

Nursery Note



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Friday 13th February 2026

Summer Term Session Amendments

Following our recent funding and charging consultation and consequent introduction of our updated funding and charging model at Hordle Explorers Nursery (please find the letter confirmation sent to families [HERE](#)), we wish to remind all families that should you wish to amend your child's session times, to confirm this in writing before the end of day today, **Friday 13th February**. To confirm, our new sessions, effective from Summer term, are as follows:

Breakfast Club - 8:00am - 9:00am

All Day Session - 9:00am or 10:00am - 3:00pm or 3:30pm

Morning Session - 9:00am or 10:00am - 12:00pm

Afternoon Session: 12:30pm - 3:00pm or 3:30pm

After School Club: 3:30pm - 4:30pm or 5:00pm or 5:30pm (please be reminded that After School Club is open until 5:00pm only on Fridays)

All hours attended during 10:00am - 3:00pm will be funded, up to 25 hours per week, dependent on your eligibility. Any hours attended outside of the funded times, will be invoiced at our standard hourly rate of £8.00 per hour.

'39th Week' Update

We wish to inform families that, effective from September 2026 we will no longer be charging for the '39th week' and instead will claim these hours as funded hours. However, please note that this is subject to entitlement and funding allowances available to us across the year so some families may still incur an invoice at the standard hourly rate, once they have used up the funding allowance available to them. We will endeavour to make you aware when you are close to your child's total claimable hours, wherever possible.

Payment Options Update

In addition to this, we will be offering families the option to pay invoices monthly rather than half termly from April 2026 - payment due dates will be amended in line with this approach to support parents in managing nursery fees in a more manageable way. We hope this will benefit our families but if you have any financial concerns and wish to discuss a more bespoke payment please email hen@hordleprimary.co.uk and we will advise. Please note that late payment fees will still apply.

Session Confirmations

All changes to your child's sessions will be updated accordingly and a further reconfirmation of all hours will be sent to all families, regardless of whether you have changed hours, during next half term.

Updated Funding Forms

As a result of the funding changes, new funding forms for Summer term will be sent home with families after February half term, along with updated guidance on how to complete. As a reminder, we require a completed funding form for all families, regardless of funding eligibility.

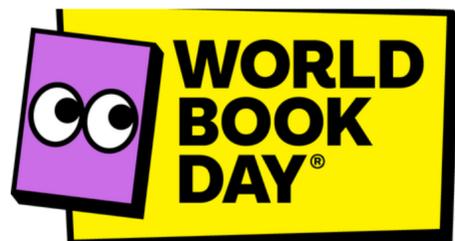
We thank you all for your understanding and cooperation with these recent changes.

Parent Drop In's - Tuesday 3rd March

We wish to invite parents to our upcoming 'Drop In's' session on Tuesday 3rd March, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

Drop In's are a chance for you to catch up with the nursery team and see what your little ones have been up to recently.

No appointment necessary - please just pop in!



World Book Day - Friday 6th March

We are excited to share that Hordle Explorers will be participating in World Book Day this year.

To celebrate World Book Day, we will be holding a 'Story O'Clock' in the afternoon with our HEN children.

Team Wild will join Team Nest for the afternoon, coming together for dressing up, shared story time and a book themed 'story picnic'.

This event will be taking place within your child's standard session and is for children only.

Team Nest children can come dressed up on the day. However, please can we ask that Team Wild come dressed in their usual waterproofs and bring their outfit in a bag.

Please remember that costumes do not need to be expensive and can be created at home using what you already have. Please find some 'dressing up' ideas/solutions from World Book Day [HERE](#).

Did you know? Nearly 1million children in the UK don't have a book of their own.

World Book Day kindly donate a book token for each child which can be swapped for a child's book. These have now been distributed to classes and will be coming home with your child in due course. We are pleased to share that tokens can be redeemed at the following retailers:

Tesco, New Milton
Waterstones, Lymington
The Imaginarium, Lymington

World Book Day have also introduced electronic book tokens which can be found [HERE](#). The book token barcode can either be scanned from your phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store.



Late Collection Fees

There has been a recent increase in late collections from both nursery and After School Club.

We wish to remind all families that all late pick ups will be invoiced at the standard hourly rate and are invoiced at increments of 15 minutes.

Late fees and charges invoices are payable at your soonest convenience.

Charity Cake Sale - Friday 6th March

Team HEN will be holding it's charity cake sale Friday, 6th March, in support of their chosen class charity **LimBo**. If you are able to provide some sweet treats (nut free), either homemade or shop bought, please take them to the classroom on the morning of the sale. **Please let us know in advance if you are able to help in setting up and/or selling the cakes.**



EYFS Curriculum

We are excited to share our updated Early Years Curriculum with our Hordle Explorers families, which can be found here: [NEW EYFS Curriculum](#)

We hope you find this document useful to further understand how Hordle Explorers support your child in their ongoing development and education.

If ever you have any questions or concerns, please do let us know and we will be more than happy to help.

Bag2School Reminder

Help Team PATCH team raise funds by donating your unwanted, quality items! Our next Bag2School collection is organised for **Tuesday 24th February**.

Bags can be dropped off to the front school car park after school drop off from **Monday 23rd February** and no later than 9am on **Tuesday 24th February**.

Please ensure items are securely placed within a bag and please place the bags under the provided tarpaulin to protect all clothing from the rain. This is extremely important as wet clothes will not be collected and unfortunately, we will be forced to dispose of them.



For a full list on what you are able to donate on this occasion, please click [HERE](#).

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support!



Spring Term Invoice Reminder

A polite reminder that final payments for Spring term invoices are due today, **Friday 13th February**.

Please note that a £20 surcharge will apply for any late payments, so please ensure timely payments are arranged to avoid unnecessary additional fees.

If you have made payment via TFC or if you have paid via Childcare Vouchers, please email hen@hordleprimary.co.uk to confirm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Further to our recent communication regarding funding arrangements at Hordle Explorers Nursery, funding and invoice information has been updated on our website. Should you wish to review any of the information, please click [HERE](#).

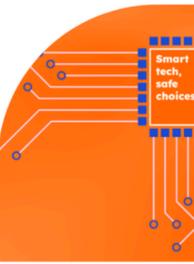
E-Safety

This week, on Tuesday 10th February, was the UK Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is 'Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.'. As part of Safer Internet Day, please click here for the UK Safer Internet Centre's Top Tip for Parents and Carers. 

Safer Internet Day – 10th February 2026

Top Tips for parents and carers

[Register your support](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

New dates are in **BOLD**

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

February Half Term (School & Nursery Closed)

Tuesday 24th February

Bag2School Collection

Tuesday 3rd March

HEN Parent Drop In's (3:30pm - 4:30pm)

Friday 6th March

Team Nest & Team Wild Charity Cake Sale (more information to follow)

Friday 13th March

PATCH Mothers Day/Special Persons Event

Friday 20th March

INSET Day (School & Nursery closed)

Tuesday 24th March

HEN Portraits (Spring Starters & Mop Up Photos)

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Easter Holiday (School & Nursery Closed)

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday (School & Nursery Closed)