

Car Park Safety

Please keep your speed down – watch out for children moving around.



Newsletter April 2026

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Thank you to everyone who took part in our Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt & Easter service – we have raised a whopping £861!!!
And a big thank you to Rev Julie for organising the service!



Thank you!!!



Little Doves has a **STRICT NO NUT POLICY**

So that means **NO:**

- Nutella
- Peanut butter
- Nut related spreads
- Almond pastes

in packed lunches for children & staff. We have several children with **SEVERE ALLERGIES.**

Needed

Unwanted plant troughs for our garden plants.



A huge well done and thank you to James and Peter in completing the Brentwood Half Marathon ❤️ They raised £505 for us! Thank you to everyone who sponsored them.

You can still sponsor them

on our [JustGiving page Little Doves - JustGiving](#)



Dates for your diary 2026

Summer term finishes: **Friday 17th July**
Half term: **Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May**
Voting day closure: Thursday 7th May
Autumn term starts: **Wed 2nd Sept (tbc)**

Wonky Wednesdays (2nd Wed)

We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**
This term: **13th May, 10th June, 8th July**

Trip to Hopfield Animal Sanctuary Friday 22nd May

Reserve the day - a trip for all children and families – more details to follow.

New sensory garden with huge new sandpit

A big thank you to Emma and Justine for reinventing our outside play area. This has



all been made possible with the fantastic fundraising you have all supported – thank you very much 😊

Please let Pam know which primary school your child has been allocated.

We regularly remind the children,
'Kind hands, Kind feet, Kind words'. You may like to use these phrases too

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES PLEASE



Our website has ideas on [healthy lunches with more healthy eating info on The Eatwell Guide](#)

Please think about:

- salt content e.g. small portion of crisps
- sugar content e.g. 1 cupcake or 1 biscuit

Please cut blueberries in half, slice cucumber, tomatoes & grapes lengthways & in quarters to prevent choking!

See [Choking hazards](#) [More info on our healthy snack](#) [New policies](#) [04 Health](#)

Absence - if your child is off, please message Pam.



Very important

You MUST let us know if anyone different is picking up your child. Please fill in the correct collection form and tell whoever is on the door who will put it in the Sign-in register. Also remember to tell the person collecting the 'password'.

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they need to be 48 hours clear from the last episode before returning to Little Doves.

Suitable footwear

Please bring your child into pre-school **WEARING 'pre-school' shoes - trainers or plimsols.** Please, no shoes with hard soles as they can hurt other children and staff if accidentally kicked or stood on.

Please remember to file your child's nails.

Fees/voluntary chargeable extras

The trustees are delighted to let you know that we are not increasing our fees, healthy snack or additional activity charge for the summer term 😊

Remember to renew your codes to continue to receive 30 hour and working two year old funding



Birthday Book

To celebrate your child's birthday please consider donating a book – you will create a lasting gift that can be enjoyed by all our children, long after the candles are blown out!

Last Day of Term Leavers Celebration Party Day
Friday 17th July
Leaver's ceremony 12.15pm
finish by 2pm
More details to follow

Green Team Sports Day
Plan A – 11th June afternoon
Plan B – 16th June afternoon
more details to follow

Yellow Team Sports Day
to be arranged

Little Doves Practicalities

- Please remember to pick up your child at their correct time: 12pm, 1pm, 2pm or 3pm. Late pick-ups compromise staff/child ratios.
- Please remember to label all your child's belongings, name EVERYTHING!
- Please make sure we have the correct hours for your child for September 2026 and that any siblings are on our list for 2026/27.
- If you would like to see your child's key person or your child's folder, please let Pam know and we can arrange an appointment.

If anyone is away or has appointments, please let Pam know.
We are now full so swaps will not be possible unless someone is on holiday.

Little Urchins Photography

Thursday morning 30th April

Sepia photos 😊

Open to all and siblings too!

Let Pam know if you are coming if it's not your usual day.

Our meerkats are out on their travels, please look out for them and take one on your travels.



T-shirts/Polo shirts/Sweatshirts

See Pam ASAP as she will place an order next week

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team