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Autumn Term 2026

As we settle into the Autumn Term, we are delighted to welcome new families to our WPS family. Our returning children are doing a wonderful job of helping new friends feel at home and supporting them as they learn the routines and boundaries at WPS. We understand that transitions can sometimes feel challenging - for both children and parents - and we are committed to making this time as smooth and positive as possible. We look forward to many happy days ahead together.

We Have Officially Entered the Digital Age!

You have recently received our new digital registration sheet. We know filling out forms can be a bit of a chore, but going digital drastically reduces our printing and paper use, which is so important for the environment. Thank you so much for taking the time to complete it! If you haven't had a chance to complete your digital registration form yet, please do so, as a matter of urgency, so we can ensure our records are fully up to date

You will also have received our brand-new handbook. Please save it and keep it handy for whenever you have a question. We have done our best to cover all of our most frequently asked questions (and more).
Moving forward, our new mantra is going to be: "Consult the Handbook!" If you have a question, there is a high chance the answer is waiting for you in there. Of course, if you check it and still can't find what you need, please just shout, we are always happy to help!

Identifying All Property

Please clearly label all of your child's belongings – coats, bags, hats, shoes and especially **water bottles**. Some children have the same bottle design. If a bottle is not labelled, we will write your child's name on it with a sharpie pen unless you specifically request us not to. This helps us keep everyone's property safe and avoids mix-ups.

Staying Well – Our WPS Promise

As the hot summer turns to autumn we are beginning to see the expected seasonal sniffles and coughs. At WPS, we follow the guidance from ***Keeping Everybody Well at WPS.*** This guidance helps us, and you, decide whether a child should attend pre-school or stay at home if they are feeling unwell or are unable to participate fully in the play and routines of the setting. As a reminder, if your child has suffered from vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for at least 48 hours after their last episode. Effective infection control is vital to ensure children, staff and vulnerable relatives stay healthy. As a small team, staff illness could have a serious impact on our daily ratios and our ability to stay open. Another local setting had to close recently due to a sickness bug.

We would be grateful if you could support the settings hygiene routines at home too. So they become familiar and part of everyday life:

Using my hand or not covering my mouth or nose when I cough or sneeze might make my friends or teachers unwell, so I will always try to…

Catch my coughs & sneezes in my arm

Using my hand or my clothes to wipe my nose might make my friends or teachers unwell, so I will always try to…

Use a new tissue, flush the tissue & wash my hands

Wellbeing

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. Children learn best when they feel safe, happy, and settled. Please let us know if anything in your child's life might affect their wellbeing—such as illness, lack of sleep, worries, or bereavement. If they arrive after a challenging night, morning, or weekend, we can then offer extra care and support.

We also want you, as parents and carers, to feel supported. If you are struggling or need guidance, we are here to listen and to help with signposting to further support if needed.

Miss Sharon's Top Tips for Home Learning & Focus Sheets

At WPS, we love working together with you to support your child's learning both here and at home. To help with this, Miss Sharon has created our **Top Tips for Home Learning** guide, full of easy, practical ideas for every part of our curriculum. You can access **Top Tips,** for your child's strand of our curriculum, via the link emailed to you.

To help you get the most out of it, **we send out regular focus sheets.** These sheets point you directly to the sections of the *Top Tips* guide that match exactly what we are focusing on with your child at preschool.

While lots of other wonderful learning happens every single day, these focus sheets spotlight the specific areas where your encouragement at home can make a real difference!

…And Finally

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are looking forward to a great term ahead… is it too early to mention how excited we all get for the festive season?

Keep scrolling to see Term Dates and some Useful Dates for your diary for the (festive!) autumn term… more details to follow about festivities!

WPS team x

Term Dates

2026 / 2027
AUTUMN 2026
7TH SEPTEMBER – 16TH DECEMBER
HALF TERM (closed)
26TH OCTOBER – 30TH OCTOBER

INSET DAYS
4TH DECEMBER 2026
4TH JANUARY 2027

Autumn Term Dates For Your Diary

- ★ **15th October 2026** - Antiques Event in main hall and foyer - use garden gate for drop off and collection
- ★ **19th November 2026** - Antiques Event in main hall and foyer - use garden gate for drop off and collection
- ★ **30th November 2026** - Raffle Donations: Drop your prizes in the foyer box to help make our festive raffle extra special!
- ★ **15th December 2026** - Children will perform their Christmas Show @ 1.15pm - Preschool will finish straight after the show (approx 2pm). Show tickets for Family & friends £2.00 each on sale in December
- ★ **16th December 2026** - Christmas party (for all children on register) 10am-12noon - WPS closes for the winter break at 12:00 noon (there will be no Lunch Club on this day)