



Little Gregs
Pre-School

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SPRING TERM 02 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of spring term 2025! This term has been full of so much fun and excitement. It was lovely to celebrate Mother's Day with the play and stay afternoon, hatching chicks was a joyful experience for all children and staff. Next half term is a very short 4 weeks, we have lots planned and will be growing butterflies, a lovely experience for all children.

Thank you for supporting our Pyjama day, we raised £203.50 for Crackerjacks Children Trust! The trust was very thankful and sent the pre-school a certificate.

Our Easter raffle raised £182.00, a massive thank you to our local sponsors for supporting the raffle. Fundraising is so important to help us plan the extracurricular activities and provide amazing experiences for the children. We have great fundraising events coming up, we have a stall at St Gregory's Summer Fete, Andy's fun run, Ice cream treat and a summer raffle. Help us reach our target of £1500 this school year! So far we have raised £995.60!

Behind the scenes I have been working on our WInCKS portfolio 'Warwickshire Inclusion Kitemarking Scheme'. We have maintained GOLD for the last two years! Each year to remain within the scheme a portfolio has to be developed to show improvements and the setting is put to panel in April/May.

It was also a great honour to receive a phone call back in January 2025 to say we had been recommended to Pearson National Teaching Awards. I had to provide background information and evidence to what the pre-school offers, I am pleased to say Little Gregs Pre-school Early Years Team to be awarded Bronze Winner. The pre-school will be receiving a certificate and staff lapel pin, celebrations for the team will take place Wednesday 18th June 2025 'National Thank a Teacher Day'

Over the summer term, we are developing our partnership with St Gregory's. Children transitioning to the school will be taking part in joint play and stay outdoor sessions with reception children. The national offer day for school places is 16th April 2025. Please ensure you let me know which school you child will be attending as we do not receive this information.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Wilkes

Pre-School Manager





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Lions and Tigers

We've had such an exciting and busy half-term here at preschool! We'd love to share with you some of the wonderful activities and learning experiences the children have been involved in.

The children have been learning about buildings and exploring the different types of houses around us. We even took a little adventure through the streets of Stratford, where the children could see a variety of houses.

One of the highlights of the term was our Pyjama Day! The children had so much fun coming to school in their cosy pyjamas, and we spent the day reading stories, playing games, and relaxing together. We also had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day with a fun superhero theme! The children came dressed as their favourite superheroes and enjoyed acting out stories with their friends. During Chatter Matter Week, we celebrated the importance of communication by sharing and acting out many well-known books.

Our Lions group enjoyed some lovely rhyming books: Mouse Moves House and Toad Makes a Road. The children had a great time practicing the rhymes and enjoying the playful language.

In PE, the children worked on their throwing, jumping, and teamwork skills. They had a blast playing team games and taking part in musical chairs, which brought lots of giggles and excitement.

As the weather started to change, we observed the signs of spring around our field. The children were excited to spot flowers beginning to bloom and new growth everywhere. We also talked about growing plants and what they need to grow. The children now know that seeds, soil, water, and sunlight are essential for plants to grow.

For Mother's Day, we held a lovely tea party with mums, where the children had the opportunity to enjoy some time with their mums in preschool. It was a beautiful event full of smiles and laughter.

One of the most exciting events this term was the arrival of our chicks! We had eggs in the preschool, and to everyone's delight, the first chick hatched the very next day. Over the course of the week, we welcomed 7 chicks in total. The children loved watching them grow and taking care of them.

As we reach the end of this busy term, we'd like to wish all of our families a Happy Easter! We hope you have a relaxing and joyful holiday.

Warm regards,

Tigers and Lions Team





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Cubs

Cubs have had a busy few weeks, enjoying the changing weather, and making the most of our time outside! Our outside role play area has been a Fire Station, where we have had opportunities to talk about fire safety, and more recently as a garage, helping to fix the cars.

At Nature Nursery we have been on lots of bug hunts and always check on the chickens, guessing how many eggs there might be. We have talked more about eggs, watching chicks hatch and grow, and more recently about chocolate ones! We have decorated lots of egg pictures using paint, pens and dabbers.

We have worked together to create our new display around the nursery rhyme 'Five Little Ducks', each making our own duckling using glue and colourful feathers.

We hope you have a lovely break,

From

Cubs Team



Reminders:

- If your child is absent you must inform the pre-school by 9am. Please phone or email. This has to be done for each day of absence and the reason for absence. 01789 290198 / littlegregs3506@welearn365.com
- Water bottle needed for each session. Please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled.
- Please provide nappies if your child uses them.
- Please label your child's belongings.
- No Nuts in snack boxes.
- Please cut up grapes.





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DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Easter Break	Monday 14 th April to Friday 25 th April 2025
Children Return to Pre-school	Monday 28 th April 2025
Bank Holiday - Pre-school Closed	Monday 5 th May 2025
Ice Cream Treat	Friday 9 th May 2025 (See below)
Lions & Tigers Movie Afternoon with Pizza	Tuesday 20 th May 2025 (More information to follow)
Teacher Training Day - Pre-school Closed to Children	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th May 2025
Children Return to Pre-school	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Father's Day Play and Stay	Friday 13 th June 2025 2-3pm

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ICE-CREAM TREAT

END OF WEEK TREAT!

Friday 9th May 2025
End of day collection

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support extra-curricular
activities

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Safe from choking

“ I always thought choking would have been more obvious. But the silence and the panic in his eyes will stay with me forever. ”

A child who's choking can't breathe, so there's no sound to alert you.

As scary as this sounds, you can stop this happening. It takes some simple steps.

Why do children choke?

- 👉 Children can choke at any age. Young children are at greater risk.
- 👉 Their narrow airways are more easily blocked.
- 👉 Anything smaller than a 2p can choke them.

Small objects

Babies and toddlers put things in their mouths. It's how they explore. So they can choke on small objects in their reach:

- 👉 Cheap toys can have small parts that come off. Check them over first.
- 👉 Use older children's toys in a specific area and check the floor afterwards. Use a tray underneath to catch small parts, like Lego.
- 👉 Don't let young children blow up balloons and clear away broken pieces.

Baby bottles

Never use a self-feeding baby pillow or prop your baby's bottle up to feed. They need an adult to help them feed.

First aid

1. Give up to five back blows between the shoulder blades – it can force the object out.
2. For babies, give up to five chest thrusts. For children over 1 year of age, give up to five abdominal thrusts squeezing above the belly button from behind – it forces air out of the lungs to clear the object.
3. If 1 & 2 don't work call 999 and keep trying until help arrives.

Food

- 👉 Choking on food isn't just about young children not chewing properly. It takes time to learn to breathe, chew and swallow in harmony.
- 👉 Until then, they need you to cut up or avoid anything that could block their airway. And to teach them to sit still to eat.

Size and shape matter

- 👉 Cut lengthways and quarters – grapes, blueberries, strawberries, cherries and small tomatoes.
- 👉 Remove skin, pips or stones from fruits or vegetables.
- 👉 Cut thin strips – sausages, cheese, vegetables and large fruit like melon, apple, carrot, cucumber and mango.
- 👉 Steam, mash or grate foods to soften them – carrots, chickpeas, butter beans.
- 👉 Cut strips and remove bones, skin or fat – meat and fish.
- 👉 Toast bread – to stop doughy balls. Cut all bread into narrow strips.

Save for later

- 👉 Round hard sweets, including mini eggs and lollipops
- 👉 Whole grapes and nuts
- 👉 Globs of peanut butter
- 👉 Popcorn
- 👉 Marshmallows
- 👉 Jelly cubes

