

THE WENDY HOUSE

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NEWSLETTER

TERM DATES

2025

Break up for Summer term	Fri 4th Apr
Summer Term starts	Tue 22nd Apr
Break up Half Term	Fri 23rd May
Return	Mon 2nd Jun
Break up for Summer	Thurs 17th Jul
Summer Party	Fri 18th Jul
May Bank holiday	Mon 5th May
	CLOSED

AVAILABLE SPACES

We do have limited spaces available for this term. We are now allocating our September spaces. Please remember to return your September session forms back to Charlotte by 22 April.

If you would like to increase hours or know anyone either family or friends that might be interested, please come and discuss it further with Wendy/Charlotte.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

Could we please ask the parents to confirm the school their child will be going to in September. You will also be receiving notification of settling in days over the next few weeks once you have this information please inform Wendy/Charlotte of these dates so that we are able to update our records and register.

JANUARY 2025

Parents evening

We had a fantastic turnout at parents evening. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

As you can see the weather is starting to warm up a little and the sun is starting to shine. If your child requires sun cream please apply this at home along with a sunhat. The staff at the Wendy house are unable to apply the cream for you.

Could we please ask that once your child has settled into playgroup, they leave their toys, teddies, comforters etc at home.

We have a lot of resources and it can be challenging and cause children to be upset if their items cannot be found either during or at the end of the session.

COLLECTION

If your child attends either a morning or afternoon session please note that the morning session ends at 12:00 and the afternoon session ends at 3:30.

Please be mindful for our children that are staying for lunch, collecting your child late may upset the other children. If your child is staying for the afternoon session we do open the doors at 3:15 - 3:20 to accommodate siblings school pick ups. You are welcome to collect your child between 3:15 and 3:30 but please no later than this due to other users of the hall. Please speak to either Wendy, Nicky or Nikki if you think you may be late. If you are late to collect your child without prior approval you may be charged a late fee.

CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS

We have changed our bank details so if you have received any form of invoice from The Wendy House could you please use the following details:

Metro

A/c 54453655

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Emerson Valley Playgroup

REF: Childs Name.

PAYMENT BY CARD

We now have a Card Machine, which enables us to receive payment via card/phone. For more information please speak to Charlotte.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD AND US

We also want to continue to promote independence for all children. Please can all children put bags/lunch boxes on the trolley and carry in their own coat or hat to place on the peg. Also, if buying new coats, shoes please consider the ease with which the children can put on/take off themselves. Trainers with fixed laces can be **very hard** for the children and staff to get on and off. Our preference is velcro shoes/trainers. We would not expect children to do laces at this stage. There will be a box on the bag trolley to place all water bottles that your child may need for lunch.

TARGETS FOR THIS TERM

Below is a list of all targets that our children will be working towards. If you have any questions please come and see Wendy.

MATHS - Colours / Shapes.

LITERACY - Finding our name.

PHYSICAL - Riding a scooter, fine motor skills, drawing circles.

EMOTIONAL SKILLS - Sharing.

SOCIAL SKILLS - Helping others.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS - Asking for help.

SELF HELP SKILLS - At snack time, washing up/pouring milk/choosing/helping yourself.

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING of the WORLD - Painting with different tools.

ST MARKS MEALS

We are pleased to be able to share that we have partnered with St Marks meals. A registered

Charity which provides meal boxes to ensure children are not going hungry. We are able to pass these meal boxes on to our families in times of financial or other difficulties. If you, or someone you know is struggling please speak to Wendy or Nicky. Please don't be offended if you are offered a meal box, we know not everyone likes to ask for help, we just want to make your day a little easier.

BOOKS

We have lots of books and resources available that are available for parents to borrow as part of our lending library. please let us know if you would like to borrow any:

- Dual language books
- Potty training books
- Behaviour and wellbeing books.

ABSENCE

Please can we ask parents to let us know at the earliest opportunity if your child is to be absent from playgroup and the reason. (sickness, holiday, appointments etc). We don't mind you taking children out during term time, they are only little once and making memories is precious. By keeping us informed helps us with activity planning and keeping our registers up to date.

You can do this via Whats App using our mobile number: 07359 777267.

COAT DONATIONS

We will be placing our coat rack back out in September, however we do require some more donations, if you are looking at doing a spring clean over the Easter break we will be happy to take them.

EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS THIS TERM

St George's Day

Fathers Day

Mental Health Week

World Day of Culture diversity.