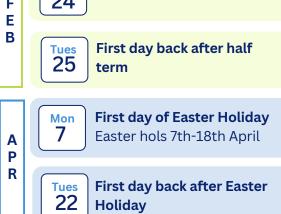


Welcome to the second half of the Spring term, we hope you all had a nice half term break. We're very happy that the children who joined us in January are settling in well and are enjoying their time at Overton Preschool Playgroup! We are looking forward to the approaching Spring days, for more sunshine and time spent outdoors!



Save the date! May Fair 2025 Saturday 10 May 2-4pm

We are pleased to say we have set a date for this year's May Fair, which will take place on Saturday 10 May. This is an event that is thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attends; with face painting, tombola, jarbola, cakes, outdoor activities and much more! This year we plan to hold the May Fair in St Luke's hall, a nice chance for playgroup parents to see the setting before their child's preschool year. There will be more information to come but please put the date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

## We need your donations please!

As in previous years, we would be so grateful if our parents could provide donations for the tombola and jarbola stalls. If you have any unwanted/unused items or would be happy to fill a jar with small toys, sweets, crayons, stickers or anything you fancy, please bring them in to either Playgroup or Preschool in the coming weeks. Also, for anyone that would like to donate cakes or biscuits, please bring them in to either setting on Friday 9th May. Thank you so much for your help!



## World Book Day 2025

This year, World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 6 March. Each child should have already received a £1 book token to either swap for a free book or put towards a book of their choice. We hope they can find a story they will enjoy! There will be no expectation for children to dress up on the day.

## Health in Hampshire

The Hampshire health in education website provides lots of useful information to help children thrive. The link below takes you to the main website, scroll down to 'Early Years' where you will find lots of useful resources around health, sleep, keeping safe online and much more.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichea lth/hampshirehealthineducation

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## What's been happening at Preschool Playgroup

At Playgroup the children have been enjoying playing in our new home corner, creating interesting meals for their friends!

We bought this using some of the money raised from our Christmas fundraisers - thank you all once again for your support.









Our Preschool children have been producing these beautiful flower displays. In September, we planted tulip and daffodil bulbs in the preschool garden; we can now see them starting to grow which is very exciting!



# Thank you, Laura!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Laura for the commitment and passion she has given to Preschool over the last three years! Laura will be hugely missed, she has been an integral part of the Preschool team, and we wish her all the best!





## We have planted our tree!



On Friday 31 January, our Preschool children helped to plant an apple tree at the Overton Community Orchard. It was a lovely event and, even though it was a cold day, there were lots of smiling faces! The children enjoyed putting the compost in the hole and watering the tree once in place.

We chose this specific tree as it is said to produce apples perfect for children - so please help yourself later in the year when you visit the orchard.

Read all about it in the Basingstoke Gazette here!





## **Remaining inset days:**

Monday 21st July Tuesday 22nd July

Both settings will be closed on these days

#### Have you ever considered becoming a bank member of staff for Overton Preschool Playgroup?

If you would be interested in working in one of our settings on a flexible, ad-hoc basis, we would love to hear from you. For more information, please contact <u>manager@overtonplaygroup.com</u>



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