



Bodiam Preschool Newsletter Term 1 2025

We hope you are all having a lovely summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in September and hearing all about your summer holidays. Feel free to post any of your summer adventures on the 'Evidence me' app. We would love to see them.

At the end of each term, we send you an update through the "Evidence Me" app. If you are unsure about this, please let us know, and one of our team members will be happy to guide you through it. Using the app is a secure way to send photos and is a great way to add your photos of "Wow" moments, as well as provide evidence of your child's next steps if your key person has requested "help at home".

Dates for your diaries:

Term 1	3 rd September- 24 th October
Term 2	3 rd November- 19 th December
Open Morning	20 th September 10am-Midday
AGM meeting (Committee)	26 th September 3:30pm

Clothing

Unfortunately, those warm summer days are soon going to be behind us! Please note that we are a setting that operates in all weathers, so please ensure you send your child in with the appropriate clothing and footwear. A reminder to please add some spare clothes to your child's bag, as they may choose to spend their time with us enjoying our water play activities or getting messy in our messy play. Names on all clothes and wellies that come into the setting will ensure that your children go home with their belongings and not those of their friends.

Lunchboxes

We are a setting that promotes healthy eating, so we continue to ask you to provide your little ones with healthy lunches. We love seeing all the healthy lunch boxes come in. A gentle reminder to please cut any food, such as grapes and tomatoes, into quarters, as they can cause choking. There is a link attached at the bottom of the newsletter with early years choking hazards by Food Standards.



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If your child has an allergy, please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure we can support them within the setting.

We love having our lunchtimes together, it is a great opportunity for us all to socialise, promote communication and language, and understanding of other family traditions.

Nappies and Wipes

If your child is in nappies, please add nappies and wipes to their bags. If they are toilet-trained, please bring some spare underwear in case, through all the excitement of playing with their friends, your child forgets to go.

Halo and Cookery Project

The wonderful Suzie has been leading a cookery project linked with the Halo programme. Halo stands for 'healthy active little ones' and the programme promotes healthy choices in early years settings, not only with food but with other areas of a child's wellbeing, such as hygiene, emotional wellbeing, and physical activity. Suzie has gathered recipes she thinks you and your little ones would enjoy making at home. We hope you will enjoy the recipes and share with us any photos of the fun you had in making them.

Open Morning

On the 20th of September, we have an open morning for anyone who is interested in enrolling their child in a preschool. Please spread the word. The open morning will be 10 am to midday and will allow parents the chance to see the enriching environment that we provide. As well as a chance to get to know the team.

Committee Meeting

Our preschool is run by a committee. This committee is made up of parents and volunteers from the local community. If you are interested in becoming a part of the committee, please let a staff member know.

Being a committee member is a rewarding opportunity that allows you to be directly involved with the decision-making and the running of the preschool. This will enable you to share your views and ideas and continue to support the growth and values of the preschool. The committee meetings run once a term, our AGM is on the 26th September, drinks and snacks will be served, you are all invited and we would love to see you there.



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Communication and Language bags

From September, we will be introducing communication and language bags that will be sent home weekly and are due to be returned by the end of the week. All children will take part, and 2 bags will be sent out. These bags will contain fun activities that promote communication and language. There will be one communication and language recorder along with a small selection of activities, for example, the activities could be the game silly soup, or I spy flashcards. Activities will alternate once each child has had a go. We would like for you to share the activities with a small observation, and if you would like, include pictures. Any feedback would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all your support and for allowing us to look after your children. As always, we feel so lucky.

Mel, Vicki, and Suzie

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION*:**

Our Policies: <https://www.bodiampreschool.co.uk/our-policies>

Link to list on early years choking hazards:

<https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=713cf6f0f4460080c52da74c42e5a885eec877e6c9ff462a097ef878957e129aJmltdHM9MTczMTg4ODAwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=31626e7e-b850-6a85-0cb3-7ceab9336b0a&psq=early+years+choking+hazards&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZm9vZC5nb3YudWsvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlcY9tZWRpYS9kb2N1bWVudC9FYXJseSUyMFllYXJzJTlwQ2hva2luZyUyMEhhemFyZHMlMjBUYWJsZV9FbmdsaXNoLnBkZg&ntb=1>