who is going to the same schools. Here at Pre-school we don't tend to start talking about going into 'Big School' until next term, we will however be doing lots of activities that encourage the children to be independent and ready for that next big step in their lives. Do let us know where your child will be going to Primary school.

Do have a look at [Home - Starting Reception](#) for lots more information about starting reception.

***Please note we are always available if you need to have a chat at any time.***

**Many Thanks  
Marie and the team.**

We are looking for a dentist who would be interested in visiting pre-school to talk to the children about good oral health and dental hygiene.

Previously, we have been fortunate to have parent dentists come in and share their expertise with the children, teaching them about caring for their teeth and gums. It was a wonderful learning opportunity, and we would be delighted to arrange this again.

