

SPRING 2026 – Newsletter

(Please note, this is a PDF version of our newsletter that has been emailed to current parents/carers attending. The layout is very different to our emailed version and links for forms/pictures may not show up/be included in this version)



Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter

We hope everyone enjoyed World Book Day last week, everyone looked amazing in their different outfits. Also thank you if you came in and read to the children - they absolutely loved this and sat so nicely listening to story time. Children learn so much through books: new words, how stories work, and how to listen, imagine, and express themselves. Even a few minutes of shared reading each day can make a big difference.

We are very excited to share that our chick eggs have arrived in the setting - we will update you on our community WhatsApp group. They will leave the setting on the 20th March. This experience is always a huge favourite with the children, and provides wonderful opportunities for conversations and a gentle hands on learning.

We are also pleased to welcome Sophie as a lunchtime assistant to our setting.

We have purchased a new climbing frame and pirate ship for role play opportunities, the children love these new additions and we would like to thank Matt for putting these together for the children - we are very grateful to you for helping us!

We will be replacing our shed soon and would be really grateful if anyone has any recommendations - please message in with any suggestions.

We close at 3.30pm on Friday 27th March for the Easter break and reopen at 9am Monday 13th April 2026.





Fee increase

Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to make you aware of an upcoming change to our fees from the start of the **summer term**. As you know, we always do our best to avoid increasing costs during the academic year, and we usually delay any fee updates until the new academic year. Unfortunately, due to a new government ruling, we must introduce changes earlier than planned.

Under the new requirement, we will no longer invoice a separate *lunch session fee* for families who exceed their funded hours or who are fee-paying. Instead, you will be invoiced for any hours attended over your funded entitlement, rather than a set lunch fee.

If your child attends all day Monday-Friday, or goes over their funded hours, please refer to the options outlined in our Fees Policy.

As a registered charity, we rely heavily on prompt and accurate fee payments to meet our running costs and continue providing high-quality care and education for our families. These changes ensure we remain compliant with government expectations while maintaining the sustainability of our setting.

Full details are outlined in our updated **Fees Policy**, which is linked here for your reference - [Fees Policy from Summer Term 2026 onwards](#)

Please bear with us during the summer term while we adjust our systems to accommodate these changes. There may be slight delays in issuing invoices as we update our processes, but we will do everything we can to keep things running smoothly.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Reminders

- **If you need to speak to a member of staff at drop off, please wait to one side by the main door until ALL of the children have entered, a member of staff will then be able to assist you once we have all the children safely in the building.**
- With so many children entering, it can be challenging to remember all messages communicated at the door while ensuring everyone gets in safely. We kindly ask if you need to inform us about things like, early collection for medical appointments or if someone else will be picking up your child etc, please just drop us a quick message or WhatsApp before the session. Please do not email in case of staff absence. Thank you. Reminder of mobile number 07928689736.
- We operate an open door policy & wish to work in partnership with you at all times.

- If you wish to discuss the progress your child is making, or would like more information about where your child is at developmentally please call their keyperson during their office hour (timings below) or call to arrange a meeting if that time is not convenient to you.

Keyperson office times 2025/26

Keyperson	Office Day	Available Time
Nandini	Monday AM	09:30-10:30
Jenny	Monday PM	13:00-14:00
Aneeka	Tuesday AM	09:00 - 12:00
Maariya	Tuesday AM	09.30 -10.30
Mia	Wednesday AM	10.30 – 11.30
Mahdia	Wednesday AM	09:30 - 10:30
Nazia	Thursday PM	12:30 - 15:30
Georgina	Thursday AM	09.00 - 12:00
Steph	Friday AM	09:00 - 12:00

If you buzz the main door, please be patient and the staff will be with you as soon as they can. Staff cannot always leave the room/office straight away and if you are collecting your child for an appointment a member of staff will be collecting their belongings and will bring them to the front as soon as they can. Thank you for your understanding.

Car Park / Road Safety

Do not park in the preschool/school car park unless you have a medical or specified reason to do so that has already been agreed with preschool. Please remind your children of road safety and the importance of staying on the path and not running around the car par/playing behind where the cars park or where the bins are. Children must remain with you. Please ensure that your children are transported safely when in cars and have their seatbelt properly secured at all times while the car is moving.

Illnesses

It is crucial to keep your child at home if they are unwell, this would include if you have felt the need to give them Calpol prior to coming into preschool. This helps protect our vulnerable staff and children from illness. We want to remain open and avoid closures, but high staff sickness could force us to close. Your cooperation in keeping children who are unwell at home is greatly appreciated and helps us maintain a healthy environment for everyone.

Our Infection Control Policy and when to stay home and for how long: - [NEW MILLSIDE PRE-SCHOOL POLICIES](#)

Belongings

To help the staff allocate belongings quickly, or return these to you if they are misplaced in the setting, please **label all items** and please label the bags on the outside, this helps staff

quickly grab the bags if they need them for a change of clothes/nappies etc. Water bottles also need names on them, sometimes children have the same water bottles.

Please also remember to put extra nappies in your child's bag and change of clothing, thank you.

Late Pick Up

If you know you will be late to collect your child, please notify the pre-school asap before the collection time and, where possible, arrange for the emergency contact to pick up and notify us who that will be. We have a late collection policy in place and if we are not informed this will cost £10 plus £1 per 5 minutes. We have tried to not enforce this in the past but unfortunately this is becoming a regular issue.

We asked the children.....

'What have you enjoyed at pre-school'

' I enjoyed the new climbing frame, when I get older and I have my own money I'm going to buy one'

' I enjoyed making cookies'

' I'm excited to see the chicks'

' I liked digging for worms'

' I like playing football'

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' I like playing with the cars'

Invoice & Xero Schedules

Invoices for Spring 02 25/26 have been sent via Xero, if you have not received your invoice and you are a fee payer/pay for sessions over the funding hours, please email office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk as soon as possible. If you have an outstanding invoice, please make payment as soon as possible. If invoices are not paid and a payment plan is not in place, we reserve the right to apply a late payment fee and your child may not be able to attend sessions until the invoice has been paid.

Xero Schedules If you are fully funded your schedule via Xero (comes through like an invoice) for Spring 02 25/26 have been sent out. Your schedule shows the sessions we have on our register for your child, if any sessions are incorrect on the schedules, please email office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk so we can check our register.

Please see our Fees Policy and Educational Funding Policy re information on our fees, invoicing and Funding:-

[Pre-School Policies \(newmillsidepre-school.co.uk\)](http://newmillsidepre-school.co.uk)

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

[Early Years Pupil Premium \(EYPP\) | Early Years \(buckscc.gov.uk\)](http://buckscc.gov.uk)

If you qualify and register your child for EYPP we are provided with extra funding to help support your child at our preschool. Please go to the link above to check eligibility and complete the quick online form, then notify us of the outcome.

Disability Access Fund (DAF)

If your child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and they are accessing Early Years funding, their childcare provider can claim an extra £938 for the year.

The Disability Access Fund (DAF) is a one off payment, per child, per year paid to the provider nominated by the parent and is used to support the inclusion of eligible children from the age of 9 months to 4 years old through reasonable adjustments.



Speak to your early years provider today or scan the QR code for more information.



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Early Years Pupil Premium

If your child is 9 months - 4 years old, childcare providers can claim up to £570 per year to spend on enriching your child's education. This funding is called Early Years Pupil Premium, or EYPP for short.

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding for Early Years providers to help them improve the education they provide for families with 9 months - 4 year olds who are in receipt of certain benefits.



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Working Parent Code

If you have a working parent code, please ensure you reconfirm this code every 3 months for the code to remain valid.

HMRC should prompt you via email when you are due to reconfirm your code.

WOW Moments



At Pre-school we enjoy watching your children grow and develop and like to celebrate their achievements. We would love to hear from you about the things your child enjoyed or achieves at home or when out and about with friends and family. Please message these in so we can celebrate these moments!

Useful Links / Information

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Wellbeing for parents - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

[Find a dentist - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Homepage | Best Start in Life](#)

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Apply for free childcare - GOV.UK](#)

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

[Pre-School Policies](#)

[Job Vacancies](#)

How you can help and support Pre-school

During Autumn 2025 we have raised: -

Smiles at School Photo Commission = £29.80

Parent/Carer donations = £24.00

Buckinghamshire Lottery = £44.50

Reindeer Food = £21.10






Christmas Photos = £121.50

During Spring 2026, so far, we have raised: -

Parent/Carer donations = £6.00

Buckinghamshire Lottery = £37.50

New Millside Pre-school is a **registered charity** (1031538) and relies on **donations** and **fundraising** to support essential activities and resources, including:

-  **Educational visits** – Zoolab, Living Eggs & more
-  **End-of-term parties** – Summer & Christmas celebrations
-  **Entertainers & magicians** – Bringing joy & excitement
-  **Equipment & consumables** – Resources
-  **Garden maintenance** – Creating a fun & engaging outdoor space

How You Can Help

📌 **Sign up** through the links below to support our fundraising efforts.

📦 **Donate essential items** such as washing-up liquid, A4/A3 paper, batteries, kitchen towel, tea, coffee, toilet roll, antibacterial spray, wipes, nappy bags, pens, bulbs, plants, fruit, soil, sand, and gravel etc...

💰 **Make a voluntary donation** via **bank transfer** – every contribution, big or small, makes a difference!

Bank Details: Bank Name: The New Millside Pre-School **Sort Code:** 40-08-39 **Account Number:** 01557858 **Reference:** Child's name or schedule number (if using the schedule sent via Xero)

🏢 **Corporate Support** – If you or someone you know works for a corporate company, they may be able to support our charity-run pre-school by donating items. **Please keep us in mind!**

🌱 **Leftover Materials** – Occasionally, we need extra supplies such as gravel, soil, or plants for our outdoor space. If you or someone you know has leftover materials from a project or job, we would greatly appreciate any donations.

Your support directly impacts and helps the preschool - Thank you for being part of our journey!

Buckinghamshire Lottery

Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week and for every £1 ticket sold 60p will go towards the Pre-school. <https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/support/new-millside-pre-school>



Amazon Wish Lists

Amazon Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/ayxeWnN>

Amazon Books Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/akAFEuz>



Easyfundrasing

You can raise FREE donations for New Millside Pre-School EVERY time you shop online.

Just use easyfundraising!

Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

Please support us [LINKED HERE](#)



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For every order placed we receive 24%. Please use our School ID: 77689

<https://www.mynametags.com/>



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- Deputy Manager: Stephanie - deputymanager@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk
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Ofsted Registration: EY380796

Ofsted Complaints - 0300 123 1231



1 - *Our Ofsted Report* - [LINKED HERE](#)