

June Newsletter

Dates

Summer 2026

Monday 13th April - Friday 17th July (12:00pm finish)

Wild about Britain

On Thursday 11th June we are excited to welcome back Wild about Britain to teach us about their great assortment of British wildlife. As with last year, we will split the children into 4 groups that will each have a 30 minute slot. If it is not your child's day but you would like them to be part of this, then please let us know. You will have to accompany them due to ratios.

Father's Day

We will be holding our Father's Day event on Friday 19th June at 1:30pm. Dad's please come and join your child for a play and a treat. Everyone is welcome even if it is not your child's day, please just let us know so we can cater for the correct number. If Dad is unable to make it, then of course send Grandad.

Resources you might find useful

In the Community:

Rhyme Time and Story Time in Libraries-

www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/news-and-events

Family Centre Stay and Play sessions -

www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-advice/family-centres

Home Start and Dad Matters - www.homestartsurrey.org

Online:

Best Start in Life - www.surreycc.gov.uk/beststartinlife

Surrey Family Information Service -

www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families

Support for your child in the early years - SCC Local Offer-

www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer/parents-and-carers/support-for-children-in-early-years

Best Start in Life - www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Togetherness - [www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-advice/parenting/relationships/togetheronlinemodules)

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CBeebies Parenting - www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting

Apps:

Baby Buddy- www.babyzone.org.uk/baby-buddy

Surrey Child and Family Health-

www.surreychildandfamily.co.uk/surrey-child-and-family-app/

Anya - www.anya.health/download/



End of Term Fete and Graduation

As you are aware the last day of term is Friday 17th July at 12pm. On this day we have decided to hold both the graduation and fete. The details are as follows...

Graduation at 9:30am, children who attend ordinarily on a Friday are still to attend as normal. Parents of non-leavers will need to arrive at 9:30am, any children who are leaving but do not attend on a Friday to arrive at 9:20am and their parents to wait until 9:30am to be let in.

Fete at 10:30am. All families welcome to join us and their children.

There will be a number of stalls for you to explore, including a toy and bottle tombola, cake stall, and lucky dip. These will be available to take part in for either £1 or 50p. The other stalls will be free to explore.

Wedding

At Totterdown, we do love a party, and it is not often that we get the chance to celebrate a wedding and turn 10 years old in the same year. So, in celebration of Clare's summer wedding and our birthday then we would like to have a wedding tea and disco on Thursday 2nd July. This is open to everyone, but as always if it is not your child's day then you will need to attend with them. Our celebration will start at 1.30 and we are asking all the children to come dressed up in their party gear. We thought it would be nice if each child made her a silver horseshoe at home out of cardboard and tin foil with their name on to wish her good luck for the future. We will also be giving...

Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue

So, any ideas are more than welcome!!

Days for September

If you are staying on with us and have not yet informed us of which days you would like, please may we ask that you do this asap.

Reports

On the week of the 6th July you will be sent home a report for the children going to school this will be a full report, and the non-leavers will have a mini report. If you have any questions following the report, please come and see us.

Block Play

We are excited to share that Totterdown is part of a special programme using Block Play to help your child settle into their new Reception class!

You might see your child playing with wooden blocks and think they are "just building," but they are working like little engineers, mathematicians, and storytellers. Research shows that high-quality block play is one of the best ways to help children achieve a Good Level of Development (GLD) by the end of their first school year.

What is my child learning?

- Mathematics: They are learning about shapes, sizes, and how to balance weights.
- Communication and Language: They are learning new words like "under," "symmetrical," and "stable."
- Personal Social and Emotional Development They are learning how to take turns and solve problems together.
- Literacy: Before children write on paper, they "write" by creating plans and signs for their buildings.

The "Block Bridge" Transition

To help your child feel confident moving from their nursery/pre-school to their new big school, we are using the same blocks in both places. Your child will be:

- Photographing their favourite buildings to show their new teacher.
- Talking about what they built so their new teacher knows what they love.
- Finding a familiar, friendly block area waiting for them on their first day of school.

How can you help at home?

You don't need expensive toys! You can support this at home by:

- **Asking "I wonder" questions:** Instead of "What is it?", try saying, "I wonder how you made it so tall?"
- **Using "Positional" words:** Talk about things being beside, inside, on top of, or underneath.
- **Celebrating the "Crash":** Learning why a tower falls is just as important as building it!

We can't wait to see what your child creates as they build their way into Reception.

September

May we remind you that if you need to get in touch please send us a text message or phone us rather than using WhatsApp, also please let us know if your child will not be in and do not rely on the parents group chat as a means for us to be in the know. We don't monitor the parents WhatsApp chat and so aren't always made aware of what might be happening.

Best wishes

Totterdown Team

Dates for your diary

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| 11.6.26 | Wild about Britain more info to follow |
| 19.6.26 | Father's Day event save the date |
| 2.7.26 | Wedding fun more info to follow! |
| 17.7.26 | Last day Fete and leavers graduation |