

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. This term we offer a warm welcome to 3 new families joining Madley Pre-School. We look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks.

Safeguarding your children:

Please ensure you inform us of any information changes e.g. phone numbers or emergency contact details. Or if your child will be absent for any reason please call or email:

[01981251460](tel:01981251460) / [preschool@madley.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@madley.hereford.sch.uk)

	Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
Term Starts		Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Half Term		Mon 16 Feb – Fri 20 Feb	Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May <span style="background-color: yellow;">And Closed for INSET on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> and Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June</span>
Term Ends		Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

Extra clothing

We have started the new year with some very cold weather! Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for outdoor play as we continue to use our outdoor spaces throughout the winter. A named hat and gloves are essential. Please ensure your child also has extra clothing with them in case of toileting accidents or wet play. We recommend at least 2 full sets of clothes and lots of socks! We are happy for spare clothes to be left on your child's peg.

Parent's Evening

We would like to offer parents the opportunity to meet with their child's Key person to discuss their child's progress and next steps. Parent's evening slots will be available on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January between 3.40 and 4.30 pm. Please speak to your child's key person if you would like to book a slot.

'Wild' Garden

Over the Christmas break work began to clear and organise the area for our 'Wild' garden to begin. The pond is now in situ, awaiting liner, water, plants and wildlife! The new bark has been placed under the covered area. The 'meadow' has been given some topsoil, ready for seeding with meadow flowers, and the turf and bark path will be laid at the weekend. We have support from Allensmore plants, who will be donating trees when we are ready for them. We are so excited to see the garden take shape and can't wait to get out and use it!

Policy updates

Before Christmas, new updates to the 'Food and drink' and 'Fees and funding' policies were sent home via email and parent mail. Please ensure that you read these carefully and tick to confirm that you have read the 'Fees and Funding' policy by clicking the box at the bottom of the parent mail. To support parents with the new Early Years food guidance we will be sending further information about 'How to provide a healthy lunchbox' later this month.