



February Newsletter

Dates

Spring 2026

Monday 5th January - Friday 27th March (12:00pm finish)

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Easter Holidays -

Monday 30th March - Tuesday 14th April

Summer 2026

Tuesday 14th April - Friday 17th July (12:00pm finish)

INSET DAY Monday 13th April

INSET DAY Monday 1st June

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Think Equal Update

We are now fully immersed into our Think Equal program and the children are enjoying the stories and activities that go with them. They have embraced each story and so far have learnt to look at our differences and similarities; and how never to give up! We are starting to witness some of the influence of this during their interactions with each other which is lovely to see. Please let us know if the parent resources are proving useful.

Sporty Kidz

We have recently been in talks with Sporty Kidz, which is a company that we are familiar with as they used to come and do weekly

sessions at our Deepcut Preschool. They would like to initially start up an after-school club which would run on selected days of the week from 3.14pm-4pm and cost £10. There is also an option that should parents want their children to stay until 5pm then a member of our staff would then take over their care, and a light tea would be provided. Funding would not cover this so a charge would be payable. If Sporty Kidz get a good uptake, then they would also be looking to provide a Sunday morning football club and potentially a holiday club too. They are proposing to come in and give a free taster session before we break for half term to see how the children interact.

World Book Day Party

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day, we have asked that all children come dressed as a Julia Donaldson book character. Alongside this we have decided to have a party! We have booked an entertainer who will be organising games and magic for the children to enjoy based around the Julia Donaldson characters. We would like to open this up to all children, not just those that attend on a Thursday. However, due to ratios we would need a parent to stay with their child. The party is booked for 1.30pm. If your child does not attend on a Thursday but you would like them to be involved, please let us know so that we have an idea of numbers.

Togetherness.co.uk

An email was sent out this week with a link to the togetherness.co.uk website. This is a free resource for Surrey parents which can be activated by using the code ACORN. It contains some very useful information about how to maximise your child's wellbeing and how to build meaningful family relationships. This is presented in simple and

manageable bite size chunks and offers a great insight into what is going on with your child as they develop. It also ties in very nicely with the Think Equal programme and all the work that we do with the children on regulating emotions.

Seahorses

Seahorses are a swim school who have asked us to share their details. Please see below for more information.



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(Note: The flyer also features a circular photo of a young girl swimming in the bottom left corner.)

Teaching Dressing

This term we are having a real push on independent dressing. Please may we ask that you encourage and teach your children to get dressed and undressed. We have noticed a lot of school leavers are struggling to be able to carry out these essential tasks. The more that you practice the better placed they will be at school. Other ways you can help with independence is by not carrying your child to preschool and encouraging them to persevere with activities that they find difficult.

Name everything, and spare clothes!

Please may we ask that all items are named. With this awful weather we have been having, we are changing clothes a lot! Please also make sure that you check bags for plenty of spare clothes.

Parent meetings / play and stay sessions

After February half term we will be holding our parent meetings; Week beginning 23rd February. These will take place during our play and stay sessions. You will have a sign-up sheet to come and spend a little time with your child to play and get a glimpse of what their day might look like. We will send out more information nearer the time.

Best wishes

Totterdown Team

Dates for your diary

23.2.26 - 27.2.26	Week of parent meetings and stay and play sessions. Sign up sheet to be provided.
5.3.26	World book day. Dress as a character from a Julia Donaldson book with a surprise party! Everyone welcome, children who don't attend on that day will need a guardian present.
13.3.26	Mother's Day brunch
27.3.26	Easter celebration TBC
18.5.26 and 19.5.26	Photographer in to take individual photos and a leavers group photo.