



# Pear Tree Newsletter



## Summer Term 2026

Please continue to check the Family Newsfeed, as well as following us on Facebook



and Instagram for updates on what we have been doing at Pear Tree.



Key Dates	
21st May	Grasshopper Stay & Play
22nd May	Butterfly Stay & Play
25th May	Bank Holiday—Nursery closed
25th— 29th May	May Half Term for TTO children
Date TBC	School Leaver trip to The Sherborne
1st June	Little Learners & Leaders session
9th June	Grasshopper Summer Party
Date TBC	School leavers trip to Sherborne Abbey
12th June	Butterfly Summer Party
30th June	School Leavers Party & Presentation
6th July	Little Learners & Leaders session
17th July	Last day of summer term for TTO children
26th & 27th Aug	No funding for all
28th & 31st Aug	Summer closure for whole nursery
7th Sept	Beginning of Autumn Term for TTO children

Thank you to all of you who have visited nursery this past term for our various events. It has been wonderful to welcome you, and we hope you have enjoyed it. We feel that it is really important to build strong relationships with our families, this fosters trust and allows us to offer more personalised care for your child with continuity between home and nursery. When nursery's and families work together, it is proven to enhance a child's emotional stability as well as their development and long term outcomes.

We look forward to inviting you to more events this term, so please keep your eyes peeled on Family.

We are also planning some educational trips this term to The Sherborne and Sherborne Abbey (dates TBC).

Here are some highlights from the Spring Term!



Pear Tree Little Kickers



World Book Day



Celebrating Valentine's Day  
With Abbey View residents



Greg James Comic  
Relief Challenge



Mothers & Grandmothers Day



National Storytelling Week  
Adventures



# 'Little Learners and Leaders' with Sherborne Primary School

We are delighted to be continuing our Little Learners & Leaders sessions with Year 6 pupils from our neighbouring school, Sherborne Primary. These visits are designed to support our preschool children as they prepare to transition to school, helping them feel confident, secure and excited about their next big step.

During these sessions, the older children spend time playing, reading stories, engaging in creative activities and modelling positive behaviours. This provides our preschoolers with valuable opportunities to:

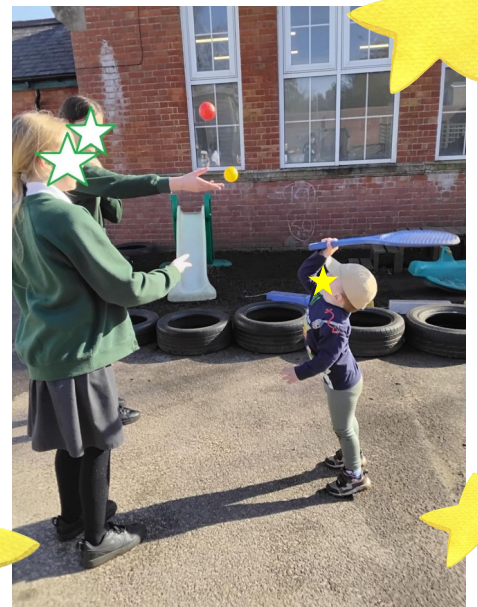
- Build confidence when interacting with older children
- Develop communication and social skills
- Practise turn-taking, listening and teamwork
- Ask questions about school in a relaxed and friendly environment
- Begin to feel familiar with 'Big School' in a gentle, supportive way

Having positive role models helps our children to see school as something exciting and achievable. The relationships they build with Year 6 pupils help to reduce anxieties and creates a sense of belonging within the wider school community.

It isn't just our Little Learners that will benefit from these visits. It will have a mutually positive impact on our Leaders too. They will:

- Increase their confidence and self esteem, taking on a sense of responsibility and pride in being a role model
- Develop their patience and empathy, whilst learning to adapt their language for younger children and strengthening their listening and questioning skills
- Model positive behaviour, learning how to guide and support others
- Build compassion and nurturing skills and feel valued within the wider school community
- As they prepare to transition to secondary school, these sessions give Year 6 pupils a chance to reflect on how far they have come, and give them a positive leadership experience to carry forward

Every month, we are proud to invite the Year 6 Leaders to visit nursery and look forward to watching all of the children continue to flourish in each others company.





## 'Little Steps to Big School'

Every day during the Summer term, the Grasshoppers who are starting school this September get to benefit from small group work where we focus on developing the skills they need when they start school.

So far, they have covered literacy and maths in these activities:

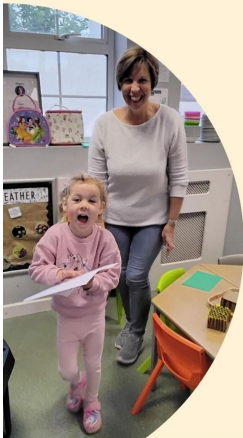
- Identifying the first letter of their name, tracing their letter with their finger and mark making in sand
- Identifying the first letter of their name, learning to say it phonetically and using a pencil to write it
- Practised their pencil control with Easter themed mark making sheets
- Finding their name writing cards, tracing their name with their fingers and then copying it
- Finding their initial egg card, tracing it and then writing it with wipe clean pen
- Using number lines to count from 0-20 and 10-0 individually and as a group
- Lining up the star numbers 0-10 and finding each number on their number lines
- Identifying numbers on their number lines
- Using their number lines to help them lay the rocket numbers out 0-10
- Taking turns to put the number magnets in order 1-10
- Placed the rockets in numbers 1-10 and put the correct number of stones on each rocket
- Counting the ladybird spots and matching the ladybirds numerals
- Matching the number of insects to numerals and practised putting our hands up to answer a question
- Used the insect cards to count the number of insects and identify the right number

We will continue with these daily sessions until the end of August and begin to add in other important skills such as dressing themselves, using the toilet independently and discussing how we feel about school, which will support the children to feel ready and excited to start school!

We hope you can join us for our May Stay & Play sessions!



# May Stay & Play



Please RSVP on the Family App to let us know you are coming and arrive with your children at 8.30am. The Stay & Play will run until 9.30am.

May Stay & Play dates:

Grasshoppers - Thursday 21st  
Butterflies - Friday 22nd

*Let's Party!*

You are invited to join us for our

# SCHOOL LEAVERS PARTY & PRESENTATION

Children to join us from 10.30am  
Parents to join us from 1pm  
Finish time 2pm

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TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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@ St Pauls Hall, Sherborne DT9 4DU  
PLEASE RSVP ON THE FAMILY APP

# Butterflies

All Butterflies are invited to join us for our

# SUMMER PARTY

on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am until 11am

@ Pear Tree Nursery

Please RSVP on the Family App

# Grasshopper SUMMER PARTY

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am until 11am

@ Pear Tree Nursery

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