



Little Gregs
Pre-School

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AUTUMN TERM 01 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful start to the pre-school year!

We have now reached the end of our first half term. It has been eight busy and fun-filled weeks. The children have settled in so well, and it has been lovely to see friendships developing. The staff have been working together to develop new ways of working through both long-term and short-term planning, focusing on individual needs and next steps for each child.

Please ensure you check Tapestry for the weekly group observation. This will give you an insight into the activities that have taken place throughout the week. Key persons have also uploaded individual half-term observations for their children.

We are continuing to strengthen our partnership with St Gregory's, and the pre-school team is working closely with the EYFS team to develop the mud kitchen area within our shared outdoor learning environment.

I am pleased to welcome Rhyme Time to Little Gregs after half term on Friday afternoons. In addition, to help celebrate Diwali, Drama Tots will be attending Little Gregs on Monday 2nd November to support the celebrations with a fun dance session.

We have also appointed a new member of staff to join the team on a full-time basis. Ozana will be joining us after half term and will be working within the pre-school room, supporting the pre-Tiger's group, as well as our Club LG wraparound care provision.

I am delighted to share that we have been awarded our SEND W. Inc.K.S status for the fifth consecutive year. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects our commitment to ensuring all children receive the very best early years education. I could not provide this level of support for children with additional needs without the dedication and hard work of our wonderful pre-school staff team.

Our recent teacher training day was a highly positive team development day. We welcomed Time to Talk into the setting, and all staff either completed or refreshed their Chatter Matters training to further support speech, language and communication development. As a team, we reflected on how we can continue to strengthen our provision and provide additional support for children and families.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break.

Kind Regards

Sarah Wilkes

Pre-school & Club LG Manager





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Parent voluntary contribution

We kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £35.00 to help support activities, resources, and experiences for the children throughout the year.

Please scan the QR code below to make your voluntary contribution.

Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to provide enriching learning opportunities for all children at Little Gregs Pre-school.

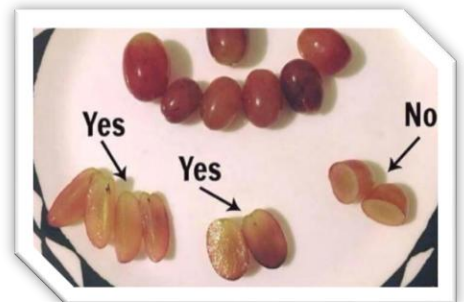
Thank you for your generosity and support.

Thank you to the parents who have already made the contribution!



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

Last day of Term	Thursday 22 nd October 2026
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Half Term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October 2026
Return to pre-school	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Christmas Nativity	Thursday 3 rd December 2026 @ 9.30am
Christmas Raffle Draw	Thursday 10 th December 2026
Last day of Term	Friday 18 th December 2026
Winter Break	Monday 21 st December 2026 - Friday 1 st January 2027
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Monday 4 th January 2027
Children return to pre-school	Tuesday 5 th January 2027

Join Warwickshire Road Safety Education and Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, alongside partners at Child Seat Safety Limited, at one of their upcoming free child car seat and vehicle safety checks events.

These events are a great opportunity to receive expert advice, ask questions and help keep your family and the children you provide care for safe on the roads.

Child car seat checks are delivered in partnership with Child Seat Safety, who will be on hand to ensure your little ones are travelling safely and securely.

Child Car Seat Checks
29th October 2026
9am-2pm
Asda, Nuneaton

Newtown Road, CV11 4FL

Child Car Seat Checks
30th October 2026
9am-2pm
Planters Garden Centre

Woodlands Farm, B78 2EY



Child Car Seat Checks
26th October 2026
9am-2pm
Asda, Leamington Spa

Chesterton Drive, CV31 1YD

Child Car Seat Checks
27th October 2026
9am-2pm
Warwick, Tesco

Embscot Road, CV34 5QJ

Child Car Seat Checks
28th October 2026
9am-2pm
Stratford Leisure Centre

Bridgeway, CV37 6YX





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Cubs

This autumn term has been full of fun, learning and new experiences in the Cubs Room.

The children settled exceptionally well, made new friends and enjoyed singing songs such as All About Me, Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down and Walking, Running and Hopping. We explored the story Dear Zoo, learned animal sounds and created animal prints to take home.

Our visits to the Nature Nursery were a particular highlight. The children enjoyed feeding the chickens and counting their eggs. They also loved playing outdoors in the rain and jumping in muddy puddles.

As part of our autumn activities, we explored pumpkins, looked inside them and talked about the slimy seeds we discovered. The children also enjoyed a range of sensory and fine motor activities, including sand play, water play, playdough and simple puzzles, all of which helped to develop their hand strength and coordination.

Later in the term, we began exploring the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children made and tasted porridge, pretended to feed hungry bears, used props in their imaginative play and learned new vocabulary such as big, small, hot and cold.

In our builders' role-play area, the children worked together to build towers and structures using foam bricks, developing their teamwork and problem-solving skills.

It has been a wonderful autumn term, full of exploration, learning and happy moments. We are incredibly proud of all the children and the progress they have made. We look forward to another exciting term filled with fun and new discoveries.

Have a wonderful half-term break!

Best Wishes

Cub s Team





Lions & Tigers

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

Our theme, "All About Me," has been enjoyed by everyone. The children have talked about their family members, their homes, and their likes and dislikes. They have also explored what makes them unique and created their own self-portraits, which they were very proud of!

As the half term progressed, the Lions and Tigers have been learning about the changing seasons and exploring colours. They have particularly enjoyed our weekly visits to Forest School, where they have been discovering and observing the signs of autumn.

We have shared lots of wonderful stories together, including The Three Little Pigs. The children loved acting out the roles of the pigs and the wolf, building houses and hiding inside them. During our Legro sessions, we also enjoyed the stories Shh! We Have a Plan and Bear on the Bike.

Role play has been another favourite activity. The children have enjoyed acting out familiar, real-life experiences, such as preparing food in the Home Corner, building walls at our Building Site and shopping at the Farm Shop. Their creativity has also shone through in our autumn-themed arts and crafts activities, where they have made lovely hedgehogs and spiders.

The children have also enjoyed our music sessions this half term. They have explored a variety of percussion instruments, experimenting with tapping, shaking and scraping to create different sounds. Our Friday PE sessions with Andy have been a big hit, too! The children have taken part in lots of fun activities to develop their gross motor skills, including their balance, coordination and movement.

We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing half-term break. When we return, we will be exploring the theme of Bonfire Night and Diwali with plenty of exciting activities to look forward to!

Best wishes,

The Lions and Tigers Team





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Barnardo's Warwickshire - Stratford District Children and Family Centres - Half term (26-30 Oct26)



Stratfordcfc



Stratford-upon-Avon
District Children and
Family Centres



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

Alcester 01789 764093

Stratford & Shipston 01789 266624

Lighthorne Heath & Southam & Wellesbourne 01926 691105



MONDAY

Lighthorne Heath
C&FC

Outdoor Messy
Play (0-5 yrs)
10:00 - 11:00am



Eventbrite Bookings

Please **CHECK** on Eventbrite
if the sessions are running -
if in doubt check with
your local Centre

If you are unable to attend
please remember to **CANCEL**
your booking to allow others
to have a place



TUESDAY

Lighthorne Heath
Village Hall

Toddler Time
09:30 - 11:00am

Badger Valley,
Shipston

Family Time
09:30 - 11:00am

Alcester C&FC

Baby self weighing
Drop In
(No appointment needed)
1:00 - 3:00pm

Stratford C&FC

Baby Self Weighing
Drop In
(no appointment needed)
1:00 - 3:00pm

Baby Time
2:00 - 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Stratford C&FC

Little Stars
SEND (0-5yrs)
09:30 - 11:00am

Wellesbourne
Library

Baby Sensory
2:00 - 3:00pm

Barnardos web page

Detailed information
about the courses that
are available at
each individual Centre



THURSDAY

Wellesbourne
Community Hub

Stay & Play
09:30 - 11:00am

Graham Adams,
Southam

Baby Time
09:30 - 11:00am

Stratford C&FC

SOLD OUT
Cook Stars
(3-8 yrs)
10:00 - 11:15am

Badger Valley,
Shipston

Baby Time
10:00 - 11:30am

We also provide 5 & 6 week
courses such as
Baby Massage,

Baby Chatter Matters
Toddler Chatter Matters

If you would like to book on,
please phone your local
Children & Family Centre

FRIDAY

Stratford C&FC

HomeEd
(5-11 yrs)
10:00 - 12noon

Nature Makers
(2-4 yrs)
1:30 - 2:30pm
(4-8 yrs)
3:00 - 4:00pm

Lighthorne Heath
C&FC

Baby self weighing
Drop In
(No appointment needed)
1:00 - 3:00pm

Alcester C&FC

Baby Messy Play
(under 1's)
2:00 - 3:00pm