



NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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😊 Our (almost) Monthly Newsletter keeps you up to date on all happenings at St Joe's Preschool 😊

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (further info to follow if not below):-

Thursday 20th November- Pre-school AGM 6pm to 7pm

Tuesday 28th November - Visit from Quarry House

Wednesday 3rd December - Once a month Visit from Carol and Jan for Storytime Session

Wednesday 10th December - Visit from Rev Stephen with Puppet Show Nativity-

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day! - Small Group visit to Quarry House

Friday 19th December - Last Day of term Christmas Party Day!

Sunday 21st December - Christmas Carol Service 6pm at Argyle Morley

Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January - Preschool Closed for Christmas Holidays

Christmas Jumper Day! - Thursday 11th December!!

It will be the traditional Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December so time to start getting festive and share a bit of Christmas sparkle!

Please note that you do not have to rush out and buy Christmas jumpers if you don't have one already, but you can be creative with an old jumper and a bit of tinsel or stickers too!

We will also be taking a small group of children on a trip to Quarry House on this day to show off their jumpers and sing a few christmas songs with the residents that normally come to visit us!

ADVANCE NOTICE!!!

Preschool Christmas Party + COMMUNITY SING SONG

9am to 1.15pm Friday 19th December

The last day of this term will be a Party Day to which ALL the children are invited from **9am** (Or earlier if you do Breakfast Club) and then Parents are welcomed back from **12.30pm** for a very informal **Community Christmas Sing Song** and 'Performance' by the children!

There will also be some Christmas Cheer/fundraising activities in the form of Mince pies, cupcakes, Lucky Dip, and our annual Christmas Raffle with a wonderful Food Hamper as 1st prize (**Donations of food towards making up the hamper gratefully received!!**) and a lovely Children's Activity Hamper as 2nd prize. (Plus, other prizes too!) Please do buy your tickets now!!

For the children's Party Lunch, we will be asking you to provide food **just for your child** on the party plates that we will be sending home in the week before. Just bring it back in the bag labelled with your child's name.

Please note that **we finish at 1.15pm** on this day and there will be no afternoon session!

(All children are invited to attend from 9am)

Children due to start School/Reception next September (2026)

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!! If your child will be due to start Primary school next September, then the deadline for applications is 15th January 2026. Lots of the school have had their Open Days already, but you can contact schools directly if you are interested and want to take a look before you decide! You will need to apply for your place online. Click this link to apply: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply>

Has your child had their Flu Jab?!

Please see the attached letter from Bristol City Council about the importance of flu vaccinations and caring for your child through the inevitable winter coughs and colds.

Forest School Sessions

Forest School Sessions where we take small groups of children down to the woods on a Monday morning and a Wednesday afternoon are continuing where weather and staffing numbers allow, but these sessions also depend on having extra help in order to support the children when crossing the road and to help supervise their play once there. If you can spare an odd morning or afternoon to join us, it would really be appreciated and would mean that we could take more children with us when we go! Please speak to Cathy if you would like to volunteer for an occasional session!

We also have a special Forest School Medical information sheet that we will need you to complete in order for your child to attend. You can pick up a hard copy from the information table as you come in. Thanks!



E-Safety in the Early Years

You may think that you don't need to worry about keeping your children safe online at their young age, but we have seen how many of the children are more tech savvy than we are! Attached is a guide to 'Keeping Under 5s Safe Online' which I hope will contain some useful advice to start your children on the safe surfing road!

ECO Tip of the Month – Don't just bin it – reuse and repurpose it, or let us do that for you! Save us your small cardboard boxes, tubes, old kitchen utensils, out of date pasta/other food stuff, bottle tops, buttons, bits of ribbon, anything else you think we might be able to use for crafting and exploring! 😊

Healthy Eating Tip of the Month – Try these SWAPs for a healthier but still fun to eat Packed Lunch!!

More info at <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-food-swaps/#lunch>

	
Swap from	Swap to
✗ Split pot yoghurts and pudding pots	✓ Lower-sugar fromage frais or plain natural yoghurt
✗ Cake bars and cereal bars	✓ Sugar-free jelly
✗ Muffins and chocolate	✓ A slice of malt loaf or a fruited teacake
✗ Crisps	✓ Fresh or tinned fruit (in juice, not syrup)
✗ Juice pouches and fizzy drinks	✓ Plain popcorn, plain rice cakes or raisins
✗ Tinned soup	✓ No-added-sugar juice drinks, or water with berries and chopped fruit
✗ Ham and cheese sandwiches	✓ Homemade spiced chicken and vegetable soup or harvest vegetable soup
	✓ Our delicious beefed up sarnies

ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR YEAR 2025 to 2026

- Term 2 3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025_
- Term 3 5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026_
- Term 4 23 February 2026 to 2 April 2026_
- Term 5 20 April 2026 to 22 May 2026_
- Term 6 1 June 2026 to 22 July 2026_

NB: WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR FIVE IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS DURING THE YEAR.

We have 3 more in-service training days provisionally booked on:-Monday 23rd February 26, Thursday 2nd April 26, + Wednesday 22nd July 26. (We hope to stick to these dates, but may have to change one subject to Trainer availability)
We also close for Bank Holidays. (But most bank holidays fall in non-term time anyway!)

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