



September & October 2023

Newsletter

Welcome to our September/ October

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Term Dates 2022-2023

- Term 1:** Tues 5th September - Fri 27th October 2023
- Term 2:** Mon 6th November - Thurs 21st December 2023
- Term 3:** Mon 8th January - Thursday 8th February 2024
- Term 4:** Mon 19th February - Friday 22nd March 2024
- Term 5:** Mon 8th April - 24th May 2024
- Term 6:** Tues 4th June - Friday 19th July 2024

Inset Days

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Friday 22nd December 2023
- Friday 9th February 2024
- Monday 3rd June 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024

[gloucestershire-school-term-dates-and-holidays-for-academic-year-2023-24 inset days.pdf](#)

Please note we are closed on all bank holidays

Dates for your Diary

We will have an end of Term Party on Wednesday 18th October. The children are welcome to dress up in Halloween costumes or any other dressing up clothes that they would like to wear. This will not be religious or celebrated as the true History of Halloween.

This will be fun day with games and food. No lunch boxes required unless you would like too.

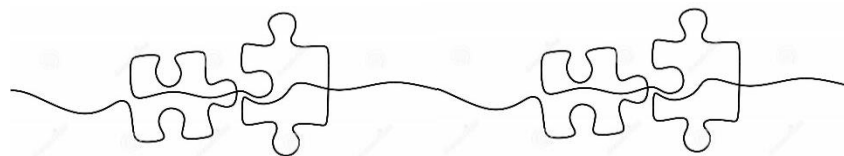
Illnesses

If your child is unwell, parents are asked to take their child to the doctor before returning them to the setting. We can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and/ or diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease. If children have a temperature or fever, they must be kept home until they have had a normal temperature (without the use of Calpol or Nurofen) for at least 24 hours as this can mask symptoms.

After sickness or diarrhoea, it is our policy that parents/ carers keep their child at home for 48 hours following the last episode.

If your child has been given Calpol they are not able to attend Playgroup until they are fully better.

If your child becomes unwell whilst at Playgroup, we will contact the parents/ carer and ask for the child to be collected as soon as possible.



Welcome to our new children

We would like to wish our new children and families a warm welcome to our setting.

Sitiveni, Jaxson, Percy, Gracie, Atticus, Finley, Emily, Rae, Tayah, Sully, Cleo, Ava, Spencer, Gideon and Susam

Term 1 Activities Lupins Class

Week 1: All About Me - Cally

Week 2: Dinosaurs - Carolyn

Week 3: Circus- Freya

Week 4 & 5: Autumn - Anita & Cally

Week 5: Space- Anita

Week 6: Knights & Princesses- Carolyn

Week 7: Halloween - Freya



Term 1 Activities Bluebells Class

Week 1: All About Me - Jonati

Week 2: - Dinosaurs - Caroline

Week 3: Circus- Sara

Week 4 & 5: Autumn - Sara & Caroline

Week 5: Space- Jonati

Week 6: Knights & Princesses- Caroline

Week 7: Halloween - Sara



Small Group Time

Week 1: Freya & Caroline - Communication & Language

Week 2: Jonati & Cally - Physical Development

Week 3: Jonati & Anita - Personal, Social & Emotional

Week 4: Freya & Sara - Literacy

Week 5: Jonati & Carolyn - Mathematics

Week 6: Caroline & Cally- Expressive Arts & Design

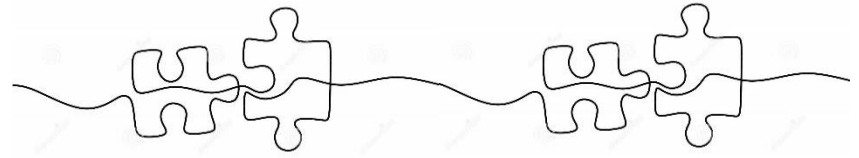
Week 7: Sara & Anita- Understanding The World

Week 8: Caroline & Carolyn- Mathematics



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Appropriate Clothing

With the current weather conditions please make sure your child has appropriate light clothing and a **named** sun hat. Then as the weather starts to turn towards Autumn time, please ensure they have coats, hats and gloves. All of which need to be **named**.

Hot weather

Please ensure that your child arrives at the setting with sun screen on & also a named water bottle. The staff will re-apply sunscreen as and when required and will also fill the water bottles up throughout the session. You do not to bring your own suncream in unless you have chosen not to use ours; please speak to a staff member if you do not want us to use the sunscreen that we can provide.

Clothing

A polite reminder that children will get dirty and messy sometimes at playgroup. Please do not send them in clothes that you are concerned that may get dirty. Early years is all about playing an exploring and all children are encouraged to take part in messy play which involves our mud kitchen.



Show and Tell

Children are welcome to bring in a small toy, book and anything that they would like to show their friends at circle time. There is a grey basket inside the door for the children to put them



in on arrival. We will encourage the children to put them back into their bags or drawer to keep safe throughout the session.

Breakfast Session

A polite reminder that Breakfast is served between 08:00 & 08:30. We do not accept any children in to the setting between 08:45 & 09:00 as this is when the children start transitioning into their classrooms. You will be asked to wait until 09:00.



Ofsted

We are absolutely delighted with the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection with **Outstanding** in all areas. We hope you have had the opportunity to read through it but if not please find link below: [50226116 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50226116)



Lunch boxes

Please ensure that Grapes, Cocktail Sausages, Tomatoes, Olives etc are cut length ways.

We have also seen a few children with sweets or chocolates in their lunch boxes, please do not put these in the lunch boxes.

If your child's food needs heating up, please inform a staff member on drop off.

Drop Off

Just a polite reminder to **wait for your child's name to be called before entering the building**; this is due to health and safety, ensuring that all children are kept in the building safely.

Contact times

Please be advised that Emails, Text Messages, WhatsApp, and Phone Calls will only be answered within our operating hours 08:00-17:30 Monday - Friday.