



Newsletter July 2024

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 a pleasure and privilege. We are wishing you all 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

Wednesday 3rd July our Committee have arranged a get-together for all parents/carers at Farndon Fields Farm Shop café at 9:00 after drop off. This should be a fantastic opportunity to meet parents/carers of your children's friends, and to meet members of the Stepping Stones Committee.

Friday 12th July we will be drawing our Fundraising Raffle at Stepping Stones. As I'm sure you're all aware tickets are on sale and can be purchased from Stepping Stones, from Naseby village shop, or from any member of the Stepping Stones Committee. We really appreciate your support with this! See the poster below for a list of some of our fantastic prizes, and GOOD LUCK! Winners will be notified before the end of term.

Friday 19th July is our End of Year Show and Party. This is the final day of the academic year. See below for further information.

End of year

On Friday 21st July, our last day of term, we will be hosting our End of Year Show and Party in the hall of Clipston Primary School. You should by now know the details for the day. 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 party, so anything goes! Please can girls wear shorts under any dresses please.

Summer...

- Please ENSURE that your child's clothing and shoes are all clearly labelled/named.
- Please send your child with a sunhat with their name in
- Please apply sun cream prior to arrival. We recommend the "once a day" type. Please do not send sunscreen into the setting
- Please send your child in closed shoes suitable for running – no flipflops, open sandals or clogs please

Reports

All children (apart from those who started since Easter) will have a report. The leavers will have received a transition report – thank you for returning those promptly – they have all now almost all been sent to

the relevant schools. Children staying will have a progress summary which will be available on Tapestry in the next week or so. The team put a lot of effort into writing the reports so please do read them, add comments and sign online. As always, you can have a meeting with your key worker if you want to discuss anything, please just ask.

Allergies

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

Term dates

See below for the full Academic Calendar 2024-25. Please note that Monday 2nd September is a Teacher Training day, so we look forward to seeing you all back at Stepping Stones from Tuesday 3rd September.

Autumn term first half	Tuesday 3 rd September – Friday 25 th October 2024
Half-term break	Monday 28 th October – Monday 4 th November 2024
Autumn term second half	Tuesday 5 th November – Friday 20 th December 2024
Spring term first half	Monday 6 th January – Friday 14 th February 2025
Half-term break	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025
Spring term second half	Monday 24 th February – Friday 4 th April 2025
Summer term first half	Tuesday 22 nd April – Thursday 22 nd May 2025
Half-term break	Friday 23 rd May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Summer term second half	Monday 2 nd June – Friday 18 th July 2025

Stepping Stones Preschool 2024/2025 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days
 Bank holidays
 School holidays
 Teacher Training Days

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- Training Days:**
- 1 2nd September 2024
 - 2 4th November 2024
 - 3 23rd May 2025
 - 4 21st July 2025
 - 5 22nd July 2025



STEPPING STONES PRE-SCHOOL CLIPSTON

SUMMER PRIZE DRAW 2024

Prizes include:

- A ONE NIGHT B&B FAMILY ROOM FOR 4 AT THE 5* HEADLAND HOTEL, NEWQUAY(*);
- TWO NIGHTS B&B FOR DOUBLE ROOM AT THE EXMOOR FOREST INN, SIMONSBATH(*);
- A NORTHAMPTON SAINTS RUGBY SHIRT SIGNED BY THE WHOLE 2024 SQUAD;
- A 30-MINUTE AEROPLANE LESSON WITH CM PARAMOTORS;
- A SIGNED LEICESTER TIGERS SHIRT;
- A 30-MINUTE PARAGLIDING LESSON FROM CM PARAMOTORS;
- A CHARLOTTE SPARRE SILK SCARF (WORTH £80), KINDLY DONATED BY CAVELLS', OAKHAM;
- A SIGNED NORTHAMPTON SAINTS RUGBY BALL;
- £70 VOUCHER FROM THE TOLLEMACHE ARMS, HARRINGTON;
- A DAY PASS FOR 2 PEOPLE TO WEST LODGE FARM PARK;
- A VOUCHER FOR GEL NAILS FROM CLEARLY NAILS, MARKET HARBOROUGH;
- A 30-MINUTE FACIAL REFLEXOLOGY TREATMENT FROM BAREFOOT HOLISTICS;
- A VOUCHER FOR TWO PEOPLES' ENTRY TO LAMPORT HALL & GARDENS,
- PLUS A HOT DRINK AND CAKE; £10 VOUCHER FROM LANGTON GARDEN CENTRE;
- A PARENT/TOT SESSION AT CLIPSTON RIDING SCHOOL; £20 ROSIE PAINTS VOUCHER;
- A BAKERS KIT (WHITE CHOCOLATE & RASPBERRY MACARONS) FROM HONEYWELL BAKES;
- £10 VOUCHER FROM THE PAINT POTTLE; £20 WELLAND VALLEY FEEDS VOUCHER;
- A BAKERS KIT (SHARING PLATTER WITH CRACKERS) FROM HONEYWELL BAKES;
- £10 VOUCHER FROM HARTBEEPS; A JCB TRACTOR TOY FROM SHARMANS OF PYTCHLEY;
- A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE BISCUITS FROM HONEYWELL BAKES;
- A BOTTLE OF WARNERS APPLE & PEAR GIN, AND MORE...!



WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED PRIZES TO US. THANK YOU!

TICKETS COST £250 EACH



*TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
HEADLAND HOTEL: TO BE BOOKED BETWEEN 01/10/2024 AND 31/03/2025, EXCLUDING THE FESTIVE PERIOD
EXMOOR FOREST INN: TO BE BOOKED BETWEEN 01/10/2024 AND 31/03/2025, EXCLUDING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

PRIZE DRAW FRIDAY 12TH JULY

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM
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