



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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## Newsletter September 2025



### Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome you all back and to see how much the children have changed since July!!

And a very warm welcome to all the new children, parents and carers. Please be patient as we settle in the new children. This can take time; it is important to get it right and go at the right pace for the child.

**PLEASE NOTE:** When collecting your child; please ring the doorbell and wait for a member of staff to come to the door.

We keep everything locked to keep the children safe.

### Harvest Time Activities

During this half term, the children will be learning all about different harvest events. Please bring in any harvest donations you would like to give b/n 30<sup>th</sup> Sept and 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. All donations will go to Brentwood Foodbank.



### Absence

If your child is off for any reason, please message Pam so she can make a note.



Please support us by using **easyfundraising** for all your online shopping click [here](#) to go to the easyfundraising website.



### Welcome back green team - wow you have all grown! 😊

Many infant schools will be starting tours. Look up their criteria on their website and make sure you are complying....

### HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES PLEASE



### REMEMBER ICE BLOCKS

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](#)



## PLEASE REMEMBER

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



**Please do send in photos of your sunflowers.**  
**This is William's 😊**  
**The children are busy preparing the soil and planting bulbs for the spring.**

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

**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.**

**Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts available to order. See Pam.**  
**T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50**  
**Sweatshirt £11, Iron on badges £2**

**Also available -**  
**Zip up hoodies in navy and purple,**  
**Size 3-4/5-6 £18.50**

**Our topic for this half-term is**  
**"All about me"**

**Please send in a named family photo.**



**Photographer - Tues 14<sup>th</sup> October**

This is available for all children and siblings

### **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.

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

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.



If you can help in a session, please speak to Pam or Emma.

### **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**

[5 Top tips to keep children safe from batteries](#)

[Food Standards Agency Warning](#)  
[Slush ice drinks contain glycerol](#)

**Please NO toys from home**

**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](#)**



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

Little Doves AGM: **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 4.30pm**

Half terms: **27<sup>th</sup> Oct – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

Autumn term finishes: **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm**

Spring term starts: **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Wonky Wednesdays**

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

This term: **8<sup>th</sup> Oct, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

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

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