



NEWSLETTER

April 2017

We would like to welcome Aston, Brooke, Esme, Isabelle and Lauren and their families who have joined Thames Pre-school this month. We look forward to making their time with us full of fun!

We are thinking about...

The main room children are thinking about travelling and modes of transport as many children are talking about journeys they have recently taken or are about to take. The younger children will be concentrating on a story which a mummy read during World Book Day about friendships, sharing and a scooter.

Concept Photography - Tuesday 9th May from 8.30am until 10am

Parents have requested that Concept come back again this year. All children who are at Pre-school on that Tuesday will automatically have their photo taken. If your child is not in on that day but you would like them to have their photo taken, or you would like a photo with siblings before they go to school, please let us know and we can arrange a time for you. We will also be arranging a group photo for all the children who will be leaving us in the summer. If you would like your child to be in this photo, but again they are not in on that Tuesday, then let us know and we will confirm a time slot for this.

Parents will receive a proof of all their child's photos together with a price list. Obviously, there is no obligation to buy the photographs, but any that are sold raise much needed funds for Pre-school. If you would like to have a look at Concept's photographs, we have a few group shots on the wall in the office, feel free to pop in.

Open Day - Saturday 6th May from 10am until 2pm

If you know of any parent who is thinking about childcare in the future, please let them know about our Open Day.

Stories of the Month

Younger area

Main room

Rhyme of the Month

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
round and round,
round and round.

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
all through the town.

The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish;
Swish, swish, swish;
Swish, swish, swish.

The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish,
all through the town.

The horn on the bus goes Beep, beep, beep;
Beep, beep, beep;
Beep, beep, beep.

The horn on the bus goes Beep, beep, beep,
all through the town.

The doors on the bus go open and shut;
Open and shut;
Open and shut.

The doors on the bus go open and shut;
all through the town.

Parent/Carer Partnership

Thank you

A big thank you to all parents, carers and children who supported our Easter raffle and cake sale at the end of last term. We raised £137! Congratulations to Joshua Reed and Jacob Poole who won the raffle prizes. The fundraising money has been used to buy and install a new boiler to replace the existing boilers, one of which broke down at the end of last term.

Thank you

A big thank you to all main room parents who came in to create an Easter bonnet with their child. The children were thrilled to have you in and getting creative. Once again, we had a fantastic response to this event and to the whole setting's parent and key person meetings.

Thank you also to the parents and carers who walked with the children so that we could join the Easter bonnet parade - we couldn't have done it without you. For those of you who witnessed this special Cricklade event, I am sure you will agree the crowds were overwhelming and the children were a credit to you all.

Sun Safety

As the weather is now beginning to warm up, we would request that you help us to keep your child safe from the sun. The children are spending more time in the garden and so we would ask that you apply sun screen **before** they come to school. For those children attending all day, we have a supply to top up your child's protection in the afternoon. If you have a particular sun screen you wish your child to use, please provide us with a bottle which we will keep for your child's use.

Your child will be further protected by wearing a sun hat in the garden. We have a small supply of legionnaire hats but we should be grateful if you could provide a hat with your child's name on it which can be kept at Pre-school. Hats such as brimmed or legionnaire caps are more suitable as baseball caps do not protect the back of the neck.

WOW Board

For those of you who are new to Thames, we would like you to encourage your children to explore, take risks, solve problems and make decisions at home as well as Pre-school. It can be as simple as helping to tidy up or deciding what they are going to wear or achieving something for the first time eg. sleeping through the night or swimming with or without armbands. Whatever it is, we would love to celebrate it!

Blank WOW templates are available from a member of staff to jot these down. We will pin these to our WOW board after we have celebrated them at circle time. At the end of that term, we will add them into your child's learning journeys to demonstrate your child's development over the course of their time with us.

Snack

A reminder that the voluntary snack contribution boxes are by the sign in registers. If you are able to make a contribution we suggest 50p per session x the number of sessions per week eg. 50p x 5 sessions = £2.50 **per month**. If you would prefer to pay for a term, then that's ok. Please just use your discretion as it is a voluntary contribution.

Sainsbury's Vouchers - final week

Don't forget to collect these vouchers from the checkout if you shop in Sainsbury's and drop them in to us.

Thank you for your continued support.
Thames Pre-School Staff and Committee.

Important Dates

Open Day	Saturday 6 th May 10 am until 2pm
Concept Photography	Tuesday 9 th May 8.30 am until 10 am
Bank holiday	Monday 1 st May
Committee meeting	Thursday 18 th May at 8pm, Red Lion
Term 4 end	Friday 26 th May