Newsletter

We are enjoying seeing the signs of spring all around us and are taking full advantage of the slightly warmer weather with lots of outdoor time. We are now in the run up to Easter, which always means lots of crafts and chocolate at preschool! Read below for more news; please also take note of our housekeeping page that contains some important and useful information.

What we're up to this half term!

There is always a lot to keep us busy during this half term – we will be celebrating St David's Day, World Book Day, Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day, Red Nose Day and one of our favourites, Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colour. This is a super fun week when we use bright paints and make colourful pictures. With Easter just around the corner, we will have lots of Easter crafts and trails and maybe a bit of chocolate too!
We will continue to spend lots of time outdoors and we'll be looking out for signs of spring.
Please remember to look at your Tapestry account where you can see lots of pictures from the week in preschool.

World Book Day

It's World Book Day on 5th March so during the whole week commencing 2nd March, we will be doing a story-inspired dress up week. The children are welcome to come into preschool dressed as a book character on any day that they would like to – you don't need to buy new, home made or simple costumes are always great. We also have lots of costumes in preschool so your child can always pick one of our outfits and dress up when they are at preschool.

Cake sale

A huge thank you to our amazing bakers and our buyers from the Valentine's cake sale. The cakes were delicious and we raised a fantastic amount of money! We will be using the money raised to go towards buying new physical activity equipment for the children**.**

Upcoming day closures for 2026

A reminder that preschool will be closed on Thursday 7th May. We will be holding parent meetings on this date, more details will be sent out nearer to the time. All of our term dates can be found on the website here: https://hatchwarren.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk/topic/calendar.
This year Bank holiday Monday is on 4th May, preschool will be closed.

Tapestry

Please keep looking at Tapestry every week to see photos of what the children are doing each week at preschool. If you have forgotten your login details, please let us know and we can reset your account.

Reminder – no nuts or nut based products

A polite reminder that we are a nut free preschool so please do not pack nuts or nut based products in lunch boxes. This includes chocolate spread and satay chicken.

Extra sessions

Extra sessions starting after Easter will be confirmed this week. Returning children will also be sent a request sheet for September sessions – please keep an eye on your inbox.

House Keeping

NO NUTS in lunchboxes, NO POPCORN in lunchboxes & PLEASE SLICE GRAPES

We have children in preschool with **severe allergies** to nuts and traces of nuts. We are a completely **nut-free** preschool so please don't include nuts, or nut-based products (Including chocolate spread) in packed lunches. Please **DO NOT PACK POPCORN**, this is a choking hazard and always **SLICE GRAPES AND MINI SAUSAGES** - whole grapes are a serious choking hazard to preschoolers, please slice lengthways..

Healthy Eating

We promote healthy eating for our children at Kempshott Under Fives – please could you support this by packing healthy options for your child in their lunchbox. Healthy options could include breadsticks, sugar free jelly, fromage frais and malt loaf. Little tubs of vegetables sticks and/or cubed fruit are also great lunchbox choices. **Please remember to pack spoons for yoghurts and a drink or water bottle.**

Asthma Inhalers

If your child has asthma and has been prescribed an inhaler, please ensure you bring an inhaler and spacer into preschool with your child. Please do not leave these in bags – please hand to a member of staff.

Wellies and waterproofs

Please could you always send your child with (named) wellies and waterproofs! We use the garden whatever the weather, and we have lots of water play all year round too. Unfortunately we cannot store any personal items or clothes at preschool.

Easy clothing!

At KU5s we encourage children to practice skills which make them independent, such as taking themselves to the toilet and taking off and putting on outdoor clothes (great preparation for school, especially for PE lessons!). Please could you encourage this at home and also dress your child in "easy clothing" for preschool to help them manage these tasks. Belts on trousers can be very frustrating so elasticated waists are preferable, as are Velcro straps or pull on shoes and boots.

Accidents Outside of Preschool

Please inform us at the start of your child's sessions if they have had an accident at home. It is helpful for us to know of a pre-existing injury just in case we are unsure if it happened whilst at preschool.

Quarantine Reminder for Sickness and Diarrhoea

Just a little reminder that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they should not return to preschool until they have had at least 48 hours clear. This will help prevent the spread of the virus and also help protect staff from illness.

30 hours funding

If you are claiming 30 hours childcare, please remember to keep your account up to date. To keep your 30 hours funding, you need to check your details are up to date every 3 months. Go to gov.uk/childcareaccount .

Prescribed Medication

Please speak to a member of staff to ensure full details are given and recorded should your child require medication to be administered.

Help Raise Funds for our Preschool

As you know our preschool is a charity, so fund raising is vitally important to us - it helps us update and add to our toys and resources for the children. There are a couple of easy ways to help us raise some much needed additional funds - you could be helping us raise money each time you shop online...
You can raise valuable funds for our preschool when shopping online with many retailers such as John Lewis, Sainsburys, Argos, M&S and many more… Just by registering with easyfundraising.
Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. It's simple to use and it doesn't cost you anything!
You could help our preschool so much, just by logging in to easyfundraising and going shopping!
- https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hatchwarrenu5s/
Once you've registered - perhaps you could spread the word to family and friends to help us raise more!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th March	Last preschool sessions
30th March-10th April	Easter holidays
Monday 13th April	Return to preschool for summer term
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday. Preschool closed
Thursday 7th May	Preschool closed. Parent meetings (more details coming soon)
Friday 22nd May	Last preschool sessions
Monday 25th– Friday 29th May	Preschool closed – half term
Monday 1st June	Return to preschool
Thursday 16th July	Last preschool sessions
Friday 17th July	Graduation celebration – preschool leavers only

Full term dates are listed on our calendar, which you can view on our website here:
https://hatchwarren.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk/diary/list/

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