



November Newsletter

Dates

Autumn 2026

Thursday 3rd September - 18th December (finish at 12.00pm)

Half Term - Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October

INSET day (closed to children) 30th November

Spring 2027

Monday 4th January - Thursday 25th March (finish at 12.00pm)

Half Term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Summer 2027

Monday 12th April - Wednesday 21st July (12:00 finish)

Half Term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Red book

The health visiting team have asked us to remind you that the Red Book given to your child at birth has a wealth of information within it. If you are looking for advice or for information regarding anything to do with your child's development, have a look at your red book first, it might just help to point you in the right direction.

Surrey Child and Family Health

Surrey Child and Family Health have an app that can be downloaded, which you may find useful for information. It looks like this and is for children ages 0-19.



Download our new Surrey Child and Family app!

Our new family-focused app gives lots of information and advice.

These are just a few resources that you might find useful.

Popular searches:

- Drop in clinic
- Occupational therapy
- Breastfeeding
- Sleep
- Child health clinic
- Referral
- Drop in
- Weaning
- Referrals
- Clinics
- Continence
- Audiology

If you can't find the information that you are looking for online or on their App, then they have telephone lines open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm: 0300 247 2225 to help get advice and support.

They can also be reached via email:

scfh.contact@hcrhcaregroup.com

2 Year Checks

From around the time your child turns 2, you will receive a letter inviting you to a 2 year check. We will also provide a report for you to take with you. Please let us know if you have not yet had yours, or if you have and we have not yet completed a report. They are a statutory requirement, so we do have to know. If you do not receive anything by post from the health visitor let us know and we can provide you with a copy of the questionnaire.



Helping you...

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Is your child turning 2?

Look out for a letter from Surrey Child and Family Health inviting your child to their 27-month health review. If your child goes to nursery or pre-school or has a childminder, they will also be offered a progress check.

Scan the QR code to find out more, or visit:
surreycc.gov.uk/reviewsatage2
surreychildandfamily.co.uk
Call for advice and support. Tel: 0300 247 0025
Open Monday to Friday, 9am -5pm (excluding Bank Holidays)

Surrey Child and Family Health

Anya App

Another App that you may find useful is the Anya App, it currently supports with pregnancy, newborn care and baby feeding, however in the coming months they will be expanding to also support children until they are 18.

Click on this link to download...

[Surrey - Meet Anya. Supporting your early parenting journey.](#)

Key dates for your diaries

9th November: Nursery Rhyme Week.

13th November: Children in Need (2026 is the National Year of Reading - so we are being challenged to a sponsored Big Read over BBC Children in Need week, which ties in nicely with Nursery Rhyme Week!)

16th- 27th November: Parents meetings for all children who are not new to the setting. We will send out dates and times of meetings shortly.

Monday 30th November: INSET day for staff, no children to attend

Friday 11th December: Last date for invoices to be fully paid

Thursday 10th December: Christmas jumper day. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper all week. (All donations will go to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.)

Friday 18th December: Christmas Sing Along - come and join us for a sing song, and party. Last day of term. Preschool finishes at 12pm

School visits

We would expect that all parents of children leaving for school next year, would have begun to look around many schools. Time will soon run out, especially with the Christmas break in-between. We do recommend that you go and visit all of the schools that you like, in order that you get a feel for them.

It is really important that when filling in your form, you give as many choices as they ask for, (in Surrey's case you are allowed 4 choices),

otherwise it means that should you not get your first choice then the council can place you anywhere. This is the website address of the surrey application website that will guide you through the process. Applications are open now and close on 15th January 2027. [Apply for a place at a primary, infant or junior school - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://surreycc.gov.uk)

World Nursery Rhyme Week and Children in Need

For World Nursery Rhyme Week, at preschool we will focus on a rhyme a day, the rhymes will be as follows...

1. Doctor Foster went to Gloucester
2. Hickory Dickory Dock
3. 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive
4. Row, Row, Row Your Boat
5. Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat

As this ties in with Children in Need, thinking about reading, and it being the National Year of Reading 2026. We are asking that during this week, you teach your children some new rhymes that they may not know! They can then come into preschool and tell us all about them i.e. sing them to us!!!!

1. Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
2. Down at the Station
3. Tommy Thumb
4. Peter Hammers
5. Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

The words are at the end of this letter! Have fund with them.

Endorsements

We are looking to update our socials, website etc and are looking for anyone willing to help by writing us an endorsement. We are really grateful for all our families and how supportive you are, a few words

would be really appreciated. These can be sent to us via email and we can put them on if that is easier. Thank you in advance.

Coat and wellington boots

As the weather is so changeable, please may we ask that your child comes to preschool equipped for all weathers. We go outside in all weathers, however, if the children do not have suitable clothing, then we might have to say no to them being able to go out, this is for their own well-being. Please make sure they have hat and gloves as well as a warm coat, spare socks, shoes, long sleeved tops and bottoms, snoods work better than a scarf at this age, as they simply go around the neck and can't be pulled or dragged through the mud!

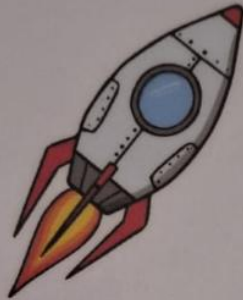
Personal Information

May we please ask that if there are any changes to your home lives or any new developments that may affect you or your child, then let us know. If any personal information changes, including addresses, then please also let us know. We need all current information held on files to be up to date.

Best wishes

The Totterdown Team

1. Zoom, Zoom, Zoom



Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
We're going to the moon
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
We'll be there very soon
If you want to take a trip
Climb aboard my rocket ship
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
We're going to the moon
5, 4, 3, 2, 1
Blast off!

2. Down at the Station

Down at the station

Down at the station, early in the morning,
See the little puffer trains, all in a row.
See the engine driver pull a little lever,
Puff! Puff! Peep! Peep! Off we go!
Puff! Puff! Peep! Peep! Off we go!
Puff! Puff! Peep! Peep! Off we go!



Down at the station, early in the morning,
See the little puffer trains, all in a row.
Here comes the driver to start up the engine,
Chuff! Chuff! Toot! Toot! Off we go!
Chuff! Chuff! Toot! Toot! Off we go!
Chuff! Chuff! Toot! Toot! Off we go!

Down at the station, early in the morning,
See the little puffer trains, all in a row.
Here comes the driver to start up the engine,
Clickety clack! Clickety clack! Off we go!
Clickety clack! Clickety clack! Off we go!
Clickety clack! Clickety clack! Off we go!

3. Tommy Thumb

Tommy thumb



Tommy thumb, Tommy thumb
Where are you?
Here I am, Here I am
How do you do?

Peter pointer, Peter pointer
Where are you?
Here I am, Here I am
How do you do?

Toby tall, Toby tall
Where are you?
Here I am, Here I am
How do you do?

Ruby ring, Ruby ring
Where are you?
Here I am, Here I am
How do you do?

Baby small, Baby small
Where are you?
Here I am, Here I am
How do you do?

Fingers all, Fingers all
Where are you?
Here I am, Here I am
How do you do?

4. Peter Hammers

Peter Hammers



Peter hammers with one hammer,
One hammer, one hammer,
Peter hammers with one hammer all day long.

Peter hammers with two hammers, two
hammers, two hammers,
Peter hammers with two hammers all day long.

Three hammers...
Four hammers...
Five hammers...
Peter's very tired now...

(First use one hand like a hammer then two hands, two hands and one foot,
two hands and two feet and two hands, two feet and head)

5. Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

When all the cows were sleeping
And the sun had gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow
And this is what he said!
I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a flippy floppy hat
I can shake my hands like this
And shake my feet like that
When all the hens were roosting
And the moon behind the cloud
Up jumped the scarecrow
And shouted very loud
I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a flippy floppy hat
can shake my hands like this
And shake my feet like that
When the dogs were in the kennels
And the doves were in the loft

Up jumped the scarecrow
And whispered very soft
I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a flippy floppy hat
I can shake my hands like this
And shake my feet like that
I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a flippy floppy hat
I can shake my hands like this
And shake my feet like that