

Car Park Safety

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Newsletter February 2026

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??? SAVE THE DATE what?

Little Doves Pre-school Online Quiz (using Zoom breakout rooms for each team) hosted by Rotary Club of Brentwood Friday 20th February 2026 Virtual doors open 7pm Quiz starts at 8pm Suggested donation £6 per person

who? when?

Teams of 8 - please ask friends and family and support this much needed fundraising

Fundraising
Little Doves hugely relies on fundraising to make ends meet. We have a few events coming up and we would really value your support – every little helps ☺

Online Quiz Night – Friday 20th February
See adjacent advert for more details. Please ask friends and family and get a team together.

Brentwood Half Marathon March 22nd

Pam's son & son-in-law will be running for Little Doves – please sponsor them. See Pam.

Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt & Easter service

at St Paul's Church on

23rd March 1pm

Please ask friends & family to sponsor your child.

Sponsor forms going out soon.



Birthday Book

With healthy eating in mind, rather than giving sweets to go home, we are inviting parents to celebrate their child's birthday by donating a book to our pre-school. It's a lovely way to mark their special day— creating a lasting gift that can be enjoyed by all our children, long after the candles are blown out!

WANTED

To support our home corner, we are looking for old tea sets made of solid china (not bone china) or metal – please look and see if you have any tucked away at home which you might be able to donate.



Dates for your diary 2026

Half term: **Mon 16th – Fri 20th February**

Spring term finishes: **Friday 27th March**

Wonky Wednesdays (2nd Wed)

We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**

Next half term: **11th March**

Future date – possible pre-school closure for local elections – Thursday 7th May

Please remember to support us by using easyfundraising for all your online shopping.



Click [here](#) to go to the easyfundraising website.

Valentine's Day/Lent prayer hearts

These are going out now - please take time to write a prayer with your child for Lent/Easter.

Staff Changes

So lovely to have Justine back working with us as a key person. We look forward to welcoming Hayley who will be joining us to do supply after half term.

Bad Weather

Please watch out for weather reports

Pam will text or email you as early as possible in the morning if the pre-school is closed.

We close at 3pm so you need to have picked up your child before that!

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](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER



TO LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS; COATS, BAGS, DRINK BOTTLES, LUNCHES, WELLIES etc.

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.



If anyone is away or has appointments, please let Pam know. From after half term, we are full so swaps may not be so easy but do still ask.

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

Children born between 1st Jan and 31st March are funded after Easter 26.

30 hour Extended Funding - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from **Easter 2026**

Funding for eligible working parents of 2 year olds

This [link](#) gives details on what entitlements parents may be able to receive.

Parents can apply for the entitlements via the following [link](#)



STRICT NO NUT POLICY in packed lunches for children & staff. NO peanut butter or nut related spreads such as Nutella or almond pastes. We have several children with SEVERE ALLERGIES.

[New policies](#) [04 Health](#)

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

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'.

Little Doves [Website](#) and useful links

- [Term dates](#)
- [Relevant policies and procedures](#)
- [What to do if you are concerned about a child](#)
- [Online safety information](#)

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- To report a [concern](#), **0300 123 4666**
- For [enquiries](#), **0300 123 1231**

Key person visits

If you would like to see your key person or your child's folder, please let Pam know and we can arrange an appointment.

New government website

Please explore [Best Start in Life](#) to find trusted resources and information

T-shirts/Polo shirts/Sweatshirts

Pam will be doing an order soon. It takes a while for an order to come through so please think what you might need for spring. There is some stock still available. T-shirt £8, Polo shirt £11, Sweatshirt £11.50, Iron on badges £2, 3 for £5, Zip up hoodies in navy and purple £18.50 Size 3-4/5-6

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

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team