



Excalibur Primary School

28th April 2025

Pre-school Weekly Newsletter

Term: Summer one Week: two



Our zoo themed stories this week were from the 64 Zoo Lane series. We heard adventures including 'Joey the Kangaroo', 'Henrietta the Hairy Hippo' and 'Georgina the Giraffe'. The children really enjoyed them!

On Monday, we found out facts about different wild animals. The children were excited to hear the sounds they made. They especially enjoyed the Chimpanzee and the Scarlet Macaw. We used our fine motor skills to cut out spiral snakes and to paint wild animals.

During maths time, we have been using and responding to positional language including on, under, in, out, in front, and behind. The children followed and used instruction to hide or find a hidden toy. They were very good! Our rhyme of the week was 'Humpty Dumpty', as it used positional language.

On Wednesday, the children worked hard during their PE lesson. They tried different ways of travelling including side stepping, galloping and marching. Then, everyone practiced their hula hooping skills. Next, we sent the hoops rolling around the hall and tried to avoid collisions with others. The children also enjoyed some races (in preparation for sports week). Super effort, everyone!

On Thursday and Friday, we spent much of the morning outdoors. The children enjoyed climbing on the adventure playground, exploring the nature area and using the trikes and balance bikes. The children particularly enjoyed finding (and following) a large May Bug.



Fingers crossed, we get lots of sunshine over the next few weeks!

VE Day

8th May 2025



Next Thursday, we will be joining the rest of the school, as we mark the 80th anniversary of 'Victory in Europe' Day.

The children are invited to wear something red (alongside their blue and white uniforms). Pre-school will take part in some VE day themed activities. After school, there will be a cake sale to raise money for 'Help the Heroes'.

A reminder of our weekly events

Wednesday – Just before lunch, we visit the school hall for our PE lesson. This includes; music and movement, ball skills, and yoga. The children need to bring their PE kit.

Thursday – The children need to bring their library pack as they visit the school library, in the afternoon, to take out a new book.

Friday – Gemma (from Rhythm Time) visits and the children enjoy a musical experience. There is also an earlier class available for babies and toddlers (please ask if you would like the details).

Friday – We have our Celebration Assembly and two children are chosen as the 'stars of the week'. We also choose a lucky pre-schooler to take home Danny Dinosaur. Danny Dinosaur stays for the weekend and then returns to school on your child's next pre-school day. We have a list so will try to make sure everyone gets a turn!

Please ask if you have any questions!

The Pre-school Team

