



Worstead Pre-school

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November 2025 Newsletter

Message from Clare:

Hello everyone,

We hope some of you managed to enjoy the half term, Halloween and bonfire night. It's been a busy time.

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween cake and craft morning we felt it was a great success and we hope you all enjoyed it. We raised a big £92 which is going to be going towards a new indoor play kitchen for the children. This is something all the children use and it encourages so much learning and fun.

Important Dates

Christmas Cake and Craft Morning – Thursday 11th December 2025

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December 2025

Easter Cake and Craft Morning – Monday 23rd March 2026

Closed - December H/T – Monday 22nd December – Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Term Time Only Children.

Closed - December Christmas - Monday 22nd – Friday 26th December 2026 – All Children.

Closed – New Years Day – Thursday 1st January 2026 – All Children

Closed - February H/T – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026 – Term Time Only Children.

Closed - Easter H/T – Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April 2026 – Term Time Only Children.

Closed – Good Friday 3rd April 2026 – All Children.

Closed – Easter Monday 6th April 2026 – All Children.

We are hoping to get more organised with our event dates so parents and carers can organise time off if they wish to attend.

Some of you may have noticed that your children have been taking part in FOCUS. This is a new adventure that we are trying with the older children who will be leaving us for school in September. During these small group sessions will be concentrating on listening skills, mathematics, literacy, self-help, life skills and much more. We are hoping that this works well, so we can continue it in the future with all children getting ready for school. This will help children with a good transition to school and make them more aware.

The staff have got together and come up with a Christmas wish list we are hoping for the following items, these might be things that you have in the back of your cupboard at home. We would be very grateful for any donations

Please could you look out for

- Pestle and mortar
- False flowers
- Craft materials
- Golf tees (the ones that look like nails)
- Muffin trays
- Metal gravy boats and small jugs
- Spare wellie boots
- Yoga Blocks

Don't forget we are encouraging healthy lunch boxes and that we are a nut free setting.

If you wish to talk to staff about any concerns, ideas or have any questions please do not hesitate to do so.

Message from the Committee:

Well done to the staff and committee who help with the craft morning. Again, this is a great success and we will continue to hold these events. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the Christmas raffle, we have some fantastic prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child this week. The preschool is in much need of a new home corner, so any funds raised will be going towards this. Please see attached list of raffle prizes we have. Please check your children's bags. The tickets can be sold to friends and families. The more we sell the more we raise so, thanking you all in advance.

We still need additional members for our committee. We can't run the preschool without a committee. Please help us! We have the most incredible staff and we need to support them! The committee is vital to keeping the preschool running, but it's also a fantastic way to meet other parents, have a say in important decisions and really build a great relationship with the staff. If you would like any information, please email admin@worsteadpreschool.co.uk

Committee

Message from Karen:

Funding claim forms changed September 2025. I will be working my way through all the funding forms I have and if there is any information missing, I will contact you to modify and complete ready for the next 2 terms (Spring & Summer)

If you are going to increase your child's sessions due to increase of funding hours from 15 to 30, please contact me asap as spaces are limited.

We have some spare sessions at the preschool between now and December, that can be purchased on an ad-hoc basis. These will be at a discounted cost. These sessions are only available as ad-hoc sessions and separate from your guaranteed funded/unfunded sessions. We understand that parents/carers may need ad-hoc sessions for other commitments/appointments/Christmas shopping and would like to help in any way we can. Ad-hoc sessions will not be available during any preschool holidays. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer and provide 1:1 staff for these sessions. These sessions can only be booked and paid for in advance through Karen admin@worsteadpreschool.co.uk I will email this week the details.

Please see the link below regarding Tax Free Childcare – This is a great scheme that does save you money.

Karen

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Useful links

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

