

First Steps Pre-school

Hello.... We hope you have all had a lovely half-term break and the children are happy and excited to be back.

Only 5 weeks to Easter – but we are very much looking forward to a busy fun-filled half-term!

Planning

Themes for this half term are.....

Pets, On the Farm, Looking after Mummy, Chicks, and Easter.

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8 March. We will be focusing on our favourite stories and would love your child to come to pre-school dressed as a character from their favourite book, if you can.

Living Eggs

We are taking delivery of some chicken eggs on Monday 11 March, complete with an incubator. We are hoping to successfully hatch out baby chicks during this week.

We can watch the eggs crack and the chick push its way out of the shell. We will see the newborns soon become cute and fluffy little chicks – very exciting! and will be able to watch their progress closely every day. When the chicks are strong enough your child will have the opportunity to handle them too.

Fundraising – Bingo, Friday 22 March

Eyes down, look in! We are having a Chocolate and Wine Bingo Night to raise funds for First Steps. As a charity, we rely on fundraising to help provide extra resources and experiences for the children. Your support is always much appreciated, all money raised goes directly towards enhancing our pre-school and replacing worn and tired equipment.



Term Dates 2024

Spring Term

Return – Feb 19–March 22

Summer Term

Start April 8–May 24

May Day – 6 May

Half Term – May 27–May 31

Return – June 3–July 12

We are asking for your help, please, in the form of donations..... We need bottles of wine, chocolate, and easter eggs to use as prizes for the bingo. And of course, we would love you to join us on the night, with your dabbers at the ready!!

More details will follow re. ticket prices and start time – look out for posters advertising the event.

Open Day – Saturday 13 April, 10-2pm

We are holding an open day for parents and their children to come along to have a look around First Steps, meet the staff and register with us before starting pre-school from September 2024.

September Places

We will be handing out forms for you to fill in stating your preferences for which sessions you would like your child to attend First Steps from September 2024. Our existing children take priority before slotting in new starters.

Would you like a breakfast club?

We are sending out a questionnaire asking your views on whether you would like First Steps to offer a breakfast club facility? This would potentially run from 8:00-9:00am from September, a small charge would apply, and we would offer toast, cereal and a drink.

The field

An update on the field behind pre-school; this has now been completely fenced and is ready for the ground to be cleared and levelled. Jobs still to be done include siting a small shed to house a lawnmower and secure an access from our garden. We are hoping we will be able to use the area – which is a fantastic asset – in the summer term. If anyone is willing and able to offer any help with the upkeep of this area, please let us know. This would be very much appreciated.

A couple of reminders.....

Please return your invoice slips to pre-school after you have made a payment for fees. Thank you.

And30-hour codes

Please remember to re-new your code if you already have one – before the 31st March. If you need to claim one for the first time, this must be done before the 31st March too.