Newsletter

Welcome to the summer term! It's the final full term of the year and we have lots of fun ahead. Read below for more news; please also take note of our housekeeping page that contains some useful information.

What we're up to this half term!

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter holidays and to hear all about their breaks. And it's been very exciting to hear news of which primary schools our older children are going to. School preparation is now underway for our older children. Each day we will be having fun with activities to promote number recognition, personal/social skills, listening/understanding and health and self care to name a few. At last the weather seems to be brightening up – this is the time of year when we start more water play in the garden so **please pack spare named clothes, including socks**, for your child as they really do love to get wet!

Sponsored sports day

We will be holding our sponsored sports day on 15th May. It's great fun for the children and is also a lovely opportunity to raise some funds for the preschool with some sponsorship. More details will be sent soon.

September 2026 sessions – returning children

Sessions are now being planned for September 2026. Emails will be sent out over the next week confirming your days. If you don't receive an email, or if any changes are needed, please let us know ASAP.

Nappies & wipes

If your child is in nappies, please ensure you pack enough spare nappies, wipes and nappy sacks in their bag. Preschool does not provide nappies and wipes.

Upcoming day closures for 2026

A reminder that we will be closed on Monday 4th May for Bank Holiday and on Thursday 7th May when we will be holding parent meetings.

Tapestry

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

Sun cream and sun hats

It's coming up to that time of year when we ask you to apply sun cream and pack sun hats. Please apply sun cream before you bring your child to preschool, if possible please use 8-hour sun cream. We also have cream available outside the Butterflies room, so please feel free to use our suncream if you forget.

Graduation party for our leavers – save the date!

Please could all children that are leaving for big school save the date of Friday 17th July. We will be hosting a graduation ceremony for children and families. More details to follow!

Parent meetings – 7th May

We will be taking the opportunity to hold parent meetings in our smaller room on May 7th when the community centre hall is used for polling. To book a meeting, please speak to Siobhan or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

Lunch box and drink bottle reminder

A gentle reminder to please ensure lunch boxes and drink bottles are emptied and cleaned daily. This helps prevent mould and keeps everything safe and hygienic for the children.

Resources request

If you have any jigsaw that are no longer played with, we would be grateful for any donations - we have lots of wooden jigsaws but are low on older children's jigsaws. Any kitchen items you no longer need would also be great to use in our home corner and mud kitchen.

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 and satay chicken) 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..

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 active, you need to check your details are up to date every 3 months. Go to gov.uk/childcareaccount.

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.

Easy Clothing!

At HWU5s 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 dress your child in "easy clothing" for preschool to help them manage these tasks. Please could we ask that you label all of your children's clothing and bags.

Accidents Outside of Preschool

Please inform us at the start of your child's session 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. If there has been a reason for you to give your child **CALPOL** in the morning, please keep them at home for the day and do not bring them to preschool.

Absence

Please always give us a quick call to notify us if your child is absent on 01256 322788. It's important that we keep our registers up to date.

Prescribed Medication

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

Medications in Bags

If your child brings any form of medication into preschool including Vaseline, lip salve, anti bacterial hand gel, please could you hand it to a member of staff and not leave in the children's bags. Thank you.

Pre-loved Uniform

Lisa has a selection of pre-loved uniform items for sale. All proceeds from pre-loved uniform sales go towards our preschool's fundraising. Please see Lisa if you are interested in taking a look.

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

Monday 4th May	Bank holiday. Preschool closed
Thursday 7th May	Preschool closed. Parent meetings (more details coming soon)
Friday 15th May	Sponsored sports day
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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