

# PARKLANDS PRESS

## Spring 2025

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World Book Day was celebrated in relaxing pyjamas and by sharing our favourite books with friends and family. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us reading stories, singing rhymes and contributing to our fundraising for Claire House Children's Hospice. Ruth and Emily provided delicious themed food which was well received!

Alarna and the Pre-School team held an informative school readiness workshop on March 28<sup>th</sup> and we hope you found this useful. Thank you to all who managed to join us. Let us know if you still need a copy of the information pack. Primary school places will be offered on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please let your key worker know which school you have accepted so that we can liaise with them and invite school reception teachers to visit us.

**Providing children with experiences and opportunities to help them progress and achieve success, is a requirement of the EYFS.** The term used is providing "Cultural Capital". We would like you to help the children become more knowledgeable about the world around them. Let us know if you could visit the children at nursery and talk about an aspect of your life that you would like to share. Previously, we have been visited by a vet, dentist, physiotherapist and even a building safety engineer, but the topic could also be a hobby or interest. These experiences really enhance their learning and the children thoroughly enjoy them. Please let us know if you can help. We recently had a very interesting and exciting visit from PCSOs Nick and Lexi. See our Facebook page for the photos.

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### Staff news:

Sadly, Rachel (Toddler Room) is soon to be leaving Parklands for pastures new. We are sure you will wish her all the very best in her new ventures. Kaylee from Inters will be joining the Toddler Team in the coming weeks.

Iona, Kaylee and Morgan are well on their way to achieving their NVQ3s in childcare. Kim has also recently signed up to complete the the qualification. Well done to you all!

### Reminders/bits & bobs:

- We hope you are all enjoying the Footsteps online ap. Let us know if you are struggling to access it.
- Our nursery Facebook page gives you weekly information and lots of photographs so that you can see what we all get up to during our days at Parklands. Follow us if you haven't already and comment and share.
- Thank you very much to the parents who have recently written reviews for us on our Google or Facebook pages. They really do make a difference and prospective parents visiting the nursery have commented on them. Any more reviews would be very warmly received!
- Our safeguarding policy was reviewed at the beginning of the year and is available on our nursery website.
- Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Gail Charlesworth, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Jane Mullen-Heath and the setting SENCO is Vicky Finnan.
- Please drive slowly and carefully around the grounds and car park.

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- **IMPORTANT** - make sure that you close all entrance doors to the nursery fully. Please test them after shutting to make sure.
- We are looking to add some shrubs or plants to our playground area. If you are clearing out your garden, we would be very grateful to re-plant any of your unwanted shrubs.



The RSPCA Centre on London Road are currently caring for an unprecedented amount of hedgehogs and they need lots and lots of bedding to keep them warm until they can be released. We are donating shredded newspapers to them and we would be grateful if you could save any that you have for our stack to shred. We are offering our grounds as a place to release them and are waiting to see if we are a suitable site. Fingers crossed as it would be wonderful to get the children involved in their release.

We are now fully settled into our new offices and staff room. The staff room is very spacious and homely and has a garden area for al fresco dining in the summer. Our office spaces are proving to be very productive and are working out well. We are spending dedicated time in the rooms with the staff teams each day as well as regularly passing through during the days. We still have our own precious time with the children!

The Easter break is quickly approaching. You should have received your invitation for our egg hunt around the grounds on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. Easterly attire is welcome and Ruth and Emily are planning refreshments and yummy hot cross buns. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you attend the nursery on Wednesday mornings or not.

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You should also have received sponsorship forms for our egg hunt to help us raise as much as possible for Claire House Children's Hospice. Take a look at all the amazing support that they provide for seriously and terminally ill children and their families - <https://www.clairehouse.org.uk/> It is a great way to get involved and really boost our fundraising efforts.

Please note that Parklands will be closed on Good Friday - 18<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday - 21<sup>st</sup> April and Mondays - 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Jane, Vicky, Gail and all of the Parklands Team.

