

Combe Pre-school Newsletter Summer Term 6 2025



Monday 2nd June – Term 6 starts at 8.50am,

Sundy 8th June – Combe Pre-school Garage Sale,

Fridy 27th June- Staff Inset Day Pre-school closed,

Wednesday 2nd July- Pre-school AGM,

Wednesday 9th July – New September starters Introductory Morning 9.30am to 11.30am,

Tuesday 22nd July- Sports Day and End of term 11.50am.

Healthy Smiles Re-Accreditation Scheme

As many of you are aware, we hope to continue to be a tooth friendly setting and promote the importance of oral health to families and children at our setting.

The staff have now started to work towards achieving the re- accreditation and have started to submit evidence to the Community Dental Service team to complete the necessary standards. If your child is not yet registered with a Dental Practice, then please look at the attached Local Dentist Information sheet (via email) to find a suitable Dentist for your child and family. An awareness of good oral health is a great way to help prevent your child from suffering from tooth decay. You can find out more about tooth decay via this link [Tooth decay - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/tooth-decay/)

We now have an Oral Health page on our website to help parents to promote good oral hygiene with their children. Please take a look [Combe Pre School](http://www.combepreschool.co.uk/oral-health.php)

Promoting Good Handwashing Week

During the first week of term Monday 2nd to Friday 6th June, we will be having a Good Handwashing week, where we will be planning some fun activities and songs so your children can learn the importance of why we need to wash germs off our hands before and after certain times of the day such as before eating, after messy play, going to the toilet, blowing their nose and so on. We will be sharing some photographs of these activities on Class Dojo and our Facebook page, so please take a look. If you would like to come into the setting and join in with any of our activities or read a handwashing related story to the children, then you are more than welcome to join us. Just speak to member of staff.

Supporting and Encouraging Positive Oral Health

For week two of the new term Monday 9th to Friday 13th June, we will be promoting and encouraging your children to learn about good oral health. We will once again provide some fun activities such as a role play dentist, playdough dentist, painting with toothbrushes, playing healthy eating games, talking about what foods are good and bad for your teeth and reading lots of healthy teeth and dentist related books.

We will also be giving your child a tooth brushing chart to use at home. We would like you to return these to the setting once it has been completed so we can see how amazingly good your children have been at brushing their teeth. We are hoping to display these in our setting.

 Here is a link to the Community Dental Services family fun page so you can encourage your children to learn about oral health at home [Family Fun & Information – Community Dental Services](https://communitydentalservices.co.uk/oral-health/family-fun-information/)

 You can also subscribe to the Community Dental Services You Tube Channel to watch lots of informative videos on promoting oral health, how to prepare your child for a visit to the dentist, as well as accessing stories [Community Dental Services CIC - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZHf5Uxblln8jZyiGm9Jk-g/videos)

Celebrating Children Birthdays at Pre-school

We are frequently asked by Parents whether they can bring in cakes or sweets for a child's birthday. As we are striving to be a "Tooth Friendly" setting and because some children have allergies or food intolerances, we have started to discourage parents from bringing in cakes and sweets as they are unhealthy for children's teeth.

If Parents do bring in cakes or sweets, we will send them home with our children so parents can decide when or if their child can eat these. We do not give these items to children with an allergy or food intolerance if the label contains their known allergen.

How we celebrate children's Birthdays

 At Pre-school we have a special wooden birthday cake with candles and numbers so we can sing "Happy Birthday" at group times. Your child is also welcome to bring in a book from home for us to read to all the children.

Parents are welcome to bring in the following items as a healthier gift alternative for the children:

1. A small bottle of blowing bubbles,

2. A packet of stickers,

3. A small box of crayons or colouring pencils,

4. A small note pad,

5. Fresh fruit or vegetables to eat at snack time.

Healthy Start

This scheme was set up by the Government to help provide parents with money via a pre-payment card where you can buy milk, vegetables, pulses, formula, and free vitamins. If you are pregnant or have young children under four years of age and are on a low income, then you could be eligible. Parents can apply online, by phone or by email. Our staff have participated in a Heathy Start training to help support parents. If you think you might be eligible then please ask a member of staff for more details or see our information poster on our oral health board and leaflet in the corridor.

You can find out more information here [Healthy Start | Good Food Oxfordshire (gfo.org.uk)](https://www.gfo.org.uk/food-support/help-with-healthy-start/) or here [Get help to buy food and milk (Healthy Start)](https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/) or here [NHS Healthy Start - Home | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NHSHealthyStart/)

For the second part of our Dental Audit, the Community Dental Service would like to know how much you know about the Healthy Start scheme. Please can you all take a few minutes to fill in this quick online form [Healthy Start (office.com)](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=BGTVb1eNdkuheiLEHw6uPYcHW8mOlyFLruSoOGm3QZhURVhSOVEzRTBaTjQ2TjFRUUcxSUI0NEVFVC4u)

Thank You for your support.

50 Things to Do Before Your Five App



50 things to do before you’re five is a free app for Parents and carers of under-fives in Oxfordshire. You can now access a list of low and no-cost (local) activities to help promote early language development. With information, guidance and supporting resources, you can build a memory bank of your child's special moments – from playing in the rain (#29 Pitter Patter), building dens (#33 Home from Home) to making potions (#17 Hocus Pocus Potions). Numbers 43 and 30 are specific to Oral Health in children so please have a look. To find out more click here [50 Things to Do Before You're Five in Oxfordshire](https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome)

School Dinners

Please ensure you have booked your child’s school dinners for this term.

New Books in our Lending Library

We have added some new books into our library, so please take a look.



Pre-school AGM

Our Pre-school AGM will be held on Wednesday 2nd July at 8pm at Pre-school. All parents are welcome to come along to hear how the last year has had a positive impact on the children’s learning. We are need Parents to join our committee to help be involved in their children’s education and make important decisions about the direction of our pre-school. If you would like to join the committee or would like to find out more information, then please speak to Andrea or Lisa. Our Pre-school cannot operate without a committee, so our support is greatly appreciated.

Pre-school Garage Sale

Our fundraising Garage Sale will be held on Sunday 8th June from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We need helpers to bake some cakes and to help serve refreshments on the day, so if you can help, please contact Sally 07794 532648 or let a member of staff know.

New September Starters Introductory Visit

Our new children and parents who will be starting with us in September, will be joining us for an Introductory visit on Wednesday 9th July from 9.30am to 11.30pm. This gives the children an opportunity to become familiar with our environment and routine, and to meet our staff and some of the other children.

Parents Evenings

The staff will be holding Parents Evenings towards the end of the summer term. We will confirm dates closer to the time, and we will prepare a sign-up appointment list in advance for you to choose a time slot to speak to your child’s keyperson about their progress.

Easy Fundraising – Help us to raise funds for Pre-school

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 update with news and events, and you can also view our calendar dates for this academic year, so please take a look from time to time.

Facebook

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. [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/combepreschoolandafterschool/)

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter

Best Wishes

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