



Butterflies

April 2026



It has been lovely to see so many smiles coming into Butterflies. We take pride in our school uniform and all children have looked really smart—Thank you!

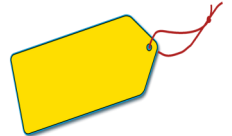
Snack times

Children will have the option to have a healthy snack, each day during this time and a choice of milk and water. They can also have a drink from their own water bottles if preferred during this time. Please encourage your child to bring water into school where possible. Due to new Nutrition Guidance children will have an increased selection of snacks including fruit, bread sticks and rice cakes.



Labelling

It is really important that all children's clothes and belongings are labelled. Although, we teach the children to be independent, it is difficult to get the correct belongings to children without a name in them. This includes water bottles and hats, scarves and gloves. Please can children be encouraged to put on their own coat and shoes at home.



Physical Education (PE)

Rainbows—Mrs Jolliffe-Jones and Mrs Price—will be on a Thursday.

Raindrops—Mrs Waterworth, Mrs Gillespie —will be on a Tuesday.

Children can come into pre-school on this day wearing the correct PE kit, which is a white t-shirt, blue or black shorts, trousers or leggings and white or black trainers. Please see the uniform policy on our website for more information. **Remember:** Please remove your child's earrings if they wear them.



Muddy Monday

This is an enrichment day which will take place **EVERY** Monday. Children will explore different areas in the school garden and learn with nature. On this day children will need to wear appropriate clothing for the outdoors and preferably clothing that you don't mind getting a little muddy! Please dress your child to meet the weather conditions as we take the children in all weathers. Wellington boots is the most ideal footwear at this time. Children are to bring a different pair of shoes/trainers and a coat to change into if they attend all day for comfort and to reduce the mud that is being left on our carpets. Please ensure all belongings are labelled. Again please encourage your child to independently put on their shoes and wellies on at home to promote independence. **Children need to come into Butterflies wearing their clothes/boots to go straight over to the garden.**



Outdoor Provision 2:45-3:30pm

This is for children who attend 30 hours and is an extra 45 minutes for outdoor play. There will be a variety of different learning experiences for the children to participate in. This will include parachute games, ball games, using their climbing skills on the play equipment in the school grounds, as well as musical and playground games for all children to enjoy. **IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THIS IS BOOKED BY THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE WEEK BEGINS.** It is an additional cost and can be booked through parentpay/arbor. A reminder is sent out every Wednesday to ensure you have a space. **If you do not book a space you will be called to collect your child.** As you can imagine this has implications on staffing, ratios and organisation at this time.

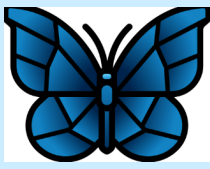
Library Time—Tuesday

In pre-school we instil the love of reading from the very beginning. All of our learning is linked to a book. Each week the children will choose a book to bring home to share with you. We like to hear about your reading experiences, including other books you read at home. Each child will come home with a reading record to share these with us. Reading is a very important part of children's development in every aspect of their learning and we like to capture all these moments. Children will be praised for their reading at home if they have these recorded in their reading records. We can share books too that they enjoy at home, especially if they are linked to our learning. Their library book will be changed every Tuesday so please ensure they bring their **reading record and library book on a Tuesday.**



Now we are approaching Summer, please send your child into Butterflies with a sun hat and a drink. We encourage the children to refill their water bottles up throughout the day. They will need to have sun cream applied before they come into school and if they stay all day this can be reapplied at lunchtime.





Butterflies April Newsletter



Morning arrival and collection

Your child's safety is our most important job and this is especially important during these times. In a morning a member of staff will be on the gate to greet your child and take any important messages. Other members of staff are settling children into their morning routines.

If you wish to have a conversation with a member of staff you can call the office and an appointment or phone call can be arranged at a convenient time.

Your child will then walk into the entrance of pre-school. We would really appreciate if you could support us with this transition and safety of your child at these times. We will only dismiss children to people who are on the collection forms which you should have completed. If another adult is collecting your child we will need to be informed prior to collection and they will need the password. This may take a little more time at the beginning of the school year as we are getting to know new parents.

Positivity and Praise



We promote our school values from the very beginning. This half term we are focusing on our school value of challenge and may come home with a sticker of praise. Everyday we do a Brook shout out and this will be given to a child who has gone above and beyond with a quality or learning aspect during their session time.

Over the next term we have got some exciting topics to explore:

Dinosaurs

Space

Mini beasts

At the Beach

Fairy Tales

Under the sea

We will also enjoy:

Sports Day

Graduation (children leaving us for Reception)

Mini beach day



In Butterflies this half term we are learning

- To follow routines
- To develop positive relationships
- Learn about themselves—what they like? Dislike?
- How do they feel? What makes them feel this way?
- About their home
- Develop language—use new language to talk about their learning
- Share ideas and thoughts
- Explore number and shape
- Explore their senses through simple science investigation and exploration



All through play and carefully planned learning experiences that are purposeful and ignite their love for learning!

You will receive a newsletter every month with upcoming events and notices. Please make sure you have school life to receive key messages and notifications about pre-school and school events

Donations for our school garden

As you may be aware we are using our school garden more and more each term. The children in Butterflies love exploring the garden especially during our Muddy Mondays but it is used by children of all ages. We are looking for support and donations to enhance the area. We have prepared a list of items that are needed but please speak to a member of Butterflies if you have anything else that could be donated.

Guttering

Plastic milk crates

Decking/scaffolding boards

Wooden cable reels

Tyres

Tree stumps

Tree chippings

Tarpaulin of any size

Old sheets for painting (bed sheets, curtains)

Ropes/strong string

Thank you in advance. We know it's a big ask and we will appreciate any support.

