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# SUMMER TERM 01 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has flown by so quickly, May half term break is here!

Our new children who joined Little Gregs have settled in so well and it's lovely to see friendships developing. Lots of exciting learning has taken place this half term and we have so much planned for the final term of the year.

Please look at the dates below, as we have the Father's Day play and stay coming up, and Lions and Tigers have a sports morning with Andy.

Andy's fun run is taking place again this year. Lions and Tigers children who attend pre-school on a Friday morning have been practicing running the school field to complete the 1-mile fun run with Andy. Sponsor forms will be sent home, to raise funds for the pre-school, supporting new resources and extra-curricular activities.

Last Friday we celebrated Andys big special 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Little Gregs treated Andy to a birthday meal and shopping trip over the half term break.

I would like to say a massive thank you for supporting Little Gregs with the Tesco token scheme, we came first place and have been awarded with £1,456.00 to support new resources to develop physical skills outdoors.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break, and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to pre-school Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Wilkes

Pre-School Manager





### **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 / <u>littlegregs3506@welearn365.com</u>

-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.





## **Lions and Tigers**

As we come to the end of the first half of the summer term, we wanted to share a few of the wonderful things the children have been learning and enjoying over the past few weeks.

We began the half term by exploring the fascinating world of minibeast. This led us to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, during which the children also discovered the concept of symmetry through fun, hands-on activities. We also explored the life cycle of frogs, further developing the children's understanding of how living things grow and change. Each child also had the opportunity to plant their own sunflower and take it home to care for.

A highlight of this half term has been having real caterpillars in the setting, which the children can observe daily. The caterpillars are growing quickly and will soon form their cocoons to rest before their exciting transformation. The children are very excited and awaiting the arrival of the butterflies.

In our café role-play, the children engaged in imaginative play while learning about healthy eating and pretending to prepare meals. Outdoors, they enjoyed role-playing in our Ice-Cream shop, serving up imaginative treats and working together in this summer-themed activity.

It has been a joyful and busy half-term, full of learning.

We wish you all a wonderful and restful half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the final half-term of the academic year – ready for more adventures.

Warm regards,

**Tigers and Lions Team** 







### Cubs

This term has been short but filled with fun! We've enjoyed the changing weather and made the most of the sunshine. Our activities included lots of water play with sea animals and washing cars and bikes with plenty of bubbles. We have focused on enhancing our outdoor area, creating a bright and colourful space with numerous decorations.

At Nature Nursery, we have gone on many bug hunts in search of different insects. We loved the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and had great discussions about the life cycle of a butterfly, enjoying watching them grow. At preschool, Cubs have been busy building their own obstacle course. We've used planks of wood to create ramps, as well as tires and tunnels, which allows us to climb, explore, and develop our physical skills.

We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break!



DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Teacher Training Day – Pre-school	<mark>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</mark>
Closed to Children	
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Children Return to Pre-school	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Father's Day Play and Stay	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 2-3pm
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 @ 6pm
Reception Welcome Evening	
Andy's Fun Run	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Parent Sleep Workshop	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 4-6pm
Little Gregs Sports Morning with	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 9-10am
Andy. Parents welcome.	
Little Gregs Pre-school Leavers	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2-3pm
Service. Parents Welcome.	
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025



# **Sleep and Routines**



4pm Thursday 3rd July

Little Gregs Pre-school, Stratford

A free 2-hour workshop for parents and carers in Warwickshire

Children can be rewarding, stimulating and fun but looking after them can sometimes be stressful and challenging.

Issues with sleep are common for children and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life.

This workshop explores the importance of sleep, the science of sleep, possible causes of sleep issues and offers strategies to help.

Check availability and book your FREE place at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/warwickshire-children-and-families/">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/warwickshire-children-and-families/</a>

