

Newsletter



Our latest newsletter

Welcome to the second half of the Spring term, we hope you all had a nice half term break. We're very happy that all of the children who joined us in January are settling in well and are enjoying their time at Overton Preschool Playgroup! We are looking forward to the approaching Spring days, for more sunshine and time spent outdoors!



We are pleased to say we have set a date for this year's May Fair, which will take place on Saturday 11 May. This is an event that is thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attends; with face painting, tombola, jarbola, cakes, outdoor activities and much more! There will be more information to come but please put the date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

We need your donations please!

As in previous years, we would be so grateful if our parents could provide donations for the tombola and jarbola stalls. If you have any unwanted/unused items or would be happy to fill a jar with small toys, sweets, crayons, stickers or anything you fancy, please bring them in to either Playgroup or Preschool in the coming weeks. Thank you so much!



Dates for the diary

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First day back after half term

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Last day of term
Easter holiday 29th March-12th April

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INSET DAY

15 hours free childcare

As part of the government's initiative to increase the amount of funded childcare available to parents, from April 2024 working parents of 2 year olds will be able to access 15 hours of free childcare. So, if your child turns 2 before 31 March 2024, please use the link below to apply and get your funding code. It is recommended that you do this **before the end of February** to ensure you get your code in good time, ready for use in April.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/how-to-claim-15-hours-free-childcare-code/>

We have limited places available for any families wanting to extend their child's hours, these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



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What's happening at Preschool Playgroup



We had a great first half of the spring term at Playgroup, managing to spend a fair bit of time outdoors despite the colder weather. The children have also enjoyed getting crafty, making these adorable penguins! We are looking forward to some Easter themed activities in the coming weeks.

Our Preschool children have also been very creative, looking at the work of Russian abstract artist Kandinsky, and producing these fabulous works of art inspired by him. Kandinsky is known for listening to music and seeing colours.



At Preschool we are also working with British values, focussing on:

- respecting one another
- being kind and understanding
- listening as well as talking
- manners and being thoughtful.



World Book Day 2024



This year, World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 7 March. Each child should have already received a £1 book token to either swap for a free book or put towards a book of their choice. We hope they can find a story they will enjoy! There will be no expectation for children to dress up on the day.

INSET DAY REMINDER

Monday 15th April 2024

Both settings will be closed

Planning application update

In case anyone hasn't seen the email that was sent out to parents, we wanted to let you know that we have received an update from Basingstoke Borough Council regarding the planning application at Overton school to open a nursery setting. Thanks to the large number of objections from parents and locals, the proposal cannot automatically be approved. It will be taken to a Development Control Committee Meeting, scheduled for 6 March. As soon as we have any further information we will be in touch. As ever, thank you for your patience and support.

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