



KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

08 May 2025

THIS WEEK AT PLAYGROUP

We have been busy this week making flags and bunting to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day which took place on Thursday. The children have continued to dress as knights and princesses and engage in the small world play castle. Despite the cooler weather we have still spent a lot of time out in the garden and when the sun did make an appearance the water play was a huge hit, even if we did get a little bit soggy! Some of the children have planted sunflower seeds this week which we have been making sure to water. Watch this space for updates on how they are growing! If you are growing anything at home at the moment we would love to see any photos.



BOARD MEMBERS

Would you be interested in joining the Playgroup Board (a similar role to a school governor)? Please contact us for more information.



NB: COMPTON VERNEY TRIP 2025 SCHOOL STARTERS

Please remember to tell us whether or not your child can go, and if you are able to help, by **Monday 12 May!** You can reply by completing the slip attached to earlier emails, by completing a paper slip from the office, or simply by email.

NUMBERS AND COUNTING

At the same time as learning the 'code' for reading and writing, we are looking at matching counting to written numerals, and learning to write numbers. Some children find reading and writing numbers comes more naturally to them than using letters, so we will be building on this as part of their literacy as well as mathematical development.



MAY IS NATIONAL SMILE MONTH!

Look out for the toothbrushes coming home! Over 10% of three year olds and 30% of five year olds already have some tooth decay. Severe dental decay is the biggest reason for children aged five to nine being admitted to hospital for surgery.

CHURCH VISIT

We will be visiting St Francis Church at 1-2pm on Wednesday 14 May. This will be a smaller group for the older children that are in session on that day.

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SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Wandering off and getting lost: As the weather pretends to improve, children get a bit braver and may wander off. If they do - and it only takes a split second - it is important that they know who to approach for help and what to say. Help your child to learn their own name and your name (not just Mummy or Daddy) as well as your address or your phone number. At the same time, tell them with whom and when they should share that information.

When we are able to go on trips, all the children wear a bum bag with a laminated card inside showing Playgroup's contact number, which is an idea you could adapt for your own numbers at home. They also wear Playgroup sunhats with our logo and phone number. Other handy tips are to get your younger children to wear distinctive hats or T-shirts when you are out, then they can be spotted more easily, or to have each child in the family wear the same bright T-shirt or hand, so you can say, 'I'm looking for another one wearing this!'.

Reporting absence: We have a legal duty to keep a register of all children attending sessions, and to record their absences. This register may be inspected by Ofsted, Warwickshire County Council, and the Children's Team inspects if any safeguarding issues arise. It is important that we record why children are absent. Do let us know if any children are going to be away from sessions if you know in advance - eg for holidays or for appointments. Playgroup is not like school, you are very welcome to take holidays in term time, but please let us know. Equally, if your child is poorly, please contact as soon as you can on the day they are absent to tell us that they will not be in. Thank you to everyone for contacting us, we do appreciate it. Attendance rates are recorded on each child's end of year reports. We aim for at least 90%, although we do understand that life is always straightforward, especially for little ones; schools are required to look for at least 95% attendance.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

NB Playgroup sessions are open as usual for children not at their special events.

School starters 2025, summer trip to Compton Verney

Thursday 05 June 2024 9.00am to 2.30pm Cost £15.00

Everyone in the 2025 school year group is invited on this 'school trip'. Details have been sent by email, so please check your messages. We rely on parent helpers to be able to run the trip; if you are able to help, please let us know.

Playgroup Sports Days NB NEW DATE

Monday 30 June 2025, 10.00am to 12.30pm, school starters 2025

Everyone in the 2025 school year group is invited to come to their sports day, with their parents, friends and family. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the races. Please bring a family picnic to enjoy with your children at the end of the morning.

Wednesday 02 July 2025, 9.30am to 11.00am, younger children

A separate event for the younger children and their families and friends - slightly shorter in time but just as much fun!

Summer term 2025: Monday 28 April to Friday 18 July 2025
Half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May 2025

Autumn term 2025: First day of term - Wednesday 03 September 2025 (tbc)

Holiday Club will run over the half terms, Easter holidays and first four weeks of the summer holidays (except bank holidays). Please ask for details.

