



Walkern Preschool Newsletter

September 2025

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Walkern Pre-School!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some special time with your families. It's been lovely to see the children return full of energy, and we'd like to give an extra warm welcome to our new starters who are joining the Walkern Pre-School family this term.

We are also delighted to let you know that our brand new canopy is now complete! This exciting addition means the children can enjoy outdoor play and learning in all weathers, giving them even more opportunities to explore the world around them. We are so grateful to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts to make this project possible—your generosity and community spirit have made such a difference.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events to bring us all together, including our Macmillan Coffee Morning and a fun-filled Bingo Night (date to be confirmed). We can't wait to see many of you there as we continue to make wonderful memories and support our pre-school community.

Here's to a fun, busy, and inspiring term ahead!

Sophie Yates – Preschool Committee Chair

This half terms
topics are around
Traditional Tales.

3 Billy Goats Gruff

3 Little Pigs

Goldilocks

Little Red Hen



Run by Walkern PreSchool

WALKERN

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

NO NEED TO BOOK

MONDAYS
08:45-10:45

£3.50 + £1 for Siblings

BASED IN WALKERN PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL,
PLEASE USE THE GATE FURTHEST FROM THE SCHOOL
RECEPTION, PRESS THE BUZZER AND WE'LL LET YOU IN!

WWW.WALKERNPRESCHOOL.CO.UK

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



This year we will be supporting Macmillan coffee morning by inviting every parent in to the session. This will happen on **Thursday 25th September**.

Parents whose children attend mornings are welcome to join the children from drop off until 10:30am.

Parents whose children attend afternoons are invited back from 2pm.

This will give you time to meet other parents, see your child in their preschool session and most importantly have coffee and cake.

If your child does not usually attend on a Thursday you are more than welcome to attend still but only for the drop in session part. eg 08:45-10:30 or 2-3:30pm

If you cannot attend your child is still more than welcome to attend their usual preschool session.

To help us support Macmillan we are asking for a donation of £2 from each parent.

Please make donations to [Coffee Morning Donation](#)

This link will be sent out on Whats app nearer the time.



Whats App

Each group of Children (Squirrels, Rabbits & Hedgehogs) has 2 what's app groups. One is locked as admin only, this group is run by preschool staff and will contain any updates and information you need to know.

The 2nd group is open for parents to chat and arrange meetup and send birthday invites etc. If you are not in the groups and would like to be please message 07942 096445 to be added.

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/walkern-preschool>

- 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.

Key Dates



September

Back to Preschool Thursday 4th

Sept

Macmillan coffee Morning
Thursday 25th

October

Monday 20th AGM

Half term 27th -31st October

November

December

Friday 5th Inset Day - No
Preschool

Sunday 14th Nativity Squirrels
only

Thursday 18th Last Day

January

6th January Back to Preschool

February

16th -20th Half term

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.



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.

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

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.

**20th
OCTOBER**

Walkern Preschool

Join us for our next AGM



If you would like to be part of the Preschool committee, please do come along! We would like to give you an insight into how the Preschool is run and roles of the committee. Walkern Preschool is a charity run organisation so we hugely rely on the support of our volunteers and fundraising.

Please email
Walkern.preschool.adm@outlook.com
if you would like to attend.

7pm at Walkern Preschool
Drinks and refreshments available



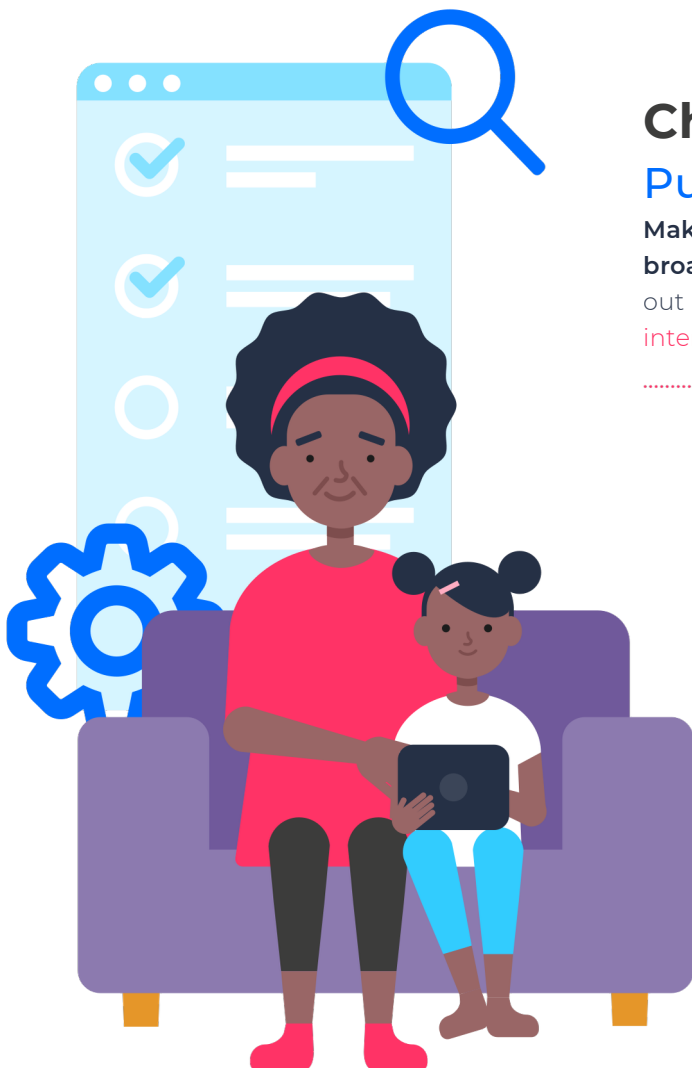
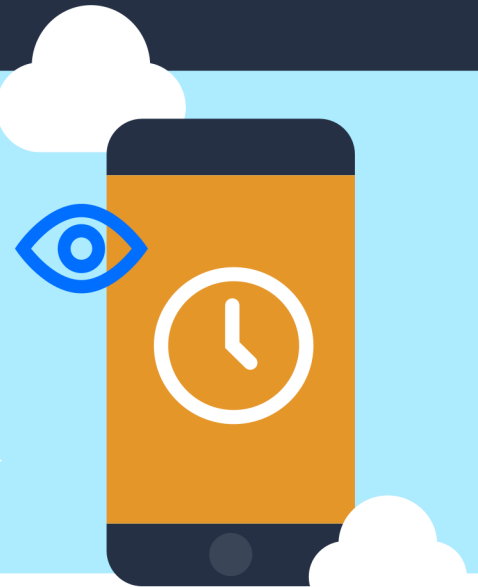
Online safety tips for parents of pre-school children

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.