



Hollytree Pre-school Summer 2 Newsletter 2026

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term.

Our focus this half term is '**All About Me**'. We will be looking at different body parts and how we use them to help us move. The children will be thinking about how they look and exploring similarities and differences between themselves and others. We will also look at how the children have changed and things they can do now that they could not do when they were babies. We will end the half term by encouraging the children to think of all the things they can do and celebrating their achievements.

With the warmer weather we will be spending time in the park, the field and the woods next to pre-school. We plan to go in the woods for scavenger hunts, den building and to 'Go on a Bear Hunt'! These outings will be dependent on the weather, but we will try to go on different mornings and afternoons each week to accommodate children attending on different days. Please make sure your child wears suitable footwear to pre-school. Please also make sure your child brings a jumper or cardigan to Preschool. The hall and outside area at the back are considerably cooler so another layer is needed even in warmer weather.

Baby photos – week beginning 1st June

Please could you send in a photograph of your child as a baby with their name written on the back. We will be using them in circle times to talk about how the children have changed and things they can do now that they couldn't do when they were younger.

Dates for your diary

Friday 10th July – Sports morning. We will be taking the children on the field for games and races. If your child does not usually attend on a Monday morning, they are still welcome to join us. Please let us know if you would like your child to come, they need to be dropped off at 10.30 and collected at 11.30. We have made the decision not to invite parents to watch. The children are very young, and we have found that they really enjoy it and are far happier to participate without an audience.

Friday 17th July – Summer trip to Paultons. Hollytree Preschool will be covering the cost of tickets for the children and one accompanying parent. (Separate letter to follow)

Please ensure you return your letter by **Wednesday 1st July** as we need to confirm numbers with Paultons.

Friday 18th July – End of term party/Leavers tea party

We will be holding an end of term party for our younger children from **10.00am – 11.30am**

We would like to invite the children who are leaving to go to school to a tea party at **12.30pm**

Parent meetings

Towards the end of term staff will be meeting with parents of our older children and your child's key person will arrange a time that is convenient for you. For our younger children who are staying with us staff will send home special books and Record Development summaries.

Transition to school

Some of our children will be leaving us in July ready to start school in September. This is a very exciting time for them, but they will be missed, and we hope to make their last half term at pre-school memorable. Staff will be talking to the Year R staff at our local schools to ensure their transition to school goes as smoothly as possible. We will also send a copy of our end of year reports to your child's school.

Preschool visits to NBIS

We will be visiting NBIS on Friday mornings – 19th and 26th June and 3rd July with the children who will be starting there. Our younger children and those going to different schools will stay at pre-school. These visits really help the children to become familiar with a new environment and make starting school in September easier. If your child does not usually attend on a Friday morning, they are still welcome to join us. Please drop your child at Preschool at 9.00am and collect them at 10.30am.

Reminders of dates for parents and children to visit NBIS

- Wednesday 3rd June stay and play 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- Tuesday 9th June parents meeting 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Thursday 11th June class visits 9.30am – 11.45am
- Wednesday 1st July class visits for children and parents 9.30am – 11.45am. Staff from Hollytree will attend this session.

Reminders

- **Please can we ask that the children do not bring any toys to Preschool.** We still have toys/cuddly toys coming into pre-school and they can easily get broken or lost and often cause conflicts if other children want to play with them.
- During hot weather please ensure you put suncream on your child before they come in and send them with a sun hat.
- Please do not allow the children to play with the gate or climb on the wall or steps at the front of Preschool. This is for their own safety.
- Snack – please send your child to school with a healthy snack. We encourage fruit or a suitable alternative. Chocolate, sweets, crisps and biscuits are not allowed.
- Healthy and balanced lunch boxes! Please ensure your child's lunch box contains food they like to eat and a suitable amount. They should have a sandwich or suitable alternative and at least one piece of fruit. Sweets are not allowed, and one chocolate biscuit or equivalent is enough.

Thank you for your continued support.

Hollytree staff team