



Little Ducks Pre-school Ltd Spring 2026 Newsletter

Term dates: Mon 5th January – Friday 27th March

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12 Jan		Uu
19 Jan		Ll
26 Jan		Ff
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Half term: w/c 16th February

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Happy New Year and welcome back to Little Ducks Pre-school!

Hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and were able to enjoy time with family and friends. All the staff would like to thank you for all your kind cards and gifts they are much appreciated.

A few reminders for the new term.....

- Bag contents - Children's bags brought into pre-school should only contain items needed for the session like change of shoes/ clothes, drinks and items linked to theme or letter of the week for show and tell. For all children's safety please ensure that very small toys, coins, make up and food items are not left in bags or brought into the session.
- Labelling - Please ensure **all** items are clearly labelled with your child's name and use bag tags provided.
- Outdoor play - As we are going outside every day when possible children need *indoor and outdoor shoes* or wellies.
- Jewellery - children should not wear any jewellery apart from small stud earrings.

Literacy Afternoon: January 2026 we will hold a literacy afternoon, concentrating on Books, we will be holding 4 of these events over the next 2 terms this is linked to The Making it Real Project. More information and invites to parents, carers to follow. Here is a link if you would like more information on the project: <https://www.ncb.org.uk/MakingItREAL>

New kitchen for all:



New toy kitchen kindly donated by a family.



New kitchen for the staff installed by the scouts. Thank you to Jay for organising this.

Payment of Fees

Please remember unless you have agreed alternative arrangements with Caroline fees are payable in the first 2 weeks of term. Prompt payment is always appreciated as chasing fees is our least favourite thing to do!

Tapestry online

Our Tapestry system to record your child's progress and achievements is always available for you to view online. Children new this term have been entered onto the Tapestry system and parents should have received an email asking them to set up their password in order to access their child's learning journal. When you get the opportunity to look at your child's journal we would appreciate it if you would add your comments. If you have any photos from over the holiday period you could add them too.

Key Person

Your child's key person will introduce themselves and as some staff do not work every day we use a "buddy" system and the name of your 2nd key person is included on the introductory note. Some children who were with us last year may have a new key person but you will be informed if this is the case.

Adverse weather

In case adverse weather the pre-school plans to remain open unless there is any problem with the premises or enough staff cannot get to work safely. If this happens an email will be sent to parents and a message will be posted on our website www.little-ducks.co.uk

Term Dates: Spring Term: Monday 5th January - Friday 27th March

Summer Term: Monday 13th April - Friday 17th July Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

Half Term: Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May

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Regards,

Caroline Fenwick and the Little Ducks team