



SPRING TERM 02 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of the Spring Term 2026! Although it has been a shorter term, it's certainly been filled with excitement, learning, and lots of fun. It was wonderful to celebrate Mother's Day together during our creative play session. The children have also enjoyed learning about spring, taking part in Chatter Matters Week, and exploring the story and traditions of Easter. Next half term, we have many exciting experiences planned including growing butterflies, which is always a magical and memorable activity for the children.

Our Easter raffle raised £90.00! A massive thank you to our wonderful local sponsors, whose continued generosity helps make events like this possible. Fundraising plays a vital role in supporting our extracurricular activities and creating amazing experiences for the children. Your support truly makes a difference.

Behind the scenes, I've been hard at work on our Warwickshire Inclusion Kitemarking Scheme (WInCKS) portfolio. I'm delighted to share that we have proudly maintained GOLD status for the past three years! Each year, to remain within the scheme, we develop a detailed portfolio showcasing our ongoing improvements and inclusive practice. Our setting is then presented to the panel in April/May for review, in June I will receive the outcome of our status.

I have also been working closely with Howdens to plan an upgrade for our pre-school kitchen. As Little Gregs approaches its 19th year, some areas are beginning to look a little tired, and it's the perfect time for a refresh. We're hoping the upgrade will take place during the summer holidays, causing minimal disruption to the children and staff. If anyone knows a kitchen fitter who may be able to support us with this project, please get in touch with me — your help would be greatly appreciated!

A reminder that the national offer day for school places is 16th April 2026. Please ensure you let me know which school your child will be transitioning to, as we do not receive this information automatically.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Wilkes

Pre-School Manager





Little Gregs
Pre-School

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

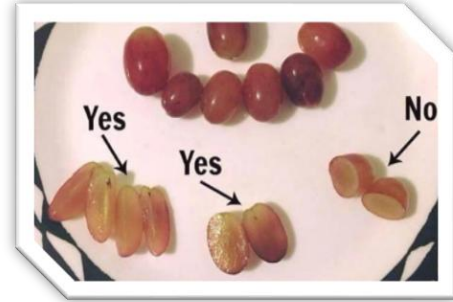
-Water bottle needed for each session. Please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled.

-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

Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April 2026
Bank Holiday Monday - Closed	4 th May 2026
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May 2026
Father's Day 'Stay and Play'	Friday 19 th June 2026
Pre-school Leavers Service	Tuesday 14 th July 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 th July 2026





Cubs

Dear Parents,

Our Cubs have had a wonderful term filled with curiosity, creativity, and plenty of playful learning. We enjoyed sharing stories together, including Owl Babies and The Three Little Pigs, which helped nurture the children's love of books and story time.

During "Chatter Matters" week, we became lively Bunny Movers! The children learned all about bunnies—what they eat, how they behave, and how they hop when they're happy. They were eager to share their own knowledge too, especially the favourite fact that "bunnies love carrots!" We also talked about chocolate treats and explored how to keep our teeth healthy by brushing well and choosing good foods to help our smiles shine.

Creativity was everywhere as the children coloured pictures, made Easter cards, and proudly wore their bunny ears. Our egg hunt was a highlight of the week, giving everyone a chance to explore nature and practice searching and finding.

Outdoors, the children absolutely loved our new farm shop and little café. They spent lots of time pretending to shop, filling their trolleys, and chatting about supermarket trips they've enjoyed with you at home. This play, supported learning about different fruits and vegetables, while also helping us practise colours, counting, and number recognition.

It has truly been a wonderful term of growing, exploring, and learning together. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and can't wait for more adventures ahead!

Warm regards,

The Cubs Team





Lions and Tigers

Dear Parents,

We've had such an exciting and busy half-term here at preschool, and we'd love to share some of the wonderful activities and learning experiences the children have enjoyed.

The children learned about Chinese New Year. Our home corner was decorated with Chinese lanterns and chopsticks, and we shared stories about this fantastic celebration while enjoying Chinese music.

To celebrate World Book Day, the children came to preschool in wonderful costumes, including characters such as the Gruffalo. We listened to the story of The Gruffalo together and took part in a range of fun activities related to the book.

For Mother's Day, we held a lovely play session for mums. The children had the opportunity to spend special time with their mums at preschool, and it was a beautiful event filled with smiles and laughter.

As the weather began to change, we observed signs of spring around our field. The children were excited to spot flowers beginning to bloom and notice new growth everywhere.

During Chatter Matters Week, we celebrated the importance of communication by sharing and acting out lots of different movements that bunnies can do, as this year's theme was "Bunny Movers." Everyone had great fun pretending to be bunnies—hopping, jumping, crawling, running, and more.

We finished the spring term by talking about Easter and taking part in lots of Easter activities, such as colouring Easter eggs, making chocolate Easter nests, and going on Easter egg hunts.

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

Best wishes from

Tigers and Lions Team





Little Gregs

Pre-School

Barnardo's Warwickshire Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to age 25 with SEND

Outdoor Messy Play

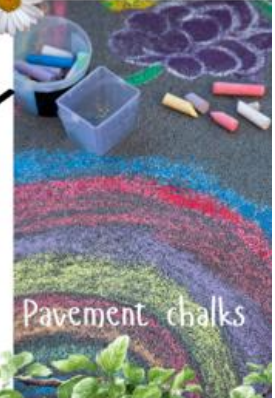
Mondays 10-11am
Lighthorne Heath CFC
0-5years



Outdoor garden and mud pit



Mud pies and potions



Pavement chalks



Sand and water play



Book your free space here!



Stick painting

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Early Support Team

Family Support Drop in Sessions

Stratford Children's Centre Every **Thursday 12.30-3pm**

Alcester Children's Centre Every **Wednesday 1-3pm**

Lighthorne Heath Children's Centre Every **Wednesday 1-3pm**

We can offer Support with...

Health and wellbeing

Supporting your Child's Mental Health

Understanding your Child's Behaviour

Behaviour Management

Developing Routines and Boundaries

Parenting Advice

Guidance and Support

So Much More...

Pop in for a **Relaxed Chat, Cuppa and Support** or **Call us on**

Early Support Duty Line 01926414144

Monday-Friday between 9am-4pm





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CREATIVE DANCE WORKSHOPS FOR AGES 2-4 & THEIR GROWN-UPS

AT STRATFORD CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

Monday 30th March

9.30-10.15 or 10.45-11.30

BOOK A FREE PLACE

t: 01789 266624

e: stratforddistrictcfcadmins
@barnardos.org.uk

or call in at Stratford
Children & Family Centre

Funded by Stratford Children & Family Centre. Please let us know if you are unable to attend, where possible within 24 hours, as there will be a waiting list due to room capacity.



time to
move, play &
be creative
with your
child



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