

Car Park Safety

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



Newsletter March 2026

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Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt & Easter service

at St Paul's Church on
Monday 23rd March 1pm
Please ask friends & family
to sponsor your child.

All children will get a chance to do hunts at LD if they cannot attend.

Online Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event. One of our teams won and very kindly donated their winnings to us – thank you Withering Heights.

We raised £700 😊



Brentwood Half Marathon March 22nd

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



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. New policies

[04 Health](#)

Please remember to bring in old solid china or metal tea sets (not bone china) to play with at LD.



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 carefully read and fill in your parent/carer funding forms – these are your contract with ECC to receive your child's funded hours.
- Please pay your invoices asap – it is the financial year end, so we need to get the fees in early.

Dates for your diary 2026

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

Wonky Wednesdays (2nd Wed)

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

Next half term: **11th March**

Comic Relief Friday 20th March

more details coming soon.

Pre-school closure for local elections – Thursday 7th May

Trip to Hopefield Animal Sanctuary

Friday 22nd May

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

Staff

We give a huge welcome to Hayley who has started with us this month 😊
Big congratulations to Sarah Day on competing her Level 2 Childcare qualification. Also, congratulations to Emma for completing her advanced autism training. Lots of other staff have also been doing their food hygiene and allergen training – well done to you all!

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

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

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](#)

T-shirts/Polo shirts/Sweatshirts

See 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.



Thank you to everyone sending in their prayer hearts. Please do keep sending them in during Lent.



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!

World Book Day was great fun. Stacey came back to read lots of stories.



Well done everyone!!



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.



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

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team