



Little Gregs
Pre-School

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AUTUMN TERM 01 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful start to the pre-school year!

The children have settled into pre-school life so well. The children have been busy learning the pre-school routines and boundaries, making new friends and exploring the learning environment in and outdoors. We have been working with St Gregory's reception class teacher and together raised the funds to purchase new climbing equipment. It is fantastic to be building close working relationships with the school.

I have been working with Warwickshire Early Years Quality, Standards and Safeguarding Advisory Team as the pre-school is coming to 4 years since the last Ofsted inspection. With all the new Safeguarding and Early Years Foundation Stage changes which came into law 1st September 2025 and the new Early Years Ofsted Inspection Toolkit coming into law 4th November 2025. The pre-school is currently undergoing a Mock Ofsted review. The first part of the review was completed mid-October, and the on-site visit will be taking place in January 2026.

This process is positive and is bringing the team together to develop the new practices required, helping to strengthen staffs' professional development and ensuring that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. As all children deserve the care and support, they need to have the best start in life.

It is great with everything happening behind the scenes staff are working hard planning activities, learning opportunities and experiences to support the learning needs of the children, ensuring learning and development is progressing.

When we return after half term lots of exciting activities will be taking place and Helen has been busy planning the Christmas Nativity. **The performance will take place Tuesday 16th December 2025 at St Gregory's Primary School in the School Hall. 1.30 – 2.30pm.**

We will also be holding our Christmas raffle at this event; this raffle is our biggest fundraiser of the year. As you are probably aware Little Gregs Pre-school is an independent charity run early years setting. Having parents support with fundraising helps us provide extra-curricular activities and to maintain our high standards of providing good quality education.

Last school year our Little Gregs Families helped to raise £1,442.76. We would love to beat this total!! Parents are always welcome to help with fundraising events and share any ideas to raise money.

You can also help raise money through our easy fundraising account as you shop! Please scan the QR code below.



Kind Regards

Sarah Wilkes

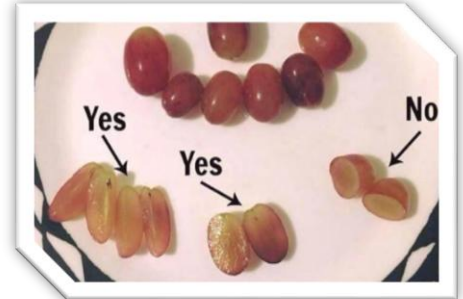
Pre-School Manager



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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.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Last day of Term	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Friday 24 th October 2025
Half Term	Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October 2025
Return to Pre-school	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Pre-school Photos with Tempest	Tuesday 11 th November 2025
Christmas Nativity & Raffle	Tuesday 16 th December 2025
Last day of Term	Friday 19 th December 2025
Winter Break	Monday 22 nd December 2025 - Friday 2 nd January 2026
Children return to pre-school	Monday 5 th January 2026

Individual Child Photos!

Are you looking for Christmas present ideas?

Paul will be visiting Little Gregs Pre-school to take individual photos. On Tuesday 11th November 2025, during the morning session. If this is not your child's normal session, you are welcome to come along to the pre-school at 9.15am to have your child's photos taken. Parents will need to stay on site.

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY



Cubs

As the first half term of autumn concludes, we are immensely proud of the children's achievements. They have developed a deeper understanding of routines and are beginning to recognise their names, shapes, colours, and numbers. They have also established strong friendships with staff and peers, and gained independence in various areas, including toilet training and hand hygiene. Furthermore, they have engaged in creative exploration through activities such as painting, playing with, shaving foam, water, and sand.

The Cubs particularly enjoyed a story about The Three Little Pigs, which was the focus of our storytelling sessions. We explored role play by acting as the Goldilocks and Three Bears, allowing the children to retell the story in their own words. They participated enthusiastically in a variety of messy activities and used diverse resources, such as mud, autumn leaves, conkers, pinecones, and rice Krispies, including feeding the bears a pretend bear breakfast.

At Nature Nursery, we have been creating obstacle courses to support physical development. We also introduced yoga inspired by the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children demonstrated enthusiasm and engagement in all activities, including celebrating Diwali by creating rangoli patterns and lanterns. Additionally, we carved and painted pumpkins, which was a messy but enjoyable experience.

We wish you a wonderful half-term holiday and look forward to hearing about your children's adventures upon our return.

Warm regards,

The Cubs Team





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Lions and Tigers

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of this half term, we are pleased to share how well your children have settled into preschool. They have been busy exploring both our indoor and outdoor environments and become familiar with our daily routines.

Our theme, "All about me", was enjoyed by everyone. The children talked about family members, their homes, their likes and dislikes, and explored how they look. They even created their own self-portrait, which they were very proud of!

As the term progressed, Lions and Tigers have been learning about the changes seasons and focusing on colours. They have enjoyed our weekly visits to Forest School, where they have been observing the signs of Autumn.

We have also shared many wonderful books, including the story "Shh. We have a plan" during Legro group, our language enhancement group. During role-play, the children have been acting out real-life experiences such as preparing food in the Home Corner, building wall at our Building Site, and shopping at the Farm Shop. Their creativity has also shone through in many autumn-themed art and craft activities, including making hedgehogs and spiders.

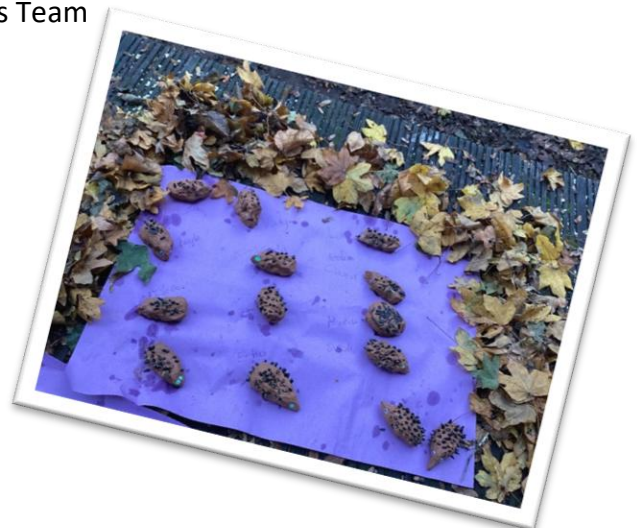
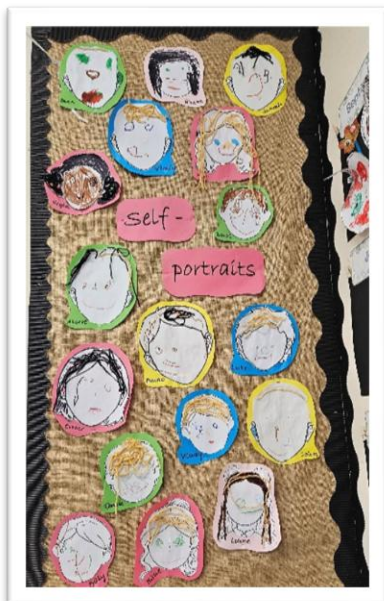
The children have also enjoyed our music sessions this half term. They explored a variety of percussion instruments and learned how to play them in different ways- tapping, shaking and scraping to create different sounds.

More recently, we have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali, the festival of Lights. The children listened to stories about Diwali, decorated their own diyas, sang Diwali songs, and even danced to Indian music – which they thoroughly enjoyed!

We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break. When we return, we will be focusing on Bonfire Night and fireworks.

Best wishes from

Tigers and Lions Team





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10% early-bird discount code is due to expire at 11:59 PM on Friday 24th October 2025

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Nativity

It's A long Way



SERVICE AT 1.30pm

Tuesday 16th December 2025

St Gregory's School
Hall

To support our charity run
pre-school. We are selling 2 tickets
for £2.50. Please email
littlegregs3506@welearn365.com to
order your tickets.



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Pumpkin Competition

Thank you for taking part in the pumpkin competition and a massive congratulations to the following winners!

Cubs – Cian

Lions & Tigers – Jacob



Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.



Try to buy from a reputable store or website.
Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.



Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark



Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"



Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources





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let's talk: Speech and Language advice line for Warwickshire's 0-5 year olds

Practical strategies and support for
parents/carers and professionals from a
Speech and Language therapist

Tailored signposting to ideas,
resources and services

Service available Friday mornings
9:15am-1pm (except Bank Holidays)



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