

DONKEY FIELD NEWS



This half term we have already been busy learning about fireworks, Diwali and Remembrance. We will then be moving on to learning about Christmas and carrying out lots of festive activities. We will also be practicing all our Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas church service.

Term Dates

Term Finishes Friday 20th December 2024

Inset sessions:

**Monday 11th November 2024, AM Session.
Pre-school opens at 12:15pm.**

Pre-school Starts Monday 6th January 2025

**Half Term Monday 17th February to Friday 21st
February 2025 (Inclusive)**

Term Finishes Friday 4th April 2025

Inset Sessions:

**Tuesday 14th January 2025, AM session.
Pre-school opens at 12:15PM**

**Wednesday 5th March 2025, PM session.
Pre-school closes at 12pm**

Pre-school starts Tuesday 22nd April 2025

**Half Term Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May
2025 (Inclusive)**

Term Finishes Monday 14th July 2025

Inset Sessions / Bank Holidays

**Monday 5th May 2025, Bank Holiday, Pre-school
closed all day.**

**Thursday 8th May 2025, AM session.
Pre-school opens at 12:15PM**

**Friday 4th July 2025, PM session.
Pre-school closes at 12pm.**

Term dates can be found on our website

<https://www.donkeyfield.co.uk/dates>

Parent Helpers

We would like to welcome any parent helpers into the pre-school to help us. If you would be interested in coming into the pre-school, please speak with us and we will look at booking in a time and date.

Trustees

Donkey Field is a charity pre-school, to be allowed to run we require 4 trustees. These positions are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We are eternally grateful to the wonderful people who volunteer for these positions, so that we can continue to provide the children with the care and education that we do.

Sadly our current Chair and Vice Chair are going to be leaving the setting, so we are on the hunt for volunteers to take their place. If you are interested in stepping into either of these roles then please send your interest to vice@donkeyfield.co.uk they will be able to answer any of your questions and provide further information about the roles.

Labelling Property

Please could we request that all clothing, bags, water bottles and lunchboxes are labelled.

Where possible please could bags be labelled on the outside, so that it is easier for the staff to identify.

If you wish to order some personalised name labels, then Donkey Field receives commission from 'Tiger Tags'. To order, visit www.tigertags.co.uk and use school ID 5942.

Thank you



Nut Free Setting

Donkey Field is a **NUT FREE** setting, this means that children must not have any form of nut within their lunchboxes. This includes pesto which contains pine nuts. We will also have to ban houmous from the pre-school, because of the sesame seed oil (Tahini).

We currently have children with severe allergies so we must be extremely careful.

Please make sure you check all food for nuts, should a child have something in their lunchbox that contains nuts, then they will not be able to eat it during their time at pre-school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Donkey Field is a charity run pre-school and to ensure that we are able to provide children a rich environment and priceless experiences, with highly qualified staff, we rely heavily on our fundraising events to ensure that we are able to achieve this.

Here is a list of some of our upcoming events:

Christmas Market - Sunday 1st December 2024, more details to follow closer to the time.

Christmas Church Sing Along - Tuesday 17th December 2024, meet at All Saints Church at 12:45pm.

Weather Appropriate Clothing

Donkey Field tries to take the children out in all weather, as long as it is deemed safe. Therefore we request that children attend the pre-school with weather appropriate clothing.

Rainy Days - Please make sure children have raincoats and wellies. If your child attends the setting in wellies, then please supply a change of shoes for inside the pre-school.

Sunny Days - Please make sure children have sun hats to wear outside. They must also have suncream on, this must be applied before attending for their session.

If during a session your child is changed into spare pre-school clothing, please could we request that these are washed and returned to the pre-school ASAP. We only have room for a small supply of spare clothing so we do not wish to run out of items.



Donkey Field Online

Our Website - Our website is full of information about the pre-school and has all our compliance policies available.
<https://www.donkeyfield.co.uk/>

Tapestry - Online learning journals, each parent has their own private account to access and view their child's learning journal, this includes photos, observations and reports that are uploaded throughout their time at the setting. Each parent is sent an activation link. Once you have access to your account you can also add to their journal. If you have not received this, please contact the setting.
<https://tapestryjournal.com/>

Facebook - This is a closed Facebook group and you will need to request to join. This is used to inform and remind parents of events, closures and any other important information. Please search for The Donkey Field Pre-School and answer the questions, otherwise your request to join may be denied.

Tapestry Reports

All Key Workers spend time writing regular reports for their key children, these reports talk about progress that the child has made, activities that they have taken part in and then highlights what we will be supporting them to work towards.

These reports are a way for families to see where their child is at within their development, but also to provide us with their thoughts and ideas on anything they feel their child needs support with.

We would really appreciate all parents reading the reports that are sent to them and just adding a short comment.

Thank you



Christmas Sing Along

On Tuesday 17th December 2024, the children and families of Donkey Field are invited to join us for a Christmas Sing Along service at All Saints Church.

Children who attend the setting for the PM session will be walked to the church by the staff. Families are welcome to meet us there. Children can leave the church with their family at the end. Those not collected from the church will be walked back to the setting for the usual 3pm collection.

All other families and children who wish to join us, must meet us at the church at 12:45pm prompt.

All children are invited to attend in Christmas costumes.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Useful Links

Jolly Phonics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Nv28ddzc9Oc&cbrd=1>

Tapestry - <https://tapestryjournal.com/>

Danny Go - <https://www.youtube.com/@DannyGo/videos>

Cosmic Yoga - <https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga/videos>

Tiny Happy People - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Funding - <https://www.gov.uk/find-free-early-education/west-sussex>

Oral Health - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) - <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>

Potty Training - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/potty-training-and-bedwetting/how-to-potty-train/>