February 2026 Newsletter

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

Dates for your diary

2nd February – Kev Lembis, PCSA from Brixworth, visited Stepping Stones.

16th - 23rd February is half term.

Monday 23rd February is a Teacher Training Day.

Tuesday 24th February is the beginning of the second half of term.

Saturday 28th February was our Chris Blake concert – this event has been **CANCELLED**. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the concert due to the personal reasons of the musicians. We will be in touch with all those who purchased tickets to offer refunds. We hope to reschedule the concert to the autumn.

Friday 6th March is the day we will be celebrating World Book Day. See below for further details.

Monday 16th March is the first of our Stay and Play sessions. See below for further details.

Thursday 12th March is the Joules Seconds Sale at Market Harborough Football Club. Our event last year was a huge success.
Tickets are for sale now and can be purchased by clicking on this link:
https://stepping-stones-pre-school-clipston.sumupstore.com/product/joules-outlet-sale

Friday 20th March is our second Stay and Play session. See below for further details.

Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th March is when we will be celebrating Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. See below for further details.

Friday 27th March is the final day of the Spring Term.

Topics this month

This month our topics will include favourite stories and National Story Telling Week, Love and Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, Farmyards and baby animals.

Progress Reports and Parent meetings

All children will receive a written report about their child's progress, written by the child's key worker, during the month of February. In March all parents will be invited to a face-to-face meeting with their child's key worker. Please look out for the relevant emails.

Allergies

Please ensure your child's packed lunch does not contain NUTS. We currently have a number of children with severe nut allergies, so please, please be very careful what goes into your child's packed lunch. This includes cereal bars and chocolate spread that contains nuts. Many thanks.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March instead of the official date of Thursday 5th March (because of Forest School).
The children are invited to dress up in their pyjamas for the day to encourage bedtime reading.
Throughout the week we will have a theme of 'finding pleasure in reading' and we encourage the children to bring a book in to share with their friends any time during that week if they would like to.
We will be giving out the World Book Day vouchers so that you can go and get a free book from participating retailers.

Comic Relief & Red Nose Day

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Wednesday 18th March and Friday 20th March.
The children are encouraged to come in fancy dress, and we will be doing funny activities throughout the day! We have lots of dressing up outfits at Stepping Stones so please let us know if you would like to borrow one – no need to go out buying.
We will be doing a collection for the Comic Relief charity and a donation of £1 is recommended.
We will be using the opportunity to teach the children that there are people who are not as fortunate as us.

Stay and Play sessions

The next stay and play sessions are:

- Monday 16th March 2:10pm-3:10pm
- Friday 20th March 8:40am-9:40am

No need to book, just come along.

If you are super keen to come to a stay and play session but these times / days do not suit you, then please email me, and I will organise something with you directly

Outdoors

We will continue to make full use of our outdoor space daily. Please ensure your child comes with appropriate shoes and a warm waterproof coat to play outdoors in all weathers. Please also send your child with a NAMED hat and gloves. We recommend cheap supermarket gloves which are thin, so easy to play in, but if they get mucky or lost it's not a disaster.

Term dates

Spring term first half	Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February 2026
Spring half term	Monday 16th February – Monday 23rd February 2026

Spring term second half	Tuesday 24th February – Friday 27th March 2026
Easter break	Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026
Summer term first half	Monday 13th April – Thursday 21st May 2026
Summer half term	Friday 22nd May – Friday 29th May 2026
Summer term second half	Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026

Notable dates

Monday 23rd February, Friday 22nd May, Monday 20th July

Bank holidays: Friday 3rd April, Monday 6th April, Monday 4th May, Monday 25th May

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