



Autumn 2024 Newsletter

Another Pre-School year begins!

We're very excited to begin a new term, and a new year at Billericay Catholic Pre-Schools. It's been wonderful to see the children again after the Summer break, and we've also enjoyed welcoming a new cohort of children who are beginning their learning journey with us.

We've got lots of exciting activities planned for the coming weeks, which have been specially chosen to help the children achieve their EYFS learning goals. For more information about what's coming up, please check the What's On section of our noticeboard, located on the pre-school garden fence.

Spring term sessions

We have a limited number of sessions still available. Priority for these places will be given to children already on roll, so you would like to increase your sessions, starting from Spring 2025, please let us know by 26th October. Any sessions not taken after this date will be offered to children on our waiting list.

Christmas is coming!



Nativity performance and Christmas Market

Friday 6th December

We will be beginning rehearsals for the performance after the half term break, so will need to allocate parts to the children in the coming weeks. If your child will not be able to take part in the performance, please let us know as soon as possible.

Christmas/End of Term party

Friday 13th December, 11.15am

All children are invited to attend. If this is not your child's normal session, then there will be a charge of £6 per child to cover our additional staffing costs.

Reminders...

Lunch club (full day sessions only)

Children are fully supervised during lunch club, but to help us further prevent the risk of choking incidents, we kindly ask that foods such as grapes and cocktail sausages are cut up into smaller pieces. Please ensure all lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Items brought in from home

The children are invited to bring in items from home that begin with our Letter of the Week (see What's On board for details). Please make sure any item you bring in is labelled with your child's name. To avoid the risk of loss or damage to any items, we kindly ask that they are placed in the blue Letter of the Week box at the start of the session, and please collect all items at the end of the week. Any uncollected items will be disposed of at the end of each term.

Outdoor play

We aim to include outdoor play at every session, so could you please ensure your child comes into pre-school with appropriate footwear and clothing, as well as a waterproof jacket. Please ensure that all items, including jumpers and coats, are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Drop off/collection

We understand that there may be situations where a child needs to be dropped off or collected at a time other than our usual arrival and finish times. Where possible, could you please notify the pre-school in advance of any late drop offs or early pick ups? This minimises the disruption to our session, and helps us keep the premises secure. If anyone other than the normal person is collecting your child, please make us aware of this. Please also make sure anyone collecting your child is aware of your chosen password.

Absences

It is important that, if your child will not be attending pre-school for any reason, you contact us as soon as possible to inform us of the reason for the absence.

Congratulations Mrs Davis!

This September marks 25 years since the wonderful Mrs Davis began working at our pre-school!

I'm sure families past and present will agree that she has been a true asset to our pre-school, supporting hundreds of children through their learning journey using her wealth of knowledge, as well as her stoic patience and kindness.

We love you, Mrs Davis! The pre-school wouldn't be the same without you!

