



## June 2026 NEWSLETTER

### **Father's Day Stay and Play**

We would like to invite all daddies to a special stay and play on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1.20pm to 2.15pm. ALL nursery children and their daddies are invited to this special, after nursery event. Please do let us know if you will be able to attend so we can plan for numbers – thank you.



### **Nursery fees**

Thank you for your fee payments for this half term. If you haven't yet paid please do so ASAP to avoid a late payment charge, as the fees were due by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### **PE Lessons – for children attending the extended sessions only**

During our extended sessions next half term we will be carrying out PE lessons in preparation for children that are joining reception classes in September. Children are encouraged to dress and undress independently and then carry out a short 'PE lesson'.

These PE lessons have proved to be very beneficial and the feedback from local schools has been very positive re our children being well prepared for their PE lessons at big school.

Please can you ensure that all children who attend extended sessions have a NAMED 'PE' kit in a NAMED bag. The kit will need to contain:

- \* a pair of shorts
- \* a t-shirt
- \* a pair of Socks
- \* Plimsolls/trainers to change into

This can be any shorts and T-shirts, it doesn't need to be their new school PE kit.

We are starting our PE sessions from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, so please ensure your child has 'kit' for this date, (even if your child is not moving on to big school, they will need a kit for the extended sessions please as this independence skill is useful to all children).

### **School/Nursery transition sessions**

Please let us know if your child has been invited to any settling in sessions at their new school/nursery so we can note these dates and times in our diary.

### **Naming clothing**

Please can you ensure that ALL your child's items of clothing are named. Now the weather is warmer children are removing their jumpers and it is very difficult for staff to reunite clothing to the correct child if it is not named.

If you have any of our spare uniform, please could you also return this to nursery so it can be used when required. Thank you.

### **Sun cream**

All children should have sun cream applied before they come to nursery. If you haven't managed to do this, please feel free to use our Child's Farm (Vegan, Sensitive, SPF50+ 5 star, Cruelty free) suncream when you drop off your child. Children are encouraged to access shade in both our gardens and because spend most of our time outside before 12pm, so sun cream applied in the morning at home will be sufficient.

If your child stays for extended sessions or it is a particularly sunny day, we will evaluate the need to reapply sun cream for outside play after lunch. We will use the sun cream supplied by us. If you do not give us permission to apply this sun cream to your child for the extended session, please let us know in writing so we can store this on file. If we do not hear we will assume you are happy for us to apply our sun cream if we feel it is necessary.

### **Old School Uniform**

If you are preparing to recycle any old primary school uniforms, please considering passing it on to us as it will be very useful in our big school role play area! Thank you!

### **Graduation Picnic**



The end of term is drawing closer and closer and this is when we have to say goodbye to some of our children who are moving onto 'big school'. To celebrate their time at Westmill we would like to invite parents whose children are leaving to our annual graduation picnic on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 12.20pm - 1.20pm** in the Secret Garden (weather permitting). *Please remember that any*

*photos taken and uploaded online should not include any children other than your own unless you have asked permission and phone calls should be taken away from the garden.* Thank you for your understanding.

Children who do not stay for our extended session on Wednesdays will end their session at nursery at 1.20pm as normal. Children staying on for extended session will be taken back at the nursery building for this session at 1.20pm (*if you want to take you child home at 1.20pm after the Graduation lunch rather than them stay for extended, please let us know*).

## National Smile Month

Did you know it is National Smile Month? This is a lovely time to help children learn about keeping their teeth clean and healthy.

Here are some simple ways to support healthy smiles at home:

- Brush teeth for two minutes before bed and one other time each day using fluoride toothpaste.
- Help your child clean in between their teeth each day where needed.
- Try to limit sugary snacks and drinks, especially between meals.
- Visit the dentist regularly so children can get used to dental check-ups in a positive way.

Building these habits early can help children develop happy, healthy smiles for life!

## Safeguarding at Our Preschool

At our preschool, the safety and wellbeing of all children is our highest priority. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are:

 Sandra

 Charleigh

 Lorna

They are responsible for overseeing safeguarding and child protection and are always available to listen to and support children and families.

We are also proud to be part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a national initiative that helps schools and early years settings support children who may be affected by domestic abuse. When the police attend a domestic incident where a child is present, the preschool is informed (securely and confidentially) before the start of the next school day. This allows us to offer appropriate care, understanding and support to the child during the day.

If you ever have any concerns or questions about safeguarding, please don't hesitate to speak to one of our DSLs.

💙 Working together to keep children safe 💙

## Supporting Good Attendance & Positive Routines

At Westmill Nursery, we know how much children thrive when they have regular routines and feel confident about their nursery day. We also know that family life can be busy, and sometimes mornings don't go to plan so here's some gentle guidance to help make things a little easier.

### **Why attendance and punctuality matter:**

Coming to nursery regularly helps children feel secure, build friendships, follow routines and enjoy the full flow of the session. Arriving on time also means they can settle calmly and take part in the start-of-day activities that support their learning.

### **Simple ways to support routines at home:**

- Keep a consistent bedtime and wake-up time
- Prepare bags, clothes and lunches the night before
- Use a simple morning routine (breakfast → get dressed → shoes on → out the door)
- Talk positively about the nursery day so children know what to expect

### How we support you:

We're always here for a chat if mornings are tricky or if your child's attendance has been affected by anything at home. Please feel free to speak to us, we'll work with you in a friendly, supportive way to help get things back on track.

Thank you for everything you do to help your child feel settled, confident and ready to learn each day. ☀️

### Comments and Suggestions



We always welcome any comments and suggestions you have with regards to the nursery. We are happy to receive these in person, via the comments and suggestions box kept in the porch, letter box by the front door or please email us.

### Picture books to inspire children for Great Big Green Week

Welcome to Great Big Green Week 2026! From 6–11 June, communities across the UK come together to celebrate looking after our planet and discovering simple ways to make a greener future. It's a lovely time to explore nature, learn about reducing waste, and feel hopeful about caring for the world around us. Hertfordshire Libraries have lots of engaging picture books with stories that are perfect to share with young children, helping them build awareness of, and respect for, their environment in a fun and positive way.

Explore our Big Green Week book suggestions on the library blog.

Pre-schools can borrow the books using their Early Years Library card.

Childminders can use their personal library membership. For more information, please email [bookstart@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:bookstart@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



### Dates for your diaries

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Class of 2025/2026 photograph (9.20am to approx. 10.15am)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day stay and Play, 1.20pm to 2.15pm (hopefully in the Secret Garden!)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer outing to Hertfordshire Zoo – Nursery is closed for the day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	School transition day for children in Hertfordshire
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Graduation Picnic for our leaver's families 12.20pm to 1.20pm in the secret garden (weather permitting)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of the Summer Term. <b>Session ends at 12.20pm. No Lunch needed.</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of the Autumn term