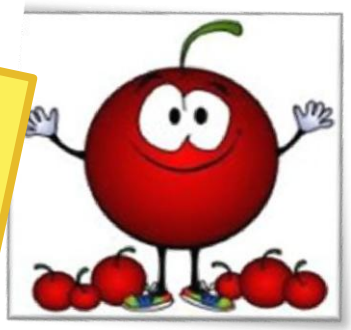
November 2026 | Newsletter

Little Berries Pre-School

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Our topic this half term is: Autumn

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The second half of the Autumn Term is always busy with the run up to Christmas. We hope this newsletter will help to keep you informed with what is going on!

Christmas Tree Decorating

On Tuesday 01 December Christmas officially begins at Little Berries!

We will be spending the morning (approx. 9am) decorating our pre-school Christmas Tree.

To develop links between pre-school and the children's home life we would like to welcome parents to join us and (where possible) children to bring in a decoration from home to place on the pre-school tree; these can be bought or home-made.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to return these decorations. If this is not your child's normal session and you would like them to join in this activity, you are more than welcome to bring them in but you will need to stay with your child.



Parents Evenings

Parents evening meetings with your child's key person are taking place on 14 (all LB2, Stacey, Millie and Kim for LB1) and 15 December (Lauren, Vikki and Lucy) between 4-5pm. Parent meetings can be booked directly with your child's key person.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with your child's key person and discuss your child's progress throughout the Autumn term. Please note appointments are only 10 minutes. Please try to keep to this time slot to ensure that other parents are not kept waiting.

The deadline for booking a space is Friday 04 December to allow your key person time to prepare.

Christmas Nativity Performances

Over the coming weeks the children will be learning a selection of Christmas songs ready for our performances in December. The performance will take place on Tuesday 15 December at 9:15am for LB1 (Hollybrook), and Wednesday 16 December at 9:15am for both LB1 and LB2 (Bassett). If this performance is not on your child's normal session, please feel free to bring them in for the performance, a parent will need to stay for ratio reasons.

Due to limited space, we ask that no more than 2 adults attend.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 02 November - Halloween dress up (optional event)

09 (LB2) and 10 (LB1) November - School application evening 4-5pm

Thursday 12 November - Christmas photographer. LB2: 9.15am, LB1: 10.30am

Tuesday 01 December – Christmas tree decorating

Thursday 03 December - Christmas disco. Held at LB1, 4:30 - 6:00pm. Details to follow by invitation

Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 December - Parent meetings. Details opposite.

Tuesday 15 December – Nativity at LB1 (only) 9:15am

Wednesday 16 December - Nativity at 9:15am for both settings

Thursday 17 December - Christmas party at Monkey Bizness. Details to follow by invitation. Please note that preschool will be CLOSED

Friday 18 December - INSET day. Pre-school will be CLOSED

Monday 21 December - Christmas holidays. Preschool will be CLOSED



Monday 04 January 2027 - Children's first day back.

Christmas Disco!

Following on from the success of our previous discos, we are holding another one for Christmas! Book your diaries for Thursday 03 December between 4:30pm and 6:00pm held at LB1 (Hollybrook). We will dance until we drop, have plenty of food and drink and return some tired children, ready for a bath and bed!

The disco is to help raise funds for the preschool with the staff kindly donating their own time to supervise. The cost of the disco is £6.00 each. There will be an invite to follow with space to book older siblings in too.





During the last week before the Christmas break, we invite the children to wear Christmas jumpers to preschool with the staff. Please bear in mind that we 'dress for mess'

A huge "THANK YOU" to the families who have raised money for the preschools with our Scavenger Hunt over half term. The money is still coming in and will go towards discounting the price of our Christmas party.

Easyfundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Little Berries?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to donate, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, Trainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you an extra penny!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 …

1. Head to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littleberriesps and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost!

There are no catches or hidden charges, and we will be grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Party at Monkey Bizness

This year's party will be on Thursday 17 December from 10am to 12:00noon, at Monkey Bizness (234 Empress Rd, Southampton SO14 0JW). Please note pre-school will be closed on this day. Parents are not required to stay but children must be picked up from 11:30am and no later than 12 noon. The price will be confirmed on the invitations and will include lunch. **Forms to follow, please RSVP by MONDAY 07 DECEMBER.**



Parent Partnership

Children benefit when parents and pre-school work together in partnership. To support this, we operate an 'open door' policy and encourage all our parents to spend some time in the setting; from reading a book to playing in the garden! This time can be anything from 10 minutes to an hour and can take place at any time of any day. No need to book, just turn up and have some fun!

Absence

Please remember if your child will not be attending a registered session the pre-school must be informed as soon as possible by telephoning or texting:

LB1 - 023 8091 5531 or 07982 175170
LB2 - 023 8077 3206 or 07783 501171



Please ensure a valid reason and expected return date are provided.

Toys from Home

Please do not allow your child to bring in toys from home as these are often lost or broken and can cause upset. It also creates unnecessary conflict between the children.

