

**Matlock Pre-school
Playgroup Association**
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Our termly plan, that shows what the children will be learning, is on our website:
<http://www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com/learning-and-development.php>

For example this term we will be concentrating on the following:

- ✓ Mathematics – **Numbers.**
- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional development – **Managing Feelings.**
- ✓ Communication and language development – **Understanding.**
- ✓ Physical development – **Health and self-care.**
- ✓ Literacy – **Reading.**
- ✓ Understanding the world – **People and communities.**
- ✓ Expressive Arts—**Being imaginative.**

We will be encouraging independence this half term with an emphasis on government guidelines on ensuring that the Woolley Road children are **Ready for School**. Please allow your child to put on and take off their own coat and shoes.

The 10 keys to unlocking school readiness

- ☺ I can settle in the mornings without my parent /carer
- ☺ I can tell friends and grown ups what I need
- ☺ I can take turns and share when playing
- ☺ I can go to the toilet and wash my hands on my own
- ☺ I can put on my own coat and shoes and feed myself
- ☺ I can a tell a grown up if I am happy, sad or cross
- ☺ I know that what I do and say can make others happy or unhappy
- ☺ I am curious and want to learn and play
- ☺ I can stop what I am doing, listen and follow instructions
- ☺ I enjoy sharing books with grown ups and talking about them



Staff would like to invite parents and relatives to come in and chat to the children about their jobs or interests or share skills such as music, art and sports skills.

If you are able to come in please ring Liz



Special points of interest:

Children find it very disruptive if staff have to keep answering the door to late comers. Please ensure that you arrive at:

8.50am for the start of Tin hut sessions and

9.00am for Woolley road

Contact details:

Tin Hut: 01629 583639

Woolley Road:
07789737417

Liz Neil:

Please use in holiday time to contact pre-school or for general enquiries
07792 353802

Please let us know if there are any changes to your details.

E-mail :

matlockpreschool@gmail.com

Website:
www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH US - PICK UP A LEAF FROM PRE-SCHOOL, JOT DOWN THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND POP IT IN THEIR GREEN FOLDER.



Did you know; you will have the opportunity to see your child's learning journal 3 times in the year - but you can request it at any time!



We are a sun safe playgroup

Please include a NAMED sun hat and NAMED bottle of sun cream in your children's bags

MAINTAINING & FUNDRAISING

All the money raised so far has successfully gained us new outdoor learning equipment, ICT equipment and a bespoke sand pit built which has been designed especially for Woolley Road by one of our committee members - well done Mark and to Simon his helper. We have also built two new outdoor learning stations at Woolley Road, at the Tin Hut site we cleared out the cellar, fixed the planters and began repairing the outside steps.



Thank you to all the parents who freed some time to help at one of our maintenance days - your time is priceless in improving and maintaining your children's pre-school.

[\(check out our blog for more pictures!\)](#)

Further raised funds, and the Spring Fair income will be used to create sensory gardens at both sites. On top of this we will be applying for grants.






DON'T FORGET...


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Events


Dates	Event
Tues 9th May	Woolley road open morning 9am with Miss Worrall, deputy head at All saints, attending.
Mon 15th—Wed 17th May	Maintenance evenings 5.30-7.30pm, come down any or all of these three evenings to help with some easy jobs at Tin Hut.
Wed 17th May	Starlight charity clothing collection
Sat 20th May	Group photograph at 9.30am for Woolley Road Children. Individual photos for Woolley Road & Tin Hut children 9.45am.
Fri 26th May	Pre-school closes
Mon 5th June	Pre-school opens
Tues 6th June	Committee meeting 7.30pm Tin Hut
Sat 17th June	Summer fair '50 years' celebration at Tin Hut 2-4pm
W/C 12th June	Dress up week—please give a contribution towards the Summer Fair tombola
W/C 3rd July	Summer trip (Date TBC)
Fri 14th July	Pre-school closes (a week earlier than school)


 Parents meetings after Easter
 Look out for appointment time sheets.



































We are sad to announce that Mrs Fowles will be leaving us at Easter due to increasing personal commitments, and Mrs Hunt will be leaving us in May, they will be missed by the staff and children, we wish them both all the best for now and the future.

Mrs Fowles' key children will be taken on by Mrs Neil until a replacement has been appointed. Arrangements for Mrs Hunt's key children will be made nearer the time.

