



Hollytree Pre-school Summer Newsletter 2025

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 and has sun cream applied on sunny days. 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 2nd 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

Monday 30th June – 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.

Wednesday 9th July – Summer trip to Marwell. All children need to be accompanied by a parent. Please ensure you return your letter and payment by Wednesday 2nd July.

Preschool finishes on Thursday 17th July. The following morning is for the children leaving to go to school.

Friday 18th July – Leaver's tea party 10.00 – 11.30a.m. We will be holding this event at I Wanna Be... Role Play Village in Abbotswood, Romsey. The cost will be covered by the Preschool. Please return the letter that will be sent home so we know how many children will be attending.

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 in the afternoon on Friday 6th, 13th and 27th June 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, they are still welcome to join us. Please drop your child at Preschool at 1.15pm and collect them at 3.00pm.

Reminders of dates for parents and children to visit NBIS

- Tuesday 3rd June 1.30 – 2.30
- Thursday 19th June a.m
- Wednesday 2nd July – transition morning (Hollytree staff will also attend this visit).

Please attend these visits with your child, they are an important part of their induction.

Absences

We are required to keep a record of children's attendance. Please notify the Preschool if your child is going to be absent that day. If your child is absent and we have not been notified, we will need to phone you to ask for the reason for absence.

Card Payments

We are now able to accept card payments for fees or uniform.

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.
- 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 lunch boxes! Please ensure your child's lunch box contains food they like to eat and a manageable 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.

Reminder of fee increase from September 2025

Hollytree Pre-School is a registered charity, and we are committed to providing high quality Pre-School education for everyone in a safe and stimulating environment. We aim to keep our fees affordable and competitive and at such a level that we can provide high quality care. We also ensure that we do not ask for additional payments on top of session fees or EYE funding.

Due to rising financial operating costs our fees will increase in September 2025

Session costs from September 2025 are shown below:

Age	Session length	Cost
2 years	3 hours	£24.00
2 years	6 hours	£48.00
3 and 4 years	3 hours	£21.00
3 and 4 years	6 hours	£42.00

Settling in sessions Wednesday 3rd September

We will be holding two settling-in sessions on this day for children who will be starting at Hollytree and those children who will be returning.

10.00am – 11.00am New starters

11.30am – 12.30pm Children returning

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or talk to a member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support.