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Spring Term 2026

As we begin the spring term the children have settled well, and it's lovely to see friendships developing. Our older children continue to be great role models, helping new friends feel welcome each day.

We know each term can bring changes and challenges, and we are always here to support both children and parents. Emotional well-being is at the heart of everything we do - children learn best when they feel safe, happy, and secure. Please let us know if anything at home, such as illness, poor sleep, worries, or changes, might affect your child so we can offer extra support.

We are here for you too! If you need guidance or a listening ear, we are here to listen and can signpost further support.

On that note - we are truly grateful for all the warmth and kindness that is shown between our families - you help make WPS a caring and supportive community - we see you and we appreciate you ❤️

New Opening Hours

Your funding entitlement can now be used across all our opening hours. Some children and families are benefiting from the extra flexibility, and we hope more will take advantage soon. Please get in touch to have a chat about how extended hours can work for you and your family.

Our updated provision includes:

- **Extended opening hours:** Open 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday
- **NEW Friday afternoon session:** Now open until 4:00 pm on Fridays
- **Rising 2s:** Children who turn two during the half term can now start preschool earlier
- **Optional Flexi drop-off and pick-up:** Drop-off between 8:00–9:00 am and pick-up between 3:00–4:00 pm

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Lunch Boxes

In line with **statutory guidance** on safer and healthy eating, children staying for lunch should bring a healthy packed lunch -

- in easy-to-open containers and wrappers (to support independence).
- packed in a clearly labelled, clean lunchbox or container.
- lunchbox items that do not meet statutory guidance/healthy eating policy will be put back into a lunchbox to be enjoyed as an occasional treat at home.
- developing a positive relationship with food is an important part of well-being - we gently encourage children to eat but never force them.
- uneaten food and packaging will be returned home so you can clearly see what your child has/has not eaten.

More guidance and ideas can be found at [👉 healthier-lunchboxes – lunchbox-recipes](#).

Please ensure all lunchbox food is prepared appropriately and ready to eat. Follow the [Early Years Food Choking Hazards](#) 👉 guidelines to keep your child safe. We cannot allow children to eat food that is unsafe or not prepared correctly - any food that is not prepared according to the choking hazard information will be returned home. Staff sit and eat alongside the children at lunch, supervising closely to keep them safe, so we are unable to chop or prepare food during this session.

Prompt Collection

Please collect your child promptly at the end of their booked session. If you expect to be slightly delayed, a quick phone call helps us plan and support your child.

If a child is picked up more than 5 minutes after their session ends, they will be signed into the next session, and charges will apply in 15-minute blocks. Simply put, any care beyond the scheduled session, by more than 5 minutes, will incur an additional fee.

For children attending the 3–4 pm flexi session, if they are not collected by 4:05 pm, a 30-minute charge will apply. This ensures we comply with our safeguarding policy, which requires two staff members to be on site while children are present.

Name Children's Belongings

Please ensure all of your child's belongings - coats, bags, hats, and especially water bottles - are clearly labelled. Many children have identical items, particularly bottles so labelling helps avoid mix-ups and keeps belongings safely with their owners.

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Term Dates

SPRING 2026

6th January – 27th March

Half Term (closed): 16th February – 20th February

SUMMER 2026

14th April – 17th July

Half Term (closed): 25th May – 29th May

INSET Days (WPS CLOSED)

13th April 2026

1st June 2026

NOTES

10th July 2026 - Nature Walk

16th July 2026 - Last Day of Term - Close @ 12.30pm

17th July 2026 - Open for Graduation Ceremony (sunshine group leavers only)

Save the Date

Save the Date - **Saturday March 28th**

Friends of WPS are planning a Spring Funday Fundraising Event - 👁️ out for more details

Staying Well – Our WPS Promise

Spring brings brighter days and more outdoor fun, but coughs and colds can still make an appearance. At WPS, we follow our [Keeping Everyone Well](#) 🙌 guidance to help decide when children should attend preschool or rest at home.

We appreciate your support with our Staying Well Promise at home:

- Catch coughs and sneezes in elbows
- Use a tissue, flush it away, and wash hands

These small habits make a big difference to our preschool community.

Is Your Child Ready for Potty Learning or Training?

Potty learning is when children start noticing body signals and show interest in the potty. When they are ready for potty training, we work with families to keep it consistent, using easy clothes, gentle encouragement, and routine. We also support growing independence with toileting, handwashing, and personal care. Talk to us about how we can support your child.

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Diet and Constipation in Young Children

We have noticed an increase in constipation among young children, which is quite common in early childhood. Diet plays a key role in keeping little tummies healthy. Diets high in processed foods, which are often low in fibre and high in sugar or salt, contribute to constipation. Foods that support good digestion should be included at every meal - fruit and vegetables (fibre), wholegrains such as wholemeal bread and cereals, and plenty of fluids, especially water are vital. If your child is experiencing ongoing issues, it is important to speak to your GP or health visitor for advice. Parents and carers may also find support from ERIC (The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity), which offers trusted information and practical guidance. Visit www.eric.org.uk for more support.

Child Development and Home Learning

At Wendover Preschool, we love supporting learning both at preschool and at home. Each child has an individual area of focus, chosen to help them develop their skills and confidence. Your child's key person will send home a slip showing what this area is. You can use this information alongside our Top Tips for Home Learning, which cover each part of our curriculum. These tips include practical ideas, helpful links, and fun activities that you can try at home to support your child's focus area and extend it through everyday moments.

All Top Tips are also sent to you electronically, so you can refer to them easily whenever you like. Together, these resources help make learning at home simple and fun.

If you have any comments or are unsure of anything - please talk to us.

We look forward to another wonderful term sharing your child's learning journey with you.

The WPS Team 🌻

PS – Look out for our parent questionnaire coming soon. Every response really does count and directly supports our partnership evidence for Ofsted and the Local Authority. Your feedback makes a difference, and we greatly appreciate your engagement.