



May Newsletter

Dates

Summer 2025

Wednesday 23rd April - Friday 18th July (12:00pm finish)

Half Term - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Photographer

We hope that you all liked the photographs that Mark took. If you are still wanting to order then please be aware the deadline for 10% discount and free delivery is the 12th May. You can order from 13th May until 24th May, but it's full price and a charge of £4.29 for p&p.

Father's Day

On Friday 13th June, we will be hosting a Father's day picnic. This will begin at 11:20am and all dads (and if they can't make it, grandads, uncles etc) are welcome. The plan is that Dad's will arrive, take part in a fun activity, followed by a picnic and a treat in the garden. Please bring along your own picnic and a blanket, the children will already have their own lunch boxes. We will provide a little treat for afters.

Amended Terms and Conditions

Please note that we are amending our terms and conditions concerning the minimum amount of hours that a 3 year old needs to attend. We were finding that a substantial amount of parents were struggling to commit to 15 hours, so in the interest of treating everyone the same, we are lowering the minimum hours to 12 taken over 2 whole days.

Extended hours

We are trying to gauge interest regarding extending our hours to have an early drop off at 8am and a late pick up at 4pm and potentially having a holiday club for a couple of weeks in the summer.

Funding would not cover these and would be charged at a private rate, approximately £9 an hour for 3 year olds and £12 per hour for 2 year olds. If either of these ideas would be of benefit to you please can you email us and let us know.

Funding contract

If you have not already returned the revised funding contract that was sent just before the Easter holidays, asking you to opt in to consumable charges please can you do so or come and see us.

Stay and Plays

We are looking forward to welcoming you for our week of stay and plays on 6th-9th May. If you are planning on coming, please sign up on the sign-up sheet by the door and bring some photos of your child at different stages of their life in order that you can make a timeline together and talk about what they were like as a baby and what they

could do, compared with what they can do now. If you are unable to come, please **do not send** in photos with your child as we will be unable to do the activity with them, please feel free to do it at home though and they can bring it in to show everyone.

Parents meetings

Parents meetings will be held the week beginning 19th May. Sign up sheets will go out by the door shortly, please sign up if you would like a meeting with your child's key worker.

The Nurturing programme

We have been asked to pass on the following information regarding a course that helps parents to navigate the challenges of parenting.

 **Families First Guildford**
Supporting families in our community

THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment.


It is a tried and tested support programme to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

9.45am – 11.45am at Guildford Nursery School , GU1 1NR	9.30am – 11.30am at The Walsh Junior School, Ash, GU12 6LT
Monday 12 th May	Thursday 11 th September
Monday 19 th May	Thursday 18 th September
Monday 2 nd June	Thursday 25 th September
Monday 9 th June	Thursday 2 nd October
Monday 16 th June	Thursday 9 th October
Monday 23 rd June	Thursday 16 th October
Monday 30 th June	Thursday 23 rd October
Monday 7 th July	Thursday 6 th November
Monday 14 th July	Thursday 13 th November
Monday 21 st July	Thursday 20 th November

This 10-week group course takes place face to face.

Book your place on our website or speak to our team on 01483 510570 for more details.

familiesfirstguildford.com/events



Toilet training

We have been asked to pass on some information regarding toilet training. Please see link below. All school leavers, unless they have some medical issue should be toilet trained before starting school, if you are having problems with this or just want some advice please come and see us, we have all been through it!

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2025/03/Parent-Handout-for-Toilet-Training.pdf>

Appropriate clothing

Whilst we have this gorgeous weather please can we remind you to make sure that your child comes in, already wearing sunscreen. As you can appreciate, we do not have the staffing capacity to be creaming all of the children before they go outside. A lot of sunscreens now last for 6-8 hours which is plenty as they will not be going in water to wash it off. Please also make sure that they have a sun hat and are wearing appropriate footwear. Open-toed sandals and crocs are not good for preschool as they run the risk of either dropping things on their toes or their crocs coming off whilst running. Crocs do not offer the support that their little feet need for a whole day at preschool.

Best wishes

Totterdown Team

Dates for your diary - Summer Term 2025

5.5.25	Bank holiday
6.5.25	Come and play AM 10 – 11am – (for all parents) there will be a sign-up sheet, no more than 5 parents on each session, if more demand we will add another week.
7.5.25	Come and play PM 1:30pm -2:30pm – (for all parents) there will be a sign-up sheet, no more than 5 parents on each session, if more demand we will add another week.
8.5.25	Come and play PM 1:30pm -2:30pm – (for all parents) there will be a sign-up sheet, no more than 5 parents on each session, if more demand we will add another week.
9.5.25	Come and play AM 10 – 11am – (for all parents) there will be a sign-up sheet, no more than 5 parents on each session, if more demand we will add another week.
19 th -23 rd May	Parent meetings – invites to follow
26 th -30 th May	Half term
13.6.25	Father's day - Save the date
17.7.25	Summer bonanza AM – more info to follow
17.7.25	Leaver's graduation PM – more info to follow
19.7.25	Last day – 12pm finish