



Walkern Preschool Newsletter

June 2025

This time of year brings so much excitement, sunshine, and opportunity for outdoor fun and learning. It's been wonderful to see the children enjoying the warmer weather, growing in confidence, and exploring new activities each day.

We're thrilled to share that thanks to your amazing support at the Walkern Fayre, we raised an incredible £597! Even more exciting, we've been able to match fund this with an additional £500, bringing our total to £1,097 – a fantastic boost for our preschool. Thank you so much for your generosity and involvement.

The children have also been busy practicing for Sports Day, and it's been such a joy to watch their enthusiasm and teamwork as they prepare. We can't wait to cheer them on and celebrate all their efforts.

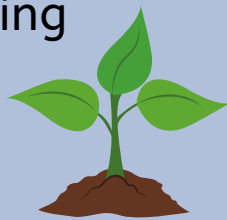
Looking ahead, we're especially excited for our Family Fun Day on Saturday, 12th July – a lovely chance to come together as a community, enjoy some summer festivities, and make more wonderful memories.

Here's to a sunny, happy, and active term ahead!

Sophie Yates – Walkern Preschool Chair

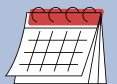
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Dinosaurs
Planting /Growing
Bugs
Circus
Beach



If you have children in both morning and after sessions please can you collect your morning child at 12:45 and then drop your afternoon child at 1pm.

Key Dates



June

21st June - Sports Day

July

Saturday 12th July - Fun Day 11-2

Wednesday 16th Last normal Preschool day

Thursday 17th Leavers ceremony Hedgehogs only

September

Back to preschool Thursday 4th Sept

October

Half term 27th -31st October

Names

Please ensure your child's clothes and drink bottles are all named. If your child comes home in spare clothes please ensure they are returned asap. please also ensure your child has suitable footwear on for all preschool sessions.



Fundraising

Preschool is a registered charity, we really rely on our fundraising income to help us continue our great work. There are a couple of simple things you can do to help:

Firstly, we have easyfundraising -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walkernpreschool>

- You just need to sign up and easy fundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Secondly, there is Stikins. As we ask all parents/carers to label /name everything your child brings into Preschool, including coats, shoes, wellies, drinks bottles and lunch boxes, we have teamed up with Stikins (www.stikins.co.uk), where you can buy adhesive labels for your child's clothing. Please use fundraising number: 24434 for the Preschool to earn an extra 30% commission.

We also recycle old ink cartridges so if you have any inkjet cartridges please pop them into preschool, each cartridge we recycle we are paid about £1. So it soon adds up.

Volunteers

Would anyone be interested in volunteering at our Toddler group on a Monday morning? We need some help between 08:45 and 11am. Will include making hot drinks, preparing snack and tidying up.

Parents Evening

Squirrel's -Thursday 5th June
Rabbits -Thursday 3rd July

Your child's keyworker will book a time in with you.

Contact Details

Preschool

01438 861285 option 2

07305067059

walkernpreschool@gmail.com

Admin

07942 096445

admin@walkernpreschool.co.uk

Please send any absences to preschool direct to ensure they are received on time.

Sports Day - Saturday 21st June

Everyone welcome, parents, grandparents, aunts uncles etc.

Come along and watch your child take part in there races, we will also have our summer raffle which includes some fabulous prizes.

Refreshments will be available.

The raffle will be drawn at the very end, you are more than welcome to stay after your child's group watch the other children's races, enjoy some refreshments and wait for the raffle.



Times: Rabbits 10:30-11:30, Squirrels 12:15pm Hedgehogs 13:30

To help support this event we ask if you could donate brought or baked cakes. Please drop these to preschool on Friday 20th June.

Birthday Sweets

Just a quick note regarding Birthday sweets, please could we kindly ask that parents/carers do not supply these on or around your child's birthday, to share with their classmates.

Unfortunately, we have a variety of allergies within the setting and also, we focus on dental hygiene within the preschool, so would be beneficial to refrain from these types of foods.

Rest assured, we do celebrate your child's birthday at preschool by singing a rendition of 'Happy Birthday' and have a pretend cake to make it a little bit special for them :-)

Thank you.



Lunchbox Items

As a reminder, morning children's packed lunches shouldn't contain chocolate bars, sweets, or too many sugary items, and more importantly, no food containing nuts and no peanut butter in sandwich fillings, due to allergies. The recommended/average packed lunch would consist of the following:

- A main savoury item such as a sandwich, cheese & crackers or pasta (with fork)
- A yoghurt
- A piece of fruit or vegetable
- Crisps

For further guidance please go to www.nhs.uk/change4life

Funday

Our annual fun day will be held on Saturday 12th July 11-2pm
Come along for a play on the school field, there will be face painting, a visit from a Shetland pony and bouncy castles along with lots of toys.

£5 for adult and child, additional adults or children £2.50 each.

Please pay on the gate on the day.

Tapestry

You should now all have access to your Tapestry account for your child/ren, but please let us know if you haven't received an email from Tapestry regarding the activation of your account and/or you need some assistance with setting this up on your device.

Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal to record photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. This system allows us to work with parents and carers to share information and record the children's play and learning in and outside of the classroom.



Parents and carers are given their own log-in using their email. All our staff are given a secure log-in. They can then upload observations, photos or videos; recording children's achievements and assessing their learning in reference to the EYFS curriculum.



Facebook

Did you know we have a Facebook page for the Walkern Preschool, where we post regularly about all the things the children have been enjoying in their sessions.



Absence

Please make sure you text (07305 067059); email walkernpreschool@gmail.com or call the preschool (01438 861285 option 2) for any child not attending their session due to illness, holiday or last-minute absence. You only need to send one message on the first day of absence.



As the weather warms up please ensure you send a named sun hat. Please ensure your child comes to preschool with sun screen already applied.

Please also you ensure you send your child in sensible shoes for playing, running and climbing.



FAMILY

FUN DAY

**SATURDAY
12TH JULY
11AM TO 2PM**

BRING A PICNIC

**£5 adult and child,
additional adults or
children £2.50 each**

Siblings, Grandparents etc all welcome

ACTIVITIES:

- Bouncy Castle
- Visit from a Shetland Pony
- Face Painting
- Games & Activities on the field

All Included in entry price

**Drinks &
Ice pops for sale**

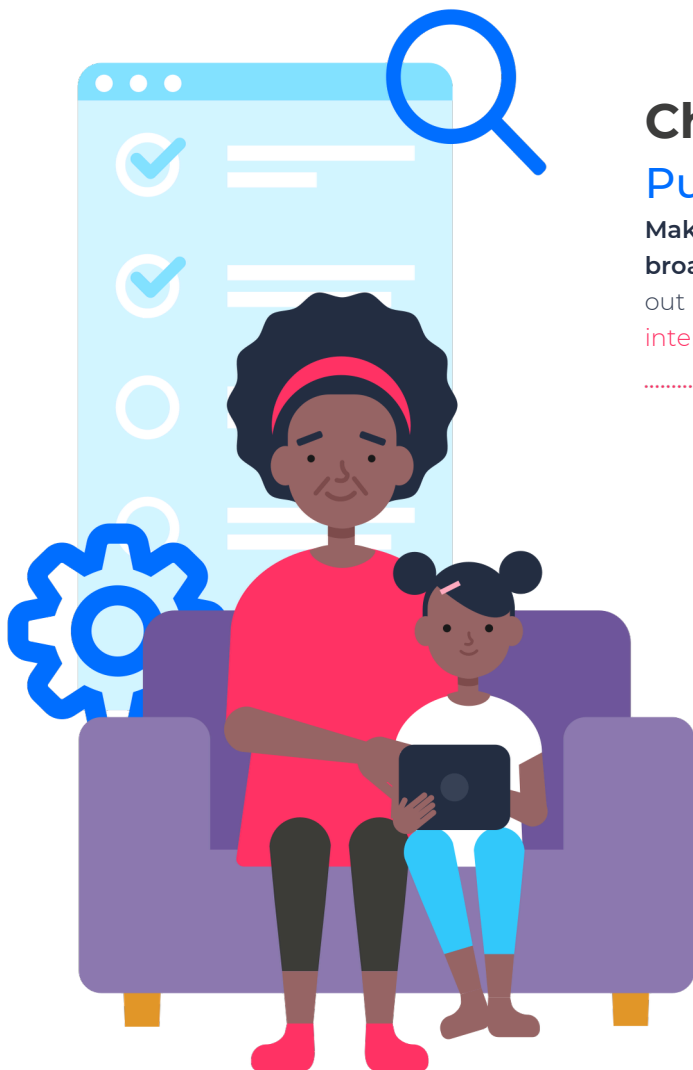
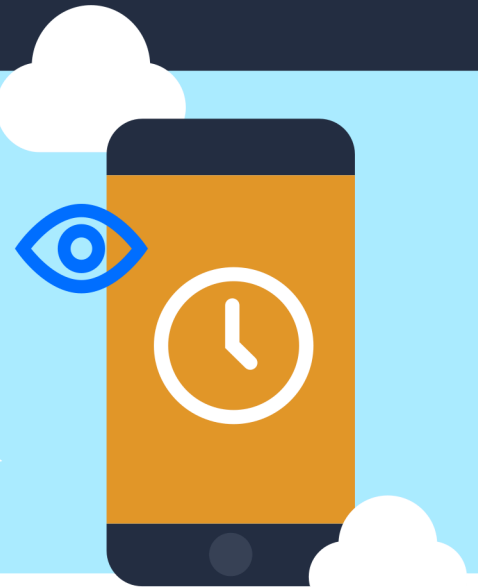


Online safety tips for parents of pre-school children 0-5 Year Olds

internet
matters.org

22% of parents of 3-4-year-olds don't think their child has a good balance between screen time and other activities

* Source: Ofcom Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022



Checklist:

Put yourself in control

Make use parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or [by visiting internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org).

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as [swiggle.org.uk](https://www.swiggle.org.uk) or [kids-search.com](https://www.kids-search.com). **Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines** as well as YouTube and it is possible to lock these so that they can't be inadvertently removed. You can find out more by [visiting the Google Safety Centre](https://www.google.com/safetycenter). Once you've put all of these controls in place have a browse and search for a few things to see what your children might see, if they were to do the same. Remember that voice-activated search works really well now.