



## Bodiam Preschool Newsletter Term 3 2026

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We all hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts we received for Christmas. We as a team feel very spoilt. We hope everyone who came to our Christmas party had the best time, and a great big thank you to our very important visitor he made the party complete.

### Dates for your diaries:

Term 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Term 4	23 <sup>rd</sup> February - 27 <sup>th</sup> March

### End of session pick up and morning drop off

A reminder to all parents to please pick up your children on time at the end of their session. A late collection fee of £1 per minute will be charged from the time your child's session ends until they are collected. This is stated in our policy, which can be viewed on the preschool's website. We understand that sometimes things happen, so if, for any reason, you are going to be late to collect your child, please let us know as soon as possible.

Our sessions begin in the mornings either at 8.45 am (Rise and Shine Club) or 9.30 am. We try hard to work our way around the funding requirements set out by the Local Authority, and to also ensure that the preschool is able to survive financially. To help us to do this, we offer our Rise and Shine Club at a charge of £4.50 per day. If you are not signed up to do Rise and Shine, but wish to drop your child off anytime between 8.45 and 9.30, as an ad hoc session, we will add this to your next invoice.

### Rising 5's

A quick reminder to all parents/carers of children who will reach the age of 4 on or before 31 August 2026 that the deadline for applying for a school place for September 2026 is 15 January 2026. Children whose parents apply after the deadline are much less likely to be offered a place at their preferred school, even if they already have an older brother or sister there, so it is very important to apply before the deadline.

Families can apply online using this link: [How to apply for a primary or junior school place | East Sussex County Council](#). Parents are encouraged not to leave it until the last minute in



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case of technical issues. Anyone who does experience technical difficulties should email [admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

### **Socks**

Could you please add plenty of socks to your children's bags. The weather is getting colder, and we would be grateful, as the children's feet may get cold or damp. As we remain a free flow setting through these wintery months, we wouldn't want the children getting cold feet.

### **Snow**

Now that the weather is getting colder and we hit the middle of winter, the 'white stuff' could make an appearance. In the event this does happen, we usually run in line with the primary school regarding closures, and a post will be made on our Facebook page once a decision has been made.

### **Best start in life**

The best start in life campaign aims to bring awareness to the role of early years in a child's development and to increase understanding to parents/carers of activities and approaches they can do in their child's development and the importance of early education. There is a website if you are interested in looking further into this. The website has useful trusted advice, guidance and support for parents.

<https://edua-zcmp.maillist-manage.eu/click/195f6ae4e72e6a4/195f6ae4e7184db>

### **Christmas Hamper**

We managed to raise £88 for preschool resources. Thank you to everyone who made a food and drink donation and those who purchased a raffle ticket. We are very grateful. Well done to the lucky winner.

### **Save the children charity**

We raised £41.69 for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who wore their Christmas jumpers and donated toward this great cause.



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### Facebook Posts

Could you all please react or comment on the preschool's Facebook posts, just so we know you have seen them and they appear on everyone's news feed.

### Bodiam bonfire night

Katie and Richard Hodgeson-Martin donated wands, candy floss and popcorn. Thank you very much. Thank you to everyone who came to support us. It was a wonderful night that was put on by the Castle Inn. Altogether, we raised £251.50, which we are sharing with Bodiam Primary School, that is £125.75 towards the preschool. We will be looking for donations for this year's bonfire night.

Once again, thank you for allowing us to look after your children, they are all amazing, we feel very lucky.

Mel, Vicki, Suzie and Leanne.

All of our policies and procedures can be found on our website

Funding information for parents

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=98c96d46ac&attid=0.6&permmsgid=msg-f:1853554956511850880&th=19b92669928db180&view=att&zw&disp=inline>



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