



Ladybird Forest Pre-School

Newsletter 4 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter, sharing info and news about the Spring and Summer terms, and updates from some of the team.

We hope you enjoy planting your sunflower seeds and look forward to seeing the photos of your growing plants soon! We look forward to seeing you when we reopen on Tuesday 22nd April.

Kind regards

Amanda Sanders, Pre-School Manager

Dates for your Diary:

Event	Date 2025
Easter holidays	w/c 7 th April - Monday 21 st April
Easter Holiday Club	w/c 7 th April
Pre-School re-opens	Tuesday 22 nd April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Bingo & Chips Night	Friday 9 th May. Details below
May half-term	w/c 26 th May
Pre-School re-opens	Monday 2 nd June
Sports Day	Friday 13 th June 2pm. Details to follow
Dads Breakfast	Saturday 14 th June. Details to follow
Summer Fete	Saturday 5 th July. Details to follow
Leavers' Party	Wednesday 16 th July. 4 -5pm, with parents and carers. Details to follow
Last day of term	Friday 18 th July
Summer Holiday Club	w/c 21 st , 28 th July, 4 th August

General News:

Parents Evening: Thank you for coming. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you found the meeting with your child's key person informative.

Parent and Carer Survey results:

Thanks for taking the time to complete our Parent and Carer Survey at the recent Parents' Evening. The results from the survey are attached. You also made some very positive comments, and left some really helpful feedback about areas that you would like us to improve. We will consider how we can use this feedback to make improvements.

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Ofsted: Our Ofsted inspection was completed earlier this term. We will share the results with you shortly once Ofsted has published its report.

Starting school September 2025:

If your child is starting school in September, you will find out the results of your application for a lower school place on 16th April. Please kindly email enquiries@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk to let us know what school you have been allocated, so that we can start planning the school transitions. Thank you!

Library visit:

We recently took the children to Ampthill Library, who kindly opened their library doors, just for us! Children took part in an Easter egg hunt, practiced checking books in and out, and did some Easter activities. We will share details of the visits planned in the Summer term with you soon.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea:

We had a full house at the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea last weekend. Thanks for celebrating your special day with us!



Easter Holiday Club 2025:

The Easter Holiday Club is running from Monday 7th to Friday 11th April 9am - 4pm. For any last minute bookings, please contact admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk or ring the office on 01525 406703.

Fundraising:

Thanks to your generous help with our fundraising efforts, we have now installed the final air-conditioning unit within Bumblebee room, ready for those hot summer days. Here are details of our latest fundraising initiatives.

Easter Raffle:

We sold £122 of raffle tickets for the Easter Hampers. Thank you for taking part, and congratulations to our winners: Eden, Daniel and Lianne's mum 😊.



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Tesco Blue Tokens and Defibrillator: Thanks for supporting us in the Tesco Flitwick scheme. We are now waiting to hear how much money we will be awarded. Any monies received must be spent on a defibrillator. We will keep you updated,

Bingo and Chips Night Friday, 9th May:

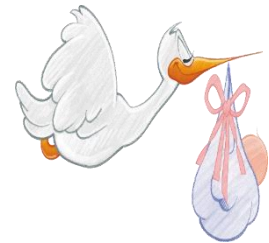
We will be holding a bingo night (taking place within Russell Lower School Hall) for adults only on **Friday 9th May 2025**. Doors open from 7pm, eyes down at 7:30pm. You will have received a letter with a slip to return if you wish to take part. Alternatively, see details about the night and register your interest by clicking on the link here: <https://forms.gle/PhqNwRfF65RttoKWA>

Projects:

During the Summer term 2025 or February half term 2026, we hope to replace the damaged access ramp and provide a permanent covering, so it can be used in all weathers. We also hope to replace and repair the fencing around the Pre-School.

Staff Updates Forest School:

Tiaera will be going on maternity leave on Friday 23rd May 2025, and Jess will be leaving to return to work in a Canadian summer holiday camp from 26th May.



Mindfulness and Well-being:

Children's Well-being & PANCo:

The sunshine is back! The children have been enjoying being able to have their active wellbeing time outside, whether that is in our playground with the parachute or using Russell's trim trail. The sunshine has been putting smiles on everyone's faces which has been lovely to see! With the warmer weather approaching, we would like to start reminding parents to ensure that suncream is applied before Pre-School and children start bringing in a named summer hat.

Thank you for all your support!

Jade - Wellbeing and PANCo Lead



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Your Well-being:

We are very passionate about well-being at Ladybirds and would like to share contacts and numbers for you to use if you may need.

- Anxiety UK - 03444 775 774 (helpline)
- Beat - 0808 801 0677 (eating disorder advice)
- CALM - 0800 58 58 58
- No Panic - 0300 7729844
- www.mind.org.uk for other advice and contacts.

Jade & Mandy, Wellbeing Leads

Phonics sessions:

Thank you all for supporting your children this term with Show and Tell items. The children's confidence continues to grow, as they stand up and share their items with their friends. We have been busy revisiting the letters we have previously learned. Children are starting to recognise letters in the environment and are also becoming super name writers, thanks to lots of practice using their name boards. Some children are also choosing to write during the "child-led" activities. Thank you for supporting your children. We look forward to having lots of fun whilst learning the next set of letters next term. If your child is starting school next term, do look out for the Phonics reading books we'll be send home in your book bags.

Tiffany, Phonics Lead

Forest School:

Our little explorers have enjoyed a variety of activities this term from exploring the new ship-wrecked boat, spotting signs of Spring, planting their own sunflowers, helping water all the plants (plus our friends playing over the fence 😊), playing on the swing and making their very own Forest School Spring bracelets!

Hopefully we will see more of the warmer weather and I look forward to seeing how our explorers get on with looking after their sunflowers! As part of the sunflower growing competition, please do upload pictures to Tapestry for us to see. As always, thank you for your support this term and we look forward to what adventures await us in the next. I hope you enjoy exploring your natural surroundings over the Easter holidays.

Happy Easter!

Natasha, Forest School Teacher

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Fees and funding:

Thank you for paying the fees for Spring Term 2.

Your invoice for Summer Term 1 will be sent out w/c 28/04/25 and will be payable on 16/05/25. As communicated in the last newsletter, from the Summer term, any unfunded hours will be charged as below:

Fees for unfunded hours Apr 25 - Apr 26			
Session		2 year old fees Apr 25 - Apr 26*	3 & 4 year old fees Apr 25 - Apr 26
Breakfast Club		8.00	7.00
AM / PM Session		24.00	21.00
Lunch Club		3.75	3.75
After Pre-School Club	4.00pm	6.00	5.25
	4.30pm	10.00	8.75
	5.00pm	14.00	12.25
	5.15pm	16.00	14.00
	5.30pm	18.00	15.75
	6.00pm	22.00	19.25

*The 2 year old rate will be introduced in September 2025. Most settings charge different rates for 2 year olds and 3 & 4 year olds, due to the different adult to child ratios, or supervision levels, needed for the two age groups.

The Contribution amount will remain at £1 per funded hour, until September, when it will increase to £1.25 per funded hour.

If you have any questions, please contact me at admin@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk.

Victoria, Admin Manager

Other info:

May/June Birthdays 2025:

Happy 4th Birthday: Alfie, Emilia, Freddie, Makenna, Maxwell, Orla,

Staff Birthday: Charlotte, Hui,



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Name Labels:

If you would like to order stick on name labels for your child's clothing and bags, please consider using Stikins Name Labels For School Clothes (<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>). Quote 36232 to raise commission for the Pre-School.

Adult lead activities: Your child will have the opportunity every session to get involved in planned "adult lead" activities that will scaffold their development. We share details of our planned activities for the coming week in every weekly bulletin.

Reading book:

Reading with your child is hugely beneficial. We politely ask that you read the books with your child, complete the reading log, and return at least fortnightly so that the books can be changed. All children starting school in September 2025, will start receiving phonics books alongside their other books, after the Easter holidays, helping them get ready for school. We always try to swap the books whenever you bring them in, if you have updated the reading log to say that the book has been read, but if we ever miss this, please contact enquiries@ladybirdpre-school.org.uk and we'll make sure we change them the next time your child is with us. Thank you.

Website:

We hope you find our newsletter informative, and would like to remind you that you can also find details about the Pre-School, including our policies on the pre-school website <https://ladybirdpre-school.org.uk/>

Facebook:

Please follow the Ladybird Forest Pre-School page on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083347660958> You will see photos of the Pre-School activities and recent events. Thank you.

We wish you all a lovely Easter and half term



Happy Easter:

Mandy, Jade, Vic, Emma, Anya, Bronwyn, Charlotte, Hannah, Hui, Jess, Lianne, Mary, Natasha, Tiaera, Tiffany.