Car Park Safety
Please keep your speed down – watch out for children. A coned-off safety area is now in place for anyone waiting.

Newsletter November 2026

Little Doves phone no 07756 029105



Celebration dates this term

PLEASE NOTE
On the last day of term, the pre-school closes at 12.30pm



Nativity
Thursday 10th December
Ticket price £2.50
Two tickets per family
Doors open at 10.15am
Nativity starts10.30am, finishes 11am ish
Waiting list for tickets. More info to follow.

Christmas party & last day of term
Friday 11th December
9am – doors open to normal day children
10am – doors open to all other children
Football Rob, Christmas activities, games, Santa and party food
Yellow children collected at 12.15pm
Green children collected at 12.30pm

Reception admissions for September 2027

Applications for primary school (Reception) admission opens on **Mon 9 Nov 2026**, for parents of children to apply for a reception school place for Sept 2027. **The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2027. Please pay attention to SIF form dates for church school admissions.**
For more information and to apply online, please visit:
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.
Please check primary school websites for tour dates and book your place.



Please support this event, we will be there…

Autumn Treasure Hunt
Closing date Tuesday 17th Nov
A big "Thank you" to everyone who has taken part in the treasure hunt; the coins collected will go towards raising valuable funds for the pre-school



'Thank you' to everyone who donated 😊

Uniform
T-shirts/Polo shirts/Sweatshirts
Orders can take several weeks to arrive, so please plan ahead for anything you may need. There is some stock 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

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November - WEAR SPOTS

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Children born between 1st Sept and 31st Dec are funded in Jan 27.
30 hour Extended Funding - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from **Jan 2027**

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 make sure any siblings are on our waiting list.

Little Doves Practicalities

- **Please remember to pick up your child at their correct time or slightly earlier as it takes time to gather belongings: 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 Spring/Summer 2027 as we are almost full.**
- **If you would like to see your child's key person, please let Pam know and we can arrange an appointment.**

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES PLEASE



Our website has ideas on healthy lunches

Please think about:

- **salt content e.g. small portion of crisps**
- **sugar content e.g. 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

More healthy eating info The Eatwell Guide

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

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'

Dates for your diary 2026/27

Term finishes: **Friday 11th December**

Spring term starts: **Tue 5th January 2027**

Half term: **15th – 19th February 2027**

Spring term ends: **Wed 24th March 2027**

Wonky Wednesdays (2nd Wed)

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

11th Nov, 9th Dec, 13th Jan, 9th Feb, 9th Mar

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

Ofsted

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

Green team - next summer

Please do not book a holiday or any appointment for the last week of term – your child is very busy in the pre-school that week with lots of activities.
Last week is 12th - 16th July 2027.



A big 'Thank you' to Roman's mummy who bought us a new meerkat. He is now back out on his travels and he would love to go with you on your holidays.

Guidance on screen time

Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team

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