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**Combe Pre-school Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2025**

We hope you have all had an amazing summer, and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the start of the new Autumn term.

We would like to give a warm welcome to all our new children and parents, and we hope that you enjoy your time with us and make lots of new friends.



Monday 1st September – Staff In set Day pre-school closed,

Tuesday 2nd September - Term 1 starts at 8.50am,

Thursday 23rd October – Last day of term .

Friday 24th October – Staff Inset Day pre-school closed,

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October – Half term holiday pre-school closed,

Monday 3rd November – Term 2 starts at 8.50am.

Pre-school Academic Calander

You can download our term dates calendar from our “Calendar and What’s New “ page on our website [Combe Pre School](http://www.combepreschool.co.uk/calendar-and-planning.php)

Parental Declaration Forms (Funding Forms)

Please ensure you return your funding form to pre-school before the start of the new term, as we need to check any codes in advance. Thank You

School Dinners

Please remember to book you child’s school dinners before the start of term.

Class Dojo Communication App

All our new parents have been added onto our system. If you have any problems, then please let us know and we will be happy to help.

**Session Finish Times**

Please note are session finishing times are as follows; 11.50am, 12.50pm. 2.50pm, 3.20pm and 6pm. We may charge a late collection fee if you collect your child after these times.

Absence or Sickness

Please send us an email or call us on 01993 898813 if your child will be absent or is sick. As part of our Safeguarding responsibilities, a member of staff will call you if you if you do not contact us.

**Our Lending Library**

Your child is welcome to choose and borrow books from our lending library. Each child has their own library card that must be filled in when you take and return a book.

Happy Reading!

A group of books in a plastic bin

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2025 to 2026 Focus on Singing and Music

This year we aim to focus on “Singing and Music”, so our staff will be promoting a variety of songs to sing, and music to listen and dance to, along with exploring our musical instruments.

Poetry Basket

We are planning to re-start our ‘Poetry Basket’ this term. The staff will introduce a new poem each week to the children, and we hope the children will recite the poems, which will help to promote their language development. We will post each poem on Class Dojo each week for you to see and talk about at home.

Woodland Explorers

Our Woodland Explorer sessions will start on Monday 22nd September, as we feel that we need to settle our new children into our setting before we start these fun and exciting sessions. Please remember to bring your child in trouser and a long-sleeved top, with wellies, waterproofs and a coat when the weather starts to get wet and cold.

**Cooking Activities**

The staff are planning to do some lovely cooking activities with the children this term, so the children may have some food items coming home with them to eat.

**Coats and Boots**

As the weather is now starting to change, please bring in a coat and some boots for your child. We take the children outside in all weathers and the muddy garden (the garden with the Oak Tree) can get very muddy during the winter months.

**Sustainability and Climate Change Action Plan**

We now have a Sustainability and Climate Change Action Plan on place to ensure we become a Greener Pre-school. You can download and view it here [Combe Pre School](http://www.combepreschool.co.uk/sustainability-and-climate-change.php)

**Want to become a Committee Member!**

If you would like to join our pre-school committee to help make decisions about our pre-school, then please speak to a member of staff or email our Chairperson Sally Purssell directly at [sally\_1211@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sally_1211@hotmail.co.uk)

Committee meetings are held once every half term.

**Combe Baby and Toddler Group**

Our Baby and Toddler group starts again on Thursday 4th September from 9.30am to 11am in the Hub room (next to pre-school). It’s £3 per family and your first session is free. Please come along to meet other parents, have a tea or coffee and explore some fun toys and activities.

Easy Fundraising

If you enjoy shopping online, then you can still help us raise funds for pre-school and after-school club by creating an account and visiting retailers through this site. Companies will donate a percentage of money to our pre-school if you use this site whilst shopping online. You can access the link via our website or by visiting <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/?v=c>.

Website [www.comepreschool.co.uk](http://www.comepreschool.co.uk)

Our website is regularly updated with news and events, and you can also view our calendar dates for this academic year, so please look from time to time.

Facebook [Combe Pre-School | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/combepreschoolandafterschool/)

Don’t forget to like our Facebook page, where you can keep up to date with events and gain useful information such as activity ideas and information concerning the early years sector.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Andrea, Lisa, Anne-Marie, Kate, Becky, Chloe, Sophie, Harriet and Lydia.