July 2026 Newsletter

This is the final newsletter of the academic year, and what a wonderful year it has been! Thank you all for choosing Stepping Stones Pre-School to care for, nurture and teach your little people this year. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege.
We wish that you all have a wonderful summer, and the fondest of farewells to all those moving on. Very best wishes from all the Stepping Stones staff and Committee.

Dates for your diary

Friday 10th July – we will draw our Big Summer Raffle – **LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS** – our fabulous prizes include a Booze Barrow worth over £350, vouchers for Avatar Dining, The Paint Pottle, and Welland Valley Feeds, plus Yoga membership, hand-delivered flowers and lots more!

Friday 17th July – our End of Year Show and party. This is the final day of the academic year. Further details are below.

Tuesday 1st September – a Teacher Training Day so Stepping Stones Pre-School will be closed.

Wednesday 2nd September – the first day of the Autumn Term.

Thursday 17th September – our annual AGM in Clipston Village Hall (see attachment for further information).

Topics this month

This month our topics will include (but not be limited to): the summer and our holidays, moving to school, and childrens' choices of activities.

Last call - Raffle and Wright Photography photographs

Please ensure that you have purchased raffle tickets (if you'd like some), and ordered photographs (if you want them), by this Friday 10th July.
The raffle will be drawn on Friday afternoon.
Good luck to all those who have tickets already!

End of Year

On Friday 17th July, our last day of term, we will be holding our End of Year Show, which this year is Goldilocks and the Three Bears in Clipston Village Hall. You should be now have all the details of the day but if you have any questions at all, or need anything clarifying, please don't hesitate to ask. Children can wear whatever they like – they can dress up, dress down, etc. It is *their* show and *their* day, so anything goes! N.B. Please can girls wear shorts underneath their dresses. Thank you.

Transition Reports

By now all our leavers have received a transition report – thank you for returning these promptly. They have been sent to the relevant schools. The team put a lot of effort into writing the reports, so we hope that you enjoyed reading them. As always, you may have a meeting with your key worker if you want to discuss anything, please just ask.

Stepping Stones Pre-School Management Committee – We need your help!

As you may know Stepping Stones Pre-School is run by an elected Committee of volunteers, primarily parents with children currently attending the setting. This ensures that major decision making is in the hands of the people who use and benefit from the setting. There are loads of ways you can contribute, and the brilliant thing is that you don't need any experience to make a real difference.

Our current Committee are:

Andy Blake, Chair	Chloe Godsmark, Secretary	Sorrel Gray	Lily Faulkner
Sean Faulkner	Rosie O'Connor, Treasurer	Katelyn Williams	

Our annual AGM, at which members will be elected, will take place on 17th September in Clipston Village Hall. Please put this date in your diaries!

We are keen for new members to join us this year and would be happy to chat to anyone about what it involves.

The AGM is a great opportunity to meet other parents, find out more about Stepping Stones, and see how you can get involved. Additionally, there will be a talk given by Miss Gallone, the Reception teacher at Clipston Primary School, about preparing children for the move to big school, which is highly informative in learning how you can help your child get ready in his/her preschool year.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like further information on this. We are very grateful for any support you can give us, and it all goes back into Stepping Stones and therefore the children.

Sunshine and clothing…

Now that we are enjoying plenty of lovely sunshine we'd like the children to be as safe as possible…..

- Please send your child with a named sunhat.
- Please apply suncream prior to arrival. We recommend the 'once a day' type. Please do not send suncream to the setting.
- Please send your child in closed-toe, supportive shoes suitable for running. Please DO NOT send your child in flip-flops, open-toe sandals, or Crocs please.
- Please ensure that girls in dresses have shorts or leggings on underneath to maintain their privacy.
- 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 or nut products. 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.

Term Dates

See below for the full Academic Calendar 2026-2027 (in line with Clipston Primary School).

Stepping Stones Pre-School
2026/2027 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days | Bank holidays | School holidays | Teacher Training Days

Sep-26						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

Oct-26						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

Nov-26						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

Dec-26						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

Jan-27						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

Feb-27						
Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tue	2	9	16	23		
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

Mar-27						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

Apr-27						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

May-27						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Jun-27						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

Jul-27						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

Aug-27						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

Training Days:

1 Tuesday 1st September 2026
2 Friday 18th December 2026
3 Thursday 25th March 2027
4 Tuesday 4th May 2027
5 Wednesday 21st July 2027