



April/ May 2026

Newsletter



Welcome to our April/ May Newsletter!

Term Dates 2025/2026

Term 1: Tues 2nd September - Fri 24th October 2025

Term 2: Tues 4th November - Fri 19th December 2025

Term 3: Mon 5th January - Thurs 12th February 2026

Term 4: Mon 23rd February - Fri 27th March 2026

Term 5: Mon 13th April - Fri 22nd May 2026

Term 6: Tues 2nd June - Fri 17th July 2026

Inset Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Please note we are closed on all bank holidays

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th May- Photographer. A children's photographer will visit Playgroup on Thursday 7th May. If your child attends that day, staff will support them with photos. There is no obligation to buy any.

If you'd prefer your child not to take part then please let Freya aware. If your child doesn't attend on this day but would like to have their photo taken then you are more than welcome to bring them in at 10:00am but please be aware you may have to wait. Or, if your child has siblings who you would like to be photographed together then please speak to Freya so we can arrange this. If you have any further questions then please email Freya on senco.dukeofgloucesterplaygroup@hotmail.com



Thursday 18th June- Cinema trip to watch Julia Donaldson's 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' for Father's and Others in celebration of Father's Day. Cakes and refreshments will be provided. 0930 - 1030.

Please meet us outside Playgroup promptly at 0930 and we will walk over to the cinema, please be advised if you arrive after this time we will not be able to escort you to the cinema.

Welcome

Welcome to our new children and families. Teddy S, Olive and Daphne.

Term 5 Topics

Week 1: Circus- Carolyn and Freya

Week 2: St George's Day/ Book- Sara and Scarlett

Week 3: Spring- Jonati and Caroline

Week 4: Spring- Carolyn and Scarlett

Week 5: People Who Help Us- Sara and Freya

Week 6: Minibeasts- Jonati and Caroline

Staff News

After 22 wonderful years at Duke of Gloucester Playgroup, Carole has retired. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication and the care she has given over the years, and she will be greatly missed by us all. We're pleased to welcome Rebecca back to the team, who previously worked with us for 13 years, and will now be taking on the role of Financial Administrator. We wish her every success in her new position.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd July- Sports Day- Bluebell's 0930 start, Lupin 1100 start. This is situated on the field behind Nursery's Garden. Any children who do not attend on this day are welcome to join, please inform Rachael or Freya.

Thursday 9th July- Parent's evening 1800 onwards, more details to follow.

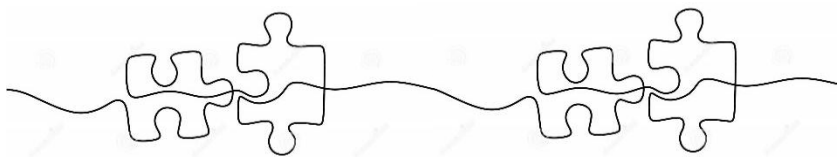
Monday 13th July- Pre-School Graduation Day. 0930 Start at the Cinema, this is for all of Lupin children who will be transitioning to Primary School in September 2026. Parents and Family members are welcome. Any children who do not attend on this day are welcome to join, please inform Rachael or Freya.

Thursday 16th July- Party Day: No Lunchbox required this day.



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People Who Help Us

Upcoming Visits & Activities

We have an exciting week for People Who Help Us with lots of special visitors and activities for the children:

- **Monday 11th May** - Meg (Vet)
- **Tuesday 12th May** - Optician & Audiologist
- **Wednesday 13th May** - Army visit
- **Thursday 14th May** - Police visit
- **Friday 15th May** - Sports session with Becky

Thank you to the parents who have offered to come into nursery to discuss their jobs with the children.



Update in Hours- September 2026

If you wish to change your child's hours for September 2026 please inform Rachael by Monday 15th May 2026.

Illnesses

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and seek medical advice before they return. We cannot admit children with a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or contagious illness. Children must stay home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. If your child has had Calpol, they should not attend until fully better. Any prescribed medication must be in its original packaging with a pharmacy label, and a medication form must be completed.

Parking and Speed Limit Reminder

Please **refrain from parking on the grass verge** and directly in front of nursery. Polite reminder there is a strict 20mph speed limit across all of camp.



Collection

Just a polite reminder to please be on time to collect your child, if you are unexpectedly running a few minutes late please ring to make nursery aware. If you are over 5 minutes late to collecting your child, you will be fined £10 for every 15 minutes. This is an ongoing issue, so please adhere.

Warmer Weather

Now we are getting into the warmer weather polite reminder to please make sure your children have had **suncream applied before they start their session**. If you have forgotten,

please speak to a staff member and you will be able to use our suncream to apply before they enter nursery.

Please also ensure your child has a **named sunhat** and a **named water bottle**. We will reapply suncream as and when needed and also top-up children's water bottles.



Fee's

We kindly remind parents that fees are payable in advance and are due by the **5th of each month**. Prompt payment is essential to retain your child's place; late payments may incur a £10 administration charge and could result in suspension of any additional hours until the account is settled. Please also remember that it is parents' responsibility to apply for and reconfirm eligibility for any funded hours. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please speak to the Manager as soon as possible.

Contact times

Please be advised that Emails, Text Messages, WhatsApp, and Phone Calls will only be answered within our operating hours.