



Our meerkats are out on their travels, please look out for them and take one on your travels or birthday event!

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Please return your confirmation of hours slips and funding forms for September 25 as soon as possible – we need to submit the data soon.

## Newsletter June 2025

Dear all,

With a record number of children leaving for school this summer, I cannot believe we are at the end of another school year. The leavers passport, which go onto your child's school, are being finished off, so parents, please help your child's key person if needed.

Thank you for your patience whilst Emma has been unavailable. We have been monitoring her key children so no one has been forgotten.  
Emma will gradually be returning to work in the near future.

I am very grateful to all my team who have pulled together to keep Little Doves operating to its high standards. The children have loved having our students Phoebe and Austin around.

We are getting used to the new government funding system and charges. These are tricky times for all settings and budgets are very tight. If anyone has any easy fundraising ideas, please let us know. If anyone can consider organising an event themselves, it would be hugely appreciated 😊 Pam xx

### Last day of term open to everyone

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

### Party Time

If not your child's normal day, please drop them off at 10am.

Please collect the non-leavers at 12pm (no lunch boxes needed)

### 12.15pm Leavers Celebration & Presentation of Folders for 2025 Leavers

Parents of leavers to arrive for 12.15pm

This will be finished by 1pm ish...

### Yellow Team Sports Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 10.30am

Tickets available £1.50

If this is not your child's normal day, please see Pam

### RAFFLE

There will be a raffle at our leavers celebration – the prizes are child themed, please see Pam if you have anything suitable 😊



Water week has been a huge success, we may do this again if the hot weather returns, watch this space....

In the last few weeks we have visits for the children from:

- Rocky's animals
- Our local community police officer
- Our local vet
- A First aider

easyfundraising - an easy way to help us - if you haven't signed up, please click [here](#) to go to the easyfundraising website



### HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES PLEASE



REMEMBER ICE BLOCKS



Our website has ideas on [healthy lunches](#)

Please think about:

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

Please [slice cucumber, tomatoes & grapes lengthways & in quarters to prevent choking!!](#) See Choking hazards

More info on our [healthy snack](#)

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August are funded in Sept. **30 hour Extended Funding** - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from **Sept 2025**

### **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](#)

**Please pay your invoices asap**

Please click on the link [here](#) to read the updated parent contract following the recent hours/fees changes

### **Illnesses**

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

**Needed - spare boys & girls pants and shorts aged 2/3/4/5**

**Please make sure any siblings are on our list for September**

### **Please and thank you**

We are always very grateful for those who donate extra items like bin bags, handwash, wet wipes, paper towels and Zoflora – it hugely helps us. Please continue to consider us in all your "2 for 3" or "buy 1 get 1 free" offers.

### **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'

### **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. We have had some super visits from parents seeing their child's folder.

### **Parent/carer ideas and helpers**



A big thanks to all those who have helped in the pre-school with crafts and activities. We are always looking for ways to improve our service: if you have any ideas, please write them down and give them to Pam or Holly and we will consider them.

### **Little Doves Website**

Our website has lots of information including:

- All our relevant [policies and procedures](#)
- [What to do if you are concerned about a child](#)
- [Online safety information](#)

### **Ofsted**

Please note the new telephone numbers:

- To report a **concern**, call **0300 123 4666**
- For **enquiries**, call **0300 123 1231**



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

**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**



### **Dates for your diary 2025**

Summer term finishes: **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Non-pupil day: **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Autumn term starts: **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

### **Wonky Wednesdays**

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

This term: **11<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER**

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

**With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team**

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