



Autumn Term October Newsletter

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What a wonderful first half term we have
all had!!!

WELCOME

Forest School

Available every Tuesday and Friday mornings.
Please email if you would like to book

A warm welcome to our new children and their
families:

Sienna, Santino, Arthur and Hugo

Happy Birthday to :
Freddy who celebrated at the start of
the term , Jacob & Halle who have
birthdays in October !
Also Kitt who will have a November
birthday and Maya and Kira in
December - Have the best time !



What is Forest School?

[Click for video link](#)

Curiosity Corner

(The Field)

A place where children can be children. Outdoor opportunities help stimulate the brain, boost learning and retention, develop critical thinking skills, encourages creativity and innovation and fosters a love of natural learning.



KEY WORKERS

Our ethos at The Lenches Pre School is to give every child the best start in life.

We believe you can achieve! Supporting Confidence and Self Esteem

Providing children with enabling environments supports all areas of **The Early Years Foundation Stage**. As dedicated practitioners we are all responsible for every child, however we will have Key Workers so that they can plan in relation to your Child's needs, likes and development whilst working together with Parents and Carers and any other professional to support your child.

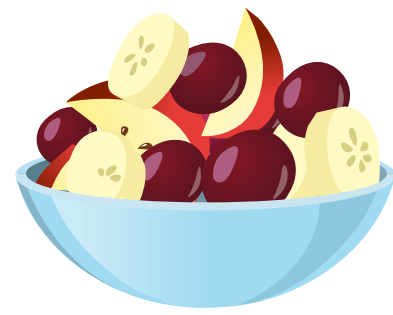
We have 5 members of staff, as well as the Committee members to help support the structure. We understand that children aged 2-4 years have very different development milestones within these years, as well as abilities and interests. As a team we will be structuring the day so that children of different ages will experience age appropriate activities to support their learning.

Our Curriculum is planned to meet the needs of all children, incorporating Adult and Child led activities, giving children opportunities to explore, investigate, play and learn as much as possible.

TAPESTRY - Key workers upload observations daily that highlight the areas of learning - **Prime Areas: Personal, Social and Emotional, Physical and Communication and Language** whilst covering **Specific Areas - Maths, Literacy, Knowledge and Understanding of the world and Expressive Arts**.

Individual Child Development and Progression will be discussed with Parents through Progress Meetings, 2 year old Progress reports, SEND targets/plans. Your child's key worker will keep you informed termly. We encourage you to contact us should you need any advice or would like discuss your child's development.

SNACK TIME



Daily snack time is an opportunity for all children to try new things and “give it a go”.

We will be supporting children to make choices and try and also use the pouring jugs and children's cutlery.

Arrivals and Collections

Please could we ask that on arrivals and collections, Parents and Carers do not let any other person in or out, of the building, even if they are familiar. The staff members will need to be monitoring the door to allow entry and exit so we ensure that we are keeping all children safe.

On collection, we kindly ask that parents and carers remain at the door so that a staff member can give you a full hand over out of ear shot of your child.

We will then bring your child to you.

Many thanks for your support.



IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS AND WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU TO COME INTO THE BUILDING TO MEET. PLEASE INFORM US VIA THE MOBILE OR EMAIL

Parent Engagement sessions

Parents spending time at the setting is crucial to ensure that we work together. We are looking at half termly visits for Parents and Carers where an adult can attend to join their Child in an activity. Parents and Carers are invited to spend time with the team to gain an understanding on the intent of activities and opportunities for development.

We have sent out communication reference our Autumn soup and bread afternoon with an Autumn story, please do let us know if you make it on Thursday 24th October at 13.30



There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes! With the right clothing, no weather is an obstacle! For the best outdoor learning experience, all children need appropriate clothing for rain and mud.

Whilst we do have spare waterproofs and hat, please could you ensure that your child has named wellies, a hat, gloves, spare clothes and waterproofs in their bag.

[If you need help, guidance, or support for you or your family please click here](#)

[If you are worried about the Safety of a child or adult in Worcestershire please click here](#)

FUNICS

Fun with phonics

PREPARING EARS, VOICES AND FINGERS FOR READING AND WRITING

Each Wednesday morning we are joined by Early Years teacher Rachael and Lenny the letter monster from Funics who deliver fun, interactive 1 hour Funics sessions aimed at Pre-school aged children. Sharing and developing the joy of language and helping children develop at their own pace and without pressure. The children adore Funics and it is incredible to watch their confidence and skills grow.



The Team



Manager

Paula: Level 5, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Pediatric First Aid

Deputy Lead, Safeguarding Lead, Pre School Key Worker

Natalie: Level 3 Childcare, Pediatric First Aid

Deputy Lead, SEND Co ordinator, 2-3 Year old Key Worker

Natasha: Level 3 Childcare, Pediatric First Aid

Level 2 Apprentice

Cristina: Pediatric First Aid, supporting both Natasha and Natalie with key children

We would also like to give a warm welcome to Lara who is starting with us after successful safer recruitment. Lara will working on Monday & Fridays all day and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Lara comes with many years experience and expertise holding a Nursery Diploma NNEB



Thursday 24th October - Pre-school children attending Harvest Festival at Church with school, communications have gone out to Parents

Thursday 24th October - 13.30-14.30 Parents welcome to join us for soup and roll , Autumn afternoon

Friday 25th October - Halloween Disco at Village Hall 3.30-5pm, pay on door

Last day of term - Friday 25th October

October half term - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Monday 28th October - Pre-school AGM and progress update 7.30pm Village Hall (with Prosecco!)

October Half term Holiday Club The Pre School Lenches - Bookings can be made [here](#) or via website

Monday 4th November - Return to Pre-school and introduction of extended hours Monday-Friday until 5.30pm!!

Tuesday 5th November 8.30am - Photographer at Church Lench CE First School (All welcome)

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch for children in session

Thursday 19th December - Trip - Christmas at Smart Trees - for all - details to follow

Friday 20th December - last day at Pre-school - Christmas Party day - details to follow

Cooked Meals - we are currently setting this up with Church Lench First School and will update soon on the start date and how parents can order.



After half term

We are open

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
UNTIL 5.30PM!!!**