

The Wendy House

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Registered charity No: 1056708



Newsletter

Term dates

Break up – Thursday 17th July 2025

Summer Party – Friday 18th July 2025

Return – Wednesday 3rd September

Break up – Friday 24th October 2025

Return – Monday 3rd November 2025

Break up – Tuesday 16th December 2025

Return - Monday 6th January 2025

For more term dates please visit our website.

July 2025

With only a couple weeks left of the term we see our older children getting excited about going to school. All the staff at The Wendy House would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best and good luck in their new schools.

We would welcome any donations of the Wendy house tops, these can be passed to Wendy or Nikki, Nicky and Charlotte.

Our last day this term is Thursday 17th July. With the summer party being held on Friday 18th July 10am till 1pm. For those that have not returned their forms or payment please speak to Charlotte.

For those of you returning to us in September our first day back will be **Wednesday 3rd September**.

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 and disrupt our lunch session. 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 management 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.

Available spaces

We have some spaces available for September. If you would like to increase your hours or know anyone either family or friends that might be interested, please come and discuss it further with Wendy/Charlotte.

September invoices

Invoices for the Autumn term will be sent out via email in August. Payments will be due from 1st September 2025.

Please remember to update your codes and let Charlotte know once this has been done



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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.

From September if your child is absent and we haven't heard from you by 09:30 we will contact you.

Please help your child

We continue to promote children's independence. 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.

Messy Play

At the Wendy House we encourage our children to learn through play and we love Messy play. Messy play is crucial to help with fine motor skills, cognitive growth, creativity, social and emotional development along with sensory exploration.

For us to continue to do this we would like to ask for any donations you may be able to provide. Such as:

Flour, Salt, food colouring, dried rice and pasta, cornflour, dried cereals, chia seeds, flavour essence – peppermint, coconut, almond, Vanilla.

Thank you 😊

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.

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Clothing Donations

We will be placing our coat rack back out in September, however we do require some more donations of coats, jumpers, shoes, pjs age 0-11 years. Please speak to Nicky or Charlotte.

Events/Celebrations Next Term

5 September - National pizza day (Please save your pizza boxes)

19 September - Pirate Day

20 September - World Clean up day

29 September - World day of food loss and waste awareness day.

5 October - Harvest festival

10 October - World Mental health day.

21 October - Diwali

31 October - Halloween

5 November - Bonfire night

13 November - World Kindness day

14 November - National PJ day (wear your PJ's to school)

11 December - Christmas Jumper / clothes week.

Gift shop - Look out for more information in September

If there is a festival that is special to you and your family and we haven't mentioned it here – please let us know.

Bank details

Any form of invoice from The Wendy House could you please use only the following details

Account: 54453655

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Emerson Valley Playgroup

REF: Childs Name.

Payment By Card

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

Management Committee

*The Wendy House is a charity and is managed by a volunteer committee of parents. The next meeting will be confirmed in September and will take place **at the River Valley Centre.***

