

**May Half Term Newsletter****New Topics**

The children enjoyed exploring the world of minibeasts and showed an interest in planting. After half term we will learn about different **professions**, discover **space**, explore **arts** and talk about **summer time and holidays**.

**Sun cream**

As the weather is warming up, please make sure you apply **sun cream on your child before coming to Pre-school**. If need be, we can re-apply the sun cream throughout the day so please provide labelled sun cream and keep it in your child's bookbag.

**Uniforms**

Uniforms create a sense of unity and help the children in preparation for school so we would like to encourage everyone to wear their Pre-school T-shirt or jumper. Please make sure you label your child's clothing to prevent loss and mix-up.

We encourage self-independence so clothing should be appropriate for Pre-school, comfortable and practical to move freely and go to the toilet - long dresses and tight trousers can cause frustration and distress; footwear should be safe - velcro or zip are best, no heels.

**Class Photograph**

If you wish to order the class photograph please do so by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 to benefit from free delivery.

**Swimming lessons for the Squirrels**

The Squirrels, children who start reception in September, will have the opportunity to book swimming lessons run by Jaz our swimming instructor every Wednesday morning on the following dates: **4<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 25<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> July**. The four lessons cost £20 payable by cash. Your child will need to come in with a swimming suit, labelled towel, swimming hat and goggles. If your child does not usually attend on the day you are welcome to bring them for the duration of the lesson. Please let us know if you are interested.

**Father's Day: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Our Father's Day celebration will take place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. We would like to invite all the dads or father figures to come to Pre-school for a special craft activity, shoot out activity, and photo shoot with their child. We have allocated different time slots so you can enjoy your special moment with your child: **9am – 9.45am / 2.30pm-3.00pm**

**Sports day – 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm**

We would like to invite all the parents to a fun afternoon of Sports Day activities followed by a picnic on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm**. FONSAP has kindly offered to run a refreshments stall. We hope you can join us to cheer the children on.



## End of the year field trip – Details to be confirmed soon



## Fire safety

Following the visit of the fire brigade, we would like to remind you they are offering a free check-up service at your home. For booking, please refer to the letter sent to you.



## Eligibility for funded early years education

As of the 1st of September 2025, eligible working families will be able to access up to 30 hours of funded early education across 38 weeks of the year, from the term after their child turns 9 months old. This is increasing from the current 15-hour entitlement.

If a family is already accessing the 15-hour working parent entitlement, parents/carers will need to reconfirm their code online as normal, prior to 31st August 2025, and their entitlement will increase to 30 hours from September 2025.

If a family is newly eligible, they will need to apply for a code before 31 August 2025 through the [childcare choices website](#). Applications can be made from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.



## Parental support – School transitions

Positive transitions support young children's development and emotional wellbeing. The quality of the transition can impact on a child's ability to feel safe, play and learn in their new environment. Before the end of the term, you will receive a school readiness poster and our leavers' package offering advice on how you can support your child to prepare for moving on to school. If you are worried or wish to discuss your child's transition please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will approach "move up day" and "starting school" through discussions, stories and a personalised school display board where all the Squirrels will find information on their new school. Parents of children attending Reception in Newdigate Infant School should have received an invitation to Story time and Teddy bears picnic to support this transition. Throughout the year, we also arrange activities in the school hall and we organise visits to the reception class towards the end of the Summer term to enable the children to familiarise themselves and feel safe in an environment which can otherwise be overwhelming.



## Important Diary dates

<b>Summer term</b>	
<b>Half term</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup>– 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
<b>Father's Day celebrations</b>	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 9am</b>
<b>Sports Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>
<b>Graduation Ceremony (Squirrels only)</b>	<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 apologies for the incorrect date previously stated.</b>

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continuous support

Mrs Strudley, Miss Clark, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Moloney