

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 September 2026

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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 to Brentwood Foodbank between

22nd Sept and 9th Oct



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](#)

Staff



We say a very sad farewell to Phoebe who has been part of our team for five years. She is now beginning her primary teacher training. We will all miss

her greatly and we wish her every success and happiness in the future.



We also say goodbye to Austin; he leaves us this week for uni. We wish him much success in his studies.

Sending our love, thanks, and prayers to you both xx

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

“All About Me”

This term we're excited to get to know your children. Please bring in a family photo for us to share with the group and add to our special photo album.

Please pay your invoices as soon as possible.

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.

Infant schools

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

Green team - next summer

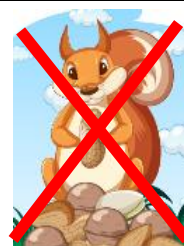
Please do not book a holiday or any appointment for the last week of term – your child is very busy in the pre-school that week with lots of activities.
Last week is 12th - 16th July 2027.

Football Rob

is back on Friday mornings.
Please remember to return the trophy ready for the next week's winner.
Please remember correct footwear for the morning.

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 Autumn 2026

Half term: **Mon 26th to Friday 30th Oct**

Term finishes: **Friday 11th December**

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

Wonky Wednesdays (2nd Wed)

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

Autumn term: **14th Oct, 11th Nov, 9th Dec.**

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**

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



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

Guidance on screen time

[Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)

Some of our meerkats are missing – please return them!!

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team