



Newsletter May 2025

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. As always if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Dates for your diary

26th-30th May is Half Term.

Tuesday 10th June – Stay and Play session (2:00-3:00)

Friday 13th June – Stay and Play session (8:45-9:45)

Saturday 21st June we will be selling refreshments at the Clipston Festival on the Recreational Field just outside the village. This is a fun, family outing, so please do join us if you can, and we will be recruiting volunteers nearer the time, so we would be very grateful if you could keep the date free on both counts!

Monday 30th June – our Wild Science expedition for all our children on Monday 30th June (1:00pm-2:30pm) to Clipston Village Hall, to meet a variety of animals! Please see below for further details.

Friday 18th July we are planning our End of Year show and party. This is the final day of the academic year.

Topics this month

This month our topics include: Feelings and the senses; People who help us/Occupations; and Healthy eating. The children will primarily be focusing on these themes in the activities we do. They are welcome to bring in a relevant book/toy from home that they would like to share with the other children.

Stay and Play sessions

Our next Stay and Play sessions are:

- Tuesday 10th June 2:00-3:00
- Friday 13th June 8:45-9:45

No need to book, just come along.

If you are really keen to come to a Stay and Play session and these times/days don't suit you, then please email me, and we will organise something with you directly.

Parent Surveys

Please return your completed Parent Survey by Friday 16th May to have your say about how Stepping Stones Pre-School is run. We value any input we receive. Many thanks.

Children's portrait photographs – are you a photographer?

Historically a local parent, whose two children attended Stepping Stones Pre-School and who is a professional photographer, kindly volunteered a morning (and editing time) to photograph the children for individual portraits, which we then sold to raise money for Stepping Stones. It was a fantastic fundraiser and a great opportunity for our families to have some wonderful photographs of their children. Unfortunately, she is no longer able to do this for us and so we wondered if there are any other parents or friends with portrait photography skills who might be able to take over. Please get in touch with us if you would like to discuss this further. We would be incredibly grateful for help with this.

Wild Science

We have booked a company called Wild Science to bring a range of 5-8 small animals to meet us on Monday 30th June (1:00pm-2:30pm) at Clipston Village Hall.

They will be a mix of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. The last time we did this the children met a giant African snail, a lizard, a snake, a guinea pig, and a colour-changing tree frog! There will also be animal-themed crafting and other activities on offer.

This activity will be open to all children, even if they do not usually attend on a Monday.

A permission letter will be sent out later this month with final details.

Sunshine and clothing...

As we are looking forward to some sunshine coming soon we'd like to be prepared. When it arrives...

- Please send your child with a sunhat with their name in
- Please apply suncream prior to arrival. We recommend the 'once a day' type. Please do not send suncream into the setting.
- Please send your child in closed-toe shoes suitable for running. No flip-flops, open-toe sandals, or crocs please.
- Please ensure that girls in dresses have shorts or leggings on underneath.
- Please make sure your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their name clearly.

Allergies

Please ensure your child's packed lunch does not contain NUTS. It has always been the policy for Stepping Stones to not have nuts and we currently have a child with a known nut allergy so please, please be very careful what goes into the packed lunch tomorrow and always. This includes cereal bars and chocolate spread that contains nuts. Many thanks.

Term dates

Summer term first half	Tuesday 22 nd April – Friday 23 rd May 2025
Summer half term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Summer term second half	Monday 2 nd June – Friday 18 th July 2025

Notable dates:

Monday 5th May – bank holiday

Monday 26th May – bank holiday

Monday 21st July – teacher training day

Tuesday 22nd July – teacher training day

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