



Dates for your Diary.....

Tues 5th March
Pancake Day

Wed 6th March
Library Story time

Thurs 7th March
World Book Day

Tues 12th March
Committee
Meeting @ 7.30 pm

Friday 5th April
Easter get together
Last day of term

Easter Holidays
Mon 8th April—
Monday 22nd April

Tuesday 23rd
April
INSET DAY

Wednesday 24th
April

Pre-school opens
for the Summer
term

**SAVE THE
DATE!**
Summer Fair
SAT 22nd JUNE

WORLD BOOK DAY fest



Celebration of stories 4th—8th March

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

At St Paul's Pre-School we love books! So we have decided to spend the whole week celebrating stories.

How books and stories help your children.

- Books help language, thinking and imagination.
- Young children can learn about the world from picture books.
- Children can learn many things from stories—about size, colour, shape; about what things look like; and about people and their lives.
- Some stories can help children to learn about feelings and accept the feelings of others.
- Books about something your child fears can help them to cope with those fears.

Activities on World Book Day and throughout the week.

- Sharing lots of stories each day. [Why not volunteer for an hour during the week so you can join in and read to the children?](#)
- A visit from the Library Service on Wednesday.
- Dress up—If your child would like to, they can wear dress up clothes on any day this week.
- Every child will be given a £1 book voucher to spend.
- A Swap Box will be available to swap an old book for a “new” book.

You can find great ideas about books to share here:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/parents/>

Visits to St. Joseph's

Those of you who have children due to leave Pre-School this Summer will find out your school place in April. The year is passing quickly and we are always thinking about getting our Swans prepared for school!

The Reception teachers from St. Joseph's Primary School will be coming to visit us soon to say hello. They have invited the children over to the school to play with the Reception children on **Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March**. Each child who is a Swan (going to school this September) will go on one of these visits.

We will let you know about the organisation nearer the time, but we will need some volunteers to help walk the children over to school. **Look out for a sign up sheet on the easel.**



Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become something of a British institution. It's the day, every two years, when people across the land can get together and raise money at home, school and work.

There's a fantastic night of TV on the BBC, with comedy and entertainment to inspire the nation to give generously.

Comic Relief spends the money raised by Red Nose Day to help people living tough lives across the UK and internationally. We would like to raise some funds for this worthy charity.

We will have activities throughout the week and make a collection for Comic Relief during the week of 11th—15th March.

[You can find out more at:](https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does)

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Committee News

Our Co-Chairs, Moya and Sonia invite you to join them for our next Committee meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30 p.m.

Committee meetings are a very social affair and it is always great to see new faces. We are starting to plan the Summer Fair, which is our next important fundraiser. It will be held here on the morning of the 22nd June. We will need lots of helpers to make it all run smoothly. Sonia and Moya will welcome your ideas for activities on a Medieval theme! It's going to be fun!



House Keeping

- **Easter celebration—we will be inviting you in for an Easter get together on Friday 5th April. Details to follow.**
- **Please remember that the Parish car park is not for Pre-School use.**
- Please remember to phone in and let us know if your child is sick. If they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea they must not return to Pre-School for 48 hours! Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
- **Learning Journals** Key Persons are continuing to invite parents in to look at Learning Journals. It is important to your child for you to talk to your Key Person about their progress, so please take time to come in and have a look.
- **Volunteers** are so important to the life of the Pre-School. When you volunteer, you can help us to increase our ratio of adults to children so that there are more conversations and more supported play. Please consider sparing a little time during a session.
- If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis, we will require you to register with the Disclosure and Barring Service. Please ask Tracey for details.
- Please let us know if you have any skills or experiences which you would like to share with the children. Also, in our community we are fortunate to have many families from different cultures. We would love to learn about celebrations and try new recipes for the children.

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