

We have had a fabulous term following the children's interest in birds and all things about nature. We have been able to enjoy many adventure walks around the village, exploring new paths and observing the changing seasons in the trees and plant life. This has led to some wonderful sensory and art and craft activities; painting and collaging branches, blossom and daffodils; making daffodil tea and blossom soup. The children have really embraced bird watching, building bird hides and creating their own binoculars. They have been fascinated by the great tit building a nest in our bird box and the two robins that visits us every day at lunchtime, when all the children are inside and it is quiet enough for them to bravely enter our garden!

The children's interest is now leaning towards animals and role-play, so this will be explored in more detail after the Easter break. We hope to develop the interest in role-play by finding out about people, starting with similarities and differences between ourselves and moving on to the different roles people do and how they help us. If you or a family member has an exciting job role that the children may be interested in, please get in touch, we would love to hear more and perhaps arrange for them to visit!



Safeguarding your children:

Please be vigilant and ensure you **close and bolt** the gates after you have used them.

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

New Member of Staff

We are delighted to share that we have appointed a new member of staff to join the team. Mel has experience in working in another Herefordshire setting and has recently completed her Level3 Early Years Educator qualification. Mel will be joining us after Easter. We look forward to getting to know her and welcoming her into the team.

New Parent Declaration Forms for Early Education Funding

Forms to cover the next three terms have been distributed for completion. Please return them prior to the Easter break. Without it, we will be unable to claim for funding for the Summer Term.

Thank you to those of you whose forms we have received back already.

Speech and Language Student

For the week commencing 23rd March, we will be joined by Lottie. Lottie spent time with us for work experience whilst at sixth form. She now attends Keele University studying to become a Speech and Language therapist. She will be spending a week's placement with us to observe typical speech development in young children. Any observations she makes will be made anonymous and no individual children or their details will be shared outside of the setting.

'Healthy eating

At Madley Pre-School we promote and encourage healthy eating with all the children. We provide a range of healthy snacks that are regularly offered over the course of the term to encourage children to try them. Please ensure any food items within your child's packed lunch adhere to our healthy eating guidance. We also ask that any grapes, olives, blueberries, cherry tomatoes etc are cut in half or even quarters, if slightly larger. Please cut them lengthwise. Please refer to our Food and Drink policy and our Healthy Eating guidance for further information.

Friday 27th March will be the last day of term. Pre-School will be closed for the Easter break between Monday 30th March and Friday 10th April. The summer term begins again on Monday 13th April. We wish you all a Very Happy Easter!



	Summer Term 2026
Term Starts	Monday 13th April
Half Term	Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May And Closed for INSET on Mon 1st and Tues 2nd June
Term Ends	Friday 17th July