



Pre-school news

27th October 2025

Welcome Back!!

Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term. I hope you all had a nice half term break. It's going to be a very busy term for both staff and children with lots of nice, exciting things to look forward to. This letter is jam packed with lots of information and dates to make a note of, so please make sure you write them on your calendar!

New Starters

We have 3 new starters this term, so a big warm welcome to Ada, Isla and Zaiya. The staff and I hope you and your family will enjoy your time here with us.

Primary School Place 2025

Thursday 15th January 2025 is the **deadline to apply for a primary school place for your child if they start school in September 2026**. Ensure you apply to your local council, even if your school choice is in a different area [Apply for a primary school place - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place)

Once you have applied please can you email me at stcharlesrcpreschool@btconnect.com to inform me of what school choices you have made for your child so that we can start to think about transition and organise it with your chosen schools, thank you.

Weather and clothing

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing *every day* at pre-school. As said before, we play out in ALL WEATHER, and it is important that the children can be warm and comfortable. Please also put your child in layers as the door is open majority of the day and if playing inside they sometimes need to add or take off layers. **Please can all children arrive in 'all in ones' and wellie boots**, the children go straight out to play when they arrive and we cannot possibly get 22 children ready for outside as they arrive. If anyone has an 'all in one' that stays here it will be sent home this week for you, thank you.

ENSURE ALL CLOTHES ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. SO MANY ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE NOT LABELLED AND IT IS CAUSING THE STAFF WASTED TIME TRYING TO WORK OUT WHOS ITEMS ARE WHOS, THANK YOU.

Sessions

We have had lots of enquiries over the past few weeks for pre-school places for new children, however unfortunately we are full until September 2026. If you need a pre-school place in the future or know of anyone that does, please complete an application form, and return it to pre-school asap, thank you. Applications can be found at www.stcharlescatholicpreschool.co.uk



If anyone has any questions regarding increasing or moving their child's current sessions, please drop me an email or talk to me at the gate, spaces do occasionally become available so if you let me know what it is you would like I will do my best to accommodate you, failing that I can add you to the waiting list in case anything does come up, thank you.

Tapestry

Please ensure that you are visiting Tapestry regularly. Invoices are sent via Tapestry and tasks for the children to complete are also uploaded to it.

Over the next few weeks you will see an Autumn Term story published on your Tapestry account. This will give you a short overview of what your child has been enjoying this term and what is next for them. It will also show you their levels of well-being and involvement whilst they are here. Please see below to help you understand:

Well-being level 1 (Extremely Low):

The child's well-being is very low. They show none of the signs of well-being. They show no interest in interacting with others or in playing. Their eyes are dull. They show little energy. The child looks withdrawn and becomes anxious quite easily.

Well-being level 2 (Low):

About half of the time, this child displays signs of emotional discomfort. There is a lack of trust. This child may be watchful or cling to one person. This child cannot sustain enjoyment, worries about what the other children have and may enjoy hurting others.

Well-being level 3 (Moderate):

Most of the time this child is happy. Occasionally, this child may get anxious, seek reassurance or seem uncertain. This child may show distress at transition times, for example, moving into the group time from free play time.

Well-being level 4 (High):

This child is generally happy and able to express their feelings. This child feels comfortable enough to ask for what they want to do confidently. This child rarely shows signs of discomfort.

Well-being level 5 (Extremely High):

This child has an extremely high level of well-being. The setting is 'their place' and they radiate vitality, relaxation and inner peace.

Involvement level 1 (Extremely Low):

This child is completely uninvolved. Sometimes young children walk away, stare into space with no interaction with people or play materials. (A child can be involved by watching or thinking intently - the eyes show brightness and body language is different).

Involvement level 2 (Low):

This child is only involved for brief periods. They may wander around aimlessly. Sometimes they do things that are too easy for them so they are not learning anything new.

Involvement level 3 (Moderate):

This child is involved some of the time but what they are doing is not very important to them. If you ask them to do something different, they switch to a different activity without protesting.

Involvement level 4 (High):

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The child is involved in something they have chosen which is important to them. They are not easily distracted: yet, there are moments when they need adult's interest to help keep them involved.

Involvement level 5 (Extremely High):

This child does not need you to get them going. They know what they want or need to do. They can choose, continue to be absorbed for long periods and show most of the signals of involvement.

Christmas Party and Fundraising Information

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday, 2nd December. We will provide further details soon. As many of you know, we operate as a charity, and the festive season is a significant time for our fundraising efforts. Each year, we host a raffle and offer children's Christmas crafts for sale to support our activities.

To make our raffle a success, we kindly ask for your help. We invite children and their families to contribute items for our hampers. If you are able, please donate suitable goods on the specified dates listed below. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us continue our work—thank you!

Friday 31st October 2025

SPOOKY DRESS UP DAY

Bring £2

Thursday 6th November 2025

FANCY DRESS DAY

Bring a bottle

Monday 17th November 2025

FUNKY HAIR DAY

Bring some christmassy chocolate/treats or some smellies

If anyone has any additional items at home that you think would be good for our hampers then please feel free to send them in, we are very grateful for all contributions, thank you.

A big thank you to Lacie's family who made us a Halloween Hamper that we raffled off at The White Hart Public House over half term, which has started our fundraising efforts raising £100!

Birthdays



We have 2 birthdays for November and December!! So happy birthday to Georgia and Bella. We hope you have a lovely day.

Dates to make a note of:

Tuesday 28th October - Diabetes Awareness Day - Wear something Blue!

Wednesday 29th October - Forest School

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Friday 31st October - Spooky Dress up Day - Bring £2

Thursday 6th November - Fancy Dress Day - Bring a bottle

Monday 17th November - Funky Hair Day - Bring smellies or christmassy chocolate

Wednesday 19th November - Forest School

Friday 21st November - St Charles school closed, inset day - PRE-SCHOOL OPEN AS USUAL

Tuesday 2nd December - Christmas Party (Measham Leisure Centre 1-2.45pm)

Thursday 5th December - Measham Christmas light switch on (our children will be on stage singing)

Thursday 11th December - XMAS JUMPER DAY

Thursday 18th December - Xmas Carol Concert 2pm (parents, grandparents, friends & family welcome)

Friday 19th December - LAST DAY OF TERM - **FINISH AT 12pm**

Monday 5th January - Return to pre-school

Thursday 15th January - CUT OFF DATE TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theresa Miller'.

Theresa Miller
Manager