



Newsletter April 2026

We have followed the children's interest into all things role-play, beginning with our very own 'Madley Vets'! The children are enjoying learning new vocabulary and exploring different veterinary resources to use on our soft toy animals. They have mended many broken limbs and bandaged up plenty of head injuries as well as giving several vaccinations! We have made contact with a number of different professionals who will be making some exciting visits this half term, which will inspire our role-play moving forward. If you or a family member has an interesting or exciting job role or an incredible talent that the children may be interested in, please get in touch, we would love to hear about them!

Primary School Places

If your child is due to attend Primary School this September, please let us know which school they have been allocated so that we are able to make contact with them. As part of their transition, Reception class teachers often like to visit the children in their Early years setting to observe them at play and to talk to us about their progress.

'Wild garden' updates

A BIG Thank you to Emma for her tremendous work behind the scenes in applying for and gaining numerous grants to fund our fabulous 'Wild Garden'. The garden has really taken shape over the last few months. The children weeded and seeded the wild meadow flower bed (fingers crossed this takes off over the next few weeks!) they helped plant the pond plants and this week our team of little gardeners have helped to dig and plant our trees. Over the coming weeks we are excited to be able to add the finishing touches; bee hotels, bird boxes, bird feeders etc, and then enjoy all that nature brings over the summer months! The children are hoping for frogs, fish and crocodiles in the pond!!

Staffing updates

This half term we have been joined by Mel. Who has enjoyed talking to and getting to know the children over the last couple of weeks. She is beginning to get to know all the parents/ Carers too, please be patient as she gets used to so many new faces and families!

Sadly, we will be saying Good-Bye to Helen at the end of this half term. Helen has been a fabulous member of Madley Pre-School for almost 5 years, having started as an apprentice with us. Helen has been juggling Pre-School and farming for some time and has made the very difficult decision to become a, much needed, full time farmer on the family farm. She has kindly said that she is more than happy to return to offer cover for any staff sickness and/ or support on curriculum visits, so hopefully we will still maintain close contact with her. We wish her well and are very grateful for the time she has given to Madley Pre-School over the years. She has been a very valued member of our team, who always had a lovely calm demeanour with the children. She has always gone over and above for the setting and she will be greatly missed by us all. I am sure you will join with us in wishing her lots of luck on her farming journey!

MESC visits

Our School leavers have been invited to take part in 3 funded sessions at Madley Environmental Study Centre (MESC) next half term. MESC have been awarded a grant to support Preschool children with their environmental studies education and we are very lucky to be a part of this. Further information will be shared with eligible families in due course.

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

Please note: This half term break is unusually longer than most as Pre-School is also closed for 2 INSET days on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June.

