

Summer 02 2025 – 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)



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<https://www.newmillsidepre-school.co.uk/> Please remember to like our Facebook page!

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Welcome

As we come to the end of another year we would like to thank all our parents/carers for their continued help and support.

We will be saying goodbye to some of our children who will be moving on to new adventures at their new schools and we wish them all the very best. The pre-school will say goodbye to those children who are off to big school in September by holding a **leavers ceremony on Wednesday the 23rd July at 2.00 pm** (further details below).



A Huge Thank You to Our Chair, Ellyn!

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ellyn, our incredible Chair, who successfully completed the London Marathon—what an achievement! Not only did she conquer 26.2 miles, but she also raised funds for both our preschool and the Stoke Mandeville Pediatrics department.

Thanks to Ellyn's determination and the generosity of those who supported her, we have been able to order much-needed air conditioning units for the preschool. As many of you know, our setting can become extremely hot and humid inside during warmer months, so these units will be a huge benefit for both staff and children. We're pleased to share that these have now arrived.

Ellyn, we are so proud of your dedication and grateful for everything you've done—your marathon journey has brought cool comfort and warm hearts to our community. 🏃❤️

Our Committee

About the Committee

The committee is a group of people who collectively act as the employer. The committee is also deemed the registered 'person' for OFSTED (who inspect childcare premises).

The role of all members is to make decisions that are in the best interest of the preschool. Members are not required to have knowledge or qualifications in Early Years and childcare. All members are required to work with the manager. A full breakdown of specific jobs to be covered will be discussed with members and support will be given by the current members and manager.

All members are required to undergo a DBS (police checks) alongside identity checks. This is free of charge.

Without a committee the preschool cannot operate and we are always on the look out for more members.

If you would like to be apart of our committee, please speak to Karen.

Staff updates

Steph

We're delighted to announce that Steph has successfully completed her NVQ Level 3 Early Years Educator Diploma! **Huge congratulations Steph, for all your hard work!**

Lily

Lily, our college student who joined us in September 2023, has now successfully completed her Level 3 qualification. As her time with us comes to an end, we reflect on the wonderful impact she's had at the setting. Lily has been an invaluable member of our team, and both staff and children will truly miss her. We wish her every success and happiness as she begins her new adventure in America.

Maariya

We are pleased to also confirm we have had a new member of staff join our team, Maariya. Maariya has a Level 1 qualification in Caring for Children currently and has had experience working with children across many ages and settings in particular with children with additional or complex needs and we are very pleased to welcome her to the team.

Dates for your Diary

- New Starters Day 3rd July - The preschool will be **closed** this day as we hold our move up day for New Starters only.
- Leavers Graduation Ceremony Wednesday 23rd July at 2.00 pm at Broughton Infant School. If your child is not leaving and is in session this day, they will go over to watch.

- End of Term - Wednesday 23rd July at 3.30pm
- Term Starts - Monday 8th September at 9am

Leavers GRADUATION Ceremony

The Leavers Graduation Ceremony will take place at Broughton Infant School hall on Wednesday the 23rd July at 2.00 pm.

Please complete this form to confirmation attendance by completing this form by midday on the 7th July -

If your child is leaving us in July and does not normally attend the Wednesday afternoon session please drop them at preschool for 1.45. You can then line up at the side entrance to Broughton Infant School hall. If you are attending the picnic at Broughton Infant School this is due to finish at 1.30 pm. Following the picnic please drop your child at preschool and line up at the side entrance to the school hall.

If your child attends the Wednesday afternoon session they will be taken over to the school hall by staff, if your child is not leaving us in July they will watch the ceremony.

Please do not take your child from the hall once the ceremony has been completed. All children will return to preschool to be signed out and can be picked up from there.

Warm Weather



Now that the weather is warming up, please send your child in with a sunhat and tops that cover shoulders – *vests and strappy tops are discouraged*. Please apply sun cream before the session. If your child is staying all day, please apply a 12 hour suncream and inform us by whatsapp/message that this has been done, if this is not possible, bring in a **labelled** sun cream to be placed in their draw and we will apply this at lunchtime. We will be doing lots of water activities so please send in named spare clothes in their bags. Please make sure your

child's footwear is suitable for climbing/running etc and the shoes/sandals have a back to them, i.e. no flipflops.

Watch out in water

“This has highlighted the dangers posed when a child is left unsupervised for a short period of time and even in the shallowest of water.”

Coroner's report, bath seat drowning of 7-month-old

Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help. It's a scary thought.

But once you understand how and where drowning happens, there are things you can do to prevent it.

Babies and small children – mostly drown at home in the bath or in the garden, in just a few centimetres of water. Keep your baby or young child in arm's reach all the time when they're in or near water.

Baths

- Get everything you need ready before bath time. You'll need to stay with your baby or young child all the time they're in the bath.
- Bath seats are great for supporting your baby in the bath but they're not safety aids. Don't leave your baby alone in one even for a moment. They can topple or your baby can slip out.
- Don't rely on your toddler to keep an eye on the baby while you pop out for a towel, as they're still too young to understand danger.

In the garden

- Empty the paddling pool out after you've used it
- Turn a pond into a sandpit, or fence it in or cover it while your children are little
- Make sure your child can't get to the neighbour's pond
- Be alert to ponds, pools or hot tubs when visiting other people's homes.



Older children – can still get into difficulties. They may over-estimate how strong a swimmer they are or underestimate risks in the sea or open water. Teach them to float until help arrives.

Out and about

- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water, including strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can't see.

At the beach

- Teach children to swim between the two-coloured red and yellow flags – these mark the areas patrolled by lifeguards
- Inflatables can be swept out to sea when the wind is blowing – keep children off inflatables when the orange windsock is flying and always keep an eye on them.

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July 2025 Leavers Questionnaire

As your child's time with us is coming to an end, we would be very grateful if you could complete the following leavers questionnaire. We value any feedback and suggestions.

We hope your child has enjoyed their time with us and we wish them all the very best for school!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Term Dates

[Sessions and Term Times \(newmillsidepre-school.co.uk\)](http://newmillsidepre-school.co.uk)

Term Dates for 25/26 are now on our website.

Fee Increase, Invoices & Xero Schedules

FEE INCREASE As an educational charity we do our best to maintain our fees but unfortunately with increasing costs, including the rise in minimum wage, in order to remain sustainable the pre-school has taken the decision to implement a small increase to our fees. We understand this is a difficult time in the current economic climate, however we must increase from September 2025 in order to remain sustainable and provide a long-term service for our community. Please see our fees policy for increase amounts - [FEES POLICY](#)

We also attach our Educational Funding Policy for your information - [EDUCATIONAL FUNDING POLICY](#)

Invoices for Summer 02 24/25 Invoices 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 as an invoice) for Summer 02 24/25 will be sent out shortly. Your schedule shows the sessions we have on our register for your child and it also has a suggested voluntary donation on the schedule but this is at your discretion and you are under no obligation to pay this amount. Any donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. If any sessions are incorrect on the schedules, please email office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk so we can check our register.

Thank you for your continued support.

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!

DAY CARE RECORDS *It is important that our records are kept up to date i.e. contact details, address, emergency contact details, parental responsibility and any health updates etc, please inform us as soon as possible via email of any changes that need to be made and the date the changes are to take place from - office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk*

If a child becomes unwell during a session

We will make the child as comfortable as possible and we will contact the first named contact immediately and the contact will need to collect the child as soon as possible. If the first named contact does not answer, the staff member will go through the contact list provided on the welcome pack forms, but it is extremely important all contacts have been provided and saved our numbers before the child starts at the preschool, so they recognise our number. If the parent/carer is unable to collect quickly, they must arrange another emergency contact to collect the child.

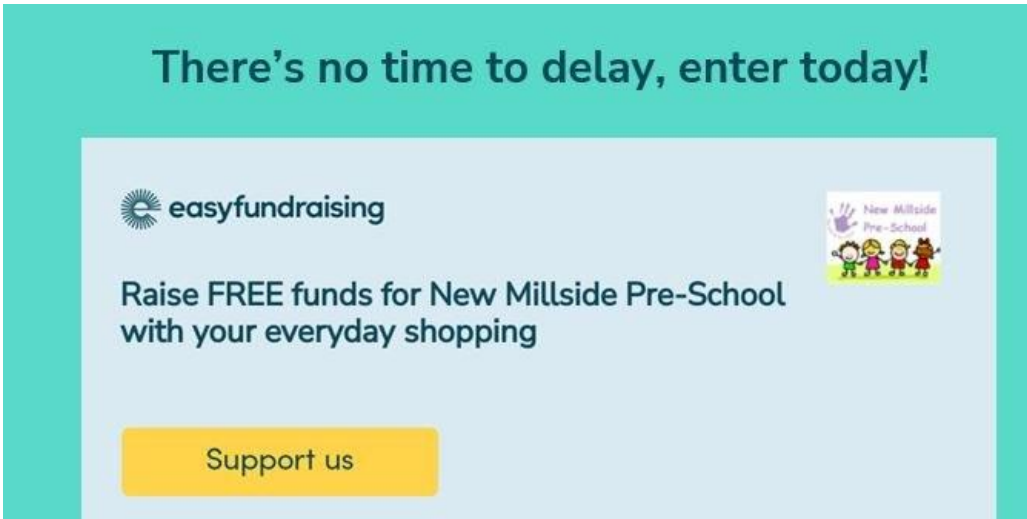
Should we need to call an ambulance for a child, the ambulance will be called first and then the parent/carer/emergency contact. It is therefore extremely important you keep your phone nearby when your child is attending the preschool. A staff member will go with the

child to the hospital should a parent/carer not arrive before the ambulance leaves and the parent/carer will need to meet the staff member at the hospital without delay.

TAPESTRY *There is a section on your child's Tapestry page called 'About Me' and your child's keyperson would be very grateful if you could complete and keep updated where possible, as their likes and dislikes do change all the time.*

Also feel free to add in pictures or videos of any activities you would like us to see e.g. holidays, outing, things around the house you do together, milestones etc. Please remember to activate your Tapestry Accounts. If your log in email link has recently expired, please email us for a new one and we will send this out. If we do not hear from you we will remove the email from Tapestry.

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The image is a promotional banner for easyfundraising. It features a teal background with a white central box. At the top of the teal area, the text "There's no time to delay, enter today!" is written in white. Inside the white box, the easyfundraising logo is on the left, and a small logo for New Millside Pre-School (showing three children) is on the right. Below the logos, the text "Raise FREE funds for New Millside Pre-School with your everyday shopping" is displayed. At the bottom of the white box is a yellow button with the text "Support us".

Sign up to support New Millside Pre-School on #easyfundraising today! Once you've signed up, you'll get to support us for free all year round as you do all your usual online shopping! Plus, we'll get a bonus £5 donation when you raise your first £5. Each new person who joins will make a real difference to us, so please get started

here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/newmillsidepreschool/btp8x5/c2s/M4nLANe7/CE848/facebook/>

We asked the children what they have liked or enjoyed at preschool...

What have you enjoyed at pre-school :

'Playing with the playdough'

'I like playing with the cars'

'I like the stories'

'I like to play with the dolls house'

'I like playing with the super heroes'

Useful links & Information

[New Millside Pre-school Vacancies](#)

[Family Corner | Features and tips about your child's development](#) Free online Learning for all the Family.

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

[Find a dentist - NHS](#)

[Help with the cost of living \(Helping Hand\) | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) - Please see our Autumn01 2023 Newsletter with more information on healthy eating, if you require a new link for this newsletter, please let us know.

Supporting Families to develop a language rich home learning environment

The National Literacy Trust have new resources available to support a language rich home environment. They are a key delivery partner for [Better Health - Start for Life](#), a campaign launched by the Department for Education. Other useful links include:

[Walk and talk trail for 0-5 year olds | National Literacy Trust](#) The free walk and talk trail is a set of cards designed to support parents and carers of 0 to 5-year-olds. The cards have been produced by the National Literacy Trust to support the [Start for Life](#) campaign.

Little Moments Together Videos [Better Health Start for Life – Little Moments Together - YouTube](#)

EYPP - Do you qualify for Pupil Premium Funding? [Early Years Pupil Premium \(EYPP\) | Early Years \(buckscc.gov.uk\)](#)


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. **30 Hour Code**

If you already have a 30 hour code, please remember to check if your code needs reconfirming to ensure the code remains valid. Without the 30 hour code we will invoice for any sessions over 15 universal hours.

If you are applying for the 30 hour code to be used for the Autumn term, please let us know and do so before 31/08/2025. If you apply after this date the code will not be valid until the Spring Term. You must let us know if you are applying/have applied for the code so we can ensure you are provided with the correct funding form **before** the end of term.

Information and Applying - [30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

When to apply and information - [How to apply for 30 hours free childcare | Childcare choices](#)



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Early Years Pupil Premium

Did you know if you qualify and register your child for Early Years Pupil Premium we are provided with extra money to help support your child at our preschool. For every child registered, the Government provides an extra 68p per hour for that child's sessions to Early Years providers. This funding is called 'Early Years Pupil Premium'.

The extra funds we receive for your child can be used to help pay for lunch session fees to allow your child to attend a full day if this would otherwise take them over their funded hours. It can also be used to help pay for resources identified by their keyworker and yourselves that will support your child's development at the setting. We will discuss with you how you would like us to allocate this money so that your child receives maximum benefit.

Please check to see if you qualify and apply as soon as possible and let us know the outcome.
If your child attended and had 2 year funding, you could qualify for this.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – search the following link <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/eypp/buckinghamshire> and complete the quick online form, then notify us of the outcome. Alternatively, complete page 3 EYPP section if you have a PPAU Funding form or request a separate form if you have a PPAE Form.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Do you Qualify: -
Children whose parents/carers receive one of the following benefits will generate EYPP for their childcare provider:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income - based (not contribution-based) Job Seeker's Allowance (IBIAS)
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit
- Income-related employment & support allowance or financially supported by National Asylum Support Service
- Universal credit – their annual net earned income must be equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400, assessed on up to three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods
- Child tax credit - except if they meet any of the following criteria:
 - o Entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - o Have an annual income in excess of £16,190

Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to EYPP

Or the child has:

- Been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales.
- Been adopted from care in England or Wales
- Left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

Please note - For parents accessing their Extended Funding Entitlement, Pupil Premium will only be paid to providers for the Universal 15 hours a child attends. Any additional hours claimed under the Extended entitlement will not attract Pupil Premium funding.

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Deputy Manager: deputymanager@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk **SENCO:** senco@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk

Charity Registration No: 1031538

Important Reminders, please read through...

- We are a **nut free** pre-school.
- **Snack Pots:** - If your child attends all day, send in two named snack pots (veg/fruit only) and a named lunch box. If your child is AM or PM only then please send just one named snack pot (fruit/veg only).
- **Name all items:** - All items must be clearly labelled, including bags, snack pots, lunchboxes, bottles, shoes, hats, gloves etc. It's very helpful for the staff if bags are named on the outside please.
- **Toys from Home:** - Please try to avoid toys being brought in from home. If your child brings something in these may be lost/damaged/mixed in with preschool toys and the preschool cannot replace these. Comforters should be named.
- **No parking in the preschool/school car park unless you have a medical or specified reason to do so that has already been agreed with preschool** spaces should not be blocked at anytime and please do not park on the yellow lines outside of the car park. In the event of an emergency, **emergency services need immediate clear access.**
- **Car park safety,** please remind your children of road safety and the importance of staying on the path while waiting at drop off or pick up times. Children must remain with you.
- **Absence, appointments and holidays:** - To notify us of an absence, appointments etc, either text the preschool mobile using WhatsApp if possible on 07928689736 or call 01296489457 before your child's session. Please do not email these through to the office, as these may not be seen until after the register is taken. It is extremely important that you inform us of the reason why your child is absent and that you respond to messages regarding absences as we have a duty of care to note absences in our records. Any unexplained absences becomes a safeguarding concern.
- **No Dogs:** - No dogs are allowed within the school grounds - only guide dogs or medical assistance dogs are permitted.
- **Our Policies:** - [Pre-School Policies \(newmillsidepre-school.co.uk\)](http://newmillsidepre-school.co.uk)
- **Change of details i.e. address:** - Email office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk of the changes as soon as possible.
- Please line up along the path outside of the preschool, behind the main door and do not allow the children to play behind where the cars park or in the car park. Use our main gate at the side and do not walk through the car park. Buggies and bikes can be stored under the shelter and should not be left in the road.

- 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 straightaway and if you are collecting your child the staff will be collecting their belongings and will bring them to the front as soon as they can.
- **Our staff are here to help you.** We would remind you that violent, abusive or intimidating behaviour towards our staff will not be tolerated. New Millside will take legal action and may withdraw service from anyone who verbally or physically assaults a member of staff.

DROP OFF TIMES:- AM - 9am PM - 12.30 If your child is no longer needing to be settled, please let them come in through the door on their own to avoid overcrowding. When you arrive, snack pots go on the snack trolley (if your child is all day, 2 snack pots), lunchboxes/bags are on the main trolley and the children bring in their water bottles to place on the bottle trolley that is inside the setting.

Late drop off – We understand that sometimes this may occur due to unforeseen circumstances or medical conditions etc but if your child is often late, and it is not medical etc, Bucks Funding may claim this back from us, subsequently we would then claim this back from you.

SNACK TIMES:- AM - 10.15-10.30 PM - 13:45-14:00 If your child is arriving after the above snack times, due to an appointment etc, please ensure they have had snack already. **Staff setting up for snack have very limited time and if the pots aren't placed on the snack trolley or named, they have to search through the bags which delays snack time.**

PICK UP TIMES:- AM - 12 PM - 15:30 Please ensure you are here at the above time for drop off as we have to set up for afternoon sessions and staff need to have their own lunch.

Early pick up – Your child can only be picked up early if this is because of a medical/dentist appointment, and only very occasionally for a non-medical reason.

LATE COLLECTION We have a [late collection policy](#) in place. We understand unexpected situations arise, please notify us at the earliest opportunity if you will be delayed and try to arrange for your emergency contact to pick up (making sure they know the password you put on your Collection/Going Home Form) and notify us who this will be and send pictures if you can.

CHILD ABSENCES If your child is absent, it is extremely important you let us know the reason for their absence. You can do this by texting the preschool mobile 07928689736 or calling on 01296 489457. Child absences come under safeguarding and we are required to note down the reason any child is absent and keep this in our records. You must inform us before your child's session starts. If we do not receive communication from you giving a valid reason for your child's absence or you fail to respond to our messages over a period of two consecutive sessions guidance is that we contact Social Services to safeguard the child's wellbeing.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Small ways you can help and support the pre-school

New Millside Pre-school is a registered charity (1031538) and we therefore rely on donations from parents/carers and fundraising towards essentials such as:

Educational visits from Zoolab & Living Eggs etc, Entertainer/Magician, Gifts to make at Christmas/Easter/etc, Equipment, Consumables, Being able to maintain our garden, etc.

You can help by signing up to the following: (N.B if underlined, click the header for the link to the website) **Easyfundraising** We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at [NEW MILLSIDE PRE-SCHOOL EASYFUNDRAISING](#) [Buckinghamshire Lottery](#) Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week and for every £1 ticket sold 60p will go towards the Pre-school.

Donations We would appreciate any items from washing up liquid, A4/A3 paper, batteries, kitchen towel, toilet roll, antibacterial spray, wipes, nappy bags, pens, bulbs and plants for our garden, fruit, soil, sand, flour, salt, gravel etc.

Voluntary Donations We carry a shortfall i.e. the difference between what the Government pay and our cost to deliver a session, we would therefore appreciate any help in voluntary donations either being an amount paid into our account, your scheduled invoice received voluntary donation or by purchasing consumables.

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We also appreciate any donations and consumable donations. Thank you.



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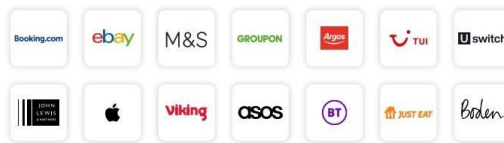
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