

Autumn | Issue 2  
November 2024

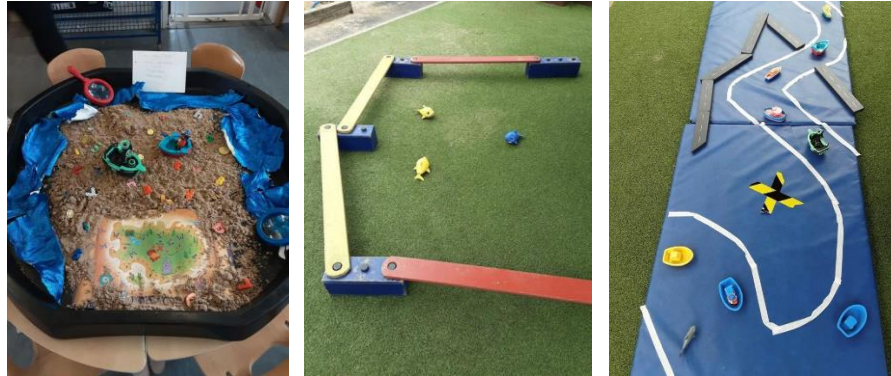


## Autumn term

Welcome to the last half of the Autumn term, we hope you had a lovely half term break.

**What have  
we been up  
to...**

We enjoyed the topic 'Pirates', threading necklaces, making maps and telescopes, explored pirate themed tuff trays, walked the plank over shark infested waters, played small world pirate boats and also created a huge parrot collage picture as a group inspired by one of our favourite books, 'The Parrot Tico Tango'.



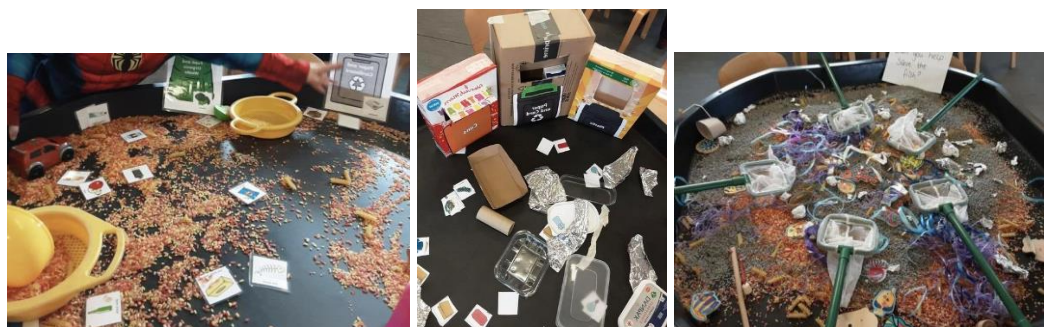
Harvest was the next theme where we explored nature trays, used leaves to make collages, made apple crumble to take home and had a special visit from a tractor, which the children loved.



We also had our own harvest, collecting up the last of our Preschool cherry tomatoes and Beetroot. We then tried them at snack time after they had been turned into tomato soup and beetroot brownies.



We have been talking about what we can recycle, sorting through the rubbish we create at lunch times and ensuring we are recycling the most possible. We have learnt all about Zero Pond in Ten Town and how to clean up our Zero Pond tray. We learnt about the importance of putting our rubbish in the bin when we are out and about. We also explored ways to reuse cardboard boxes, making a home for a cuddly toy in the process.



We finished the half term exploring Halloween. Lots of costumes were worn, we had pumpkin carving, spooky painting boards, Slimy spider web sensory trays and the children have been learning how to safely hammer nails into pumpkins.



We have started our themes for this half term, Remembrance, Bonfire night, Nursery Rhyme week, Traditional stories and Christmas.

As you may know we use Ten Town, an award-winning numeracy resource designed by former Reception Class teacher Rebecca Sandy. Created specifically for the early years, it focuses on building strong basic number skills. Ten Town offers an exciting range of online content along with the opportunity to apply the knowledge in practical activities that encourage learning through play. Throughout the year we will focus on a different number/character.



## Staff Changes

We are pleased to say there are no changes to staff this half term.

## Fundraising

Our Halloween event ‘**The pumpkin trail**’ was a huge success. The event was well attended with over 110 maps sold! We held our first ‘bring it in day’, fancy dress in exchange for sweets. This enabled us to keep the outgoings to a minimum so managed to raise over £400! AMAZING!

We hope you enjoyed the event as much as our witch did! Thank you for all your support and a massive thank you to the fundraising committee for another successful event!



Thank you to those who have returned their sponsorship money for the ‘**half term challenge!**’ We have loved hearing what the children have been up to. Its not to late to bring in your monies or sponsor your child.

As you shop “**easyfundraising.co.uk**” is another way you could also help raise money for the preschool. You can do so by following the link below to register your support and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the pre-school.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

“**My School Fund**”, in association with Sainsbury’s, Argos and ESPO, links your spend at these shops with your chosen school, meaning that every time you make a purchase you both benefit. Both the school and you will receive an eGift card to spend at participating retailers based on a percentage of your overall spend. Visit [www.myschoolfund.org](http://www.myschoolfund.org) for more details and to sign up for free.

‘**PRESCHOOL WISHES**’ located on the entrance fence. This is our way of asking for small donations of items for snack, like apples or bread sticks, daily cleaning products like anti-bacterial spray or resources we can use for messy play like shaving foam or corn-flour. If you are able to help by donating one of the items, it helps to keep some of our costs down. Just hand one of the dowels to a member of staff to let them know you will be able to donate the item. Thank you in advance for your support.

**FUNRAISING HELP** Our fundraising events are essential to support the running of the preschool and we need as much help as possible. Do you feel like you could sometimes help with our fundraising events but could not commit to joining the committee? We have a WhatsApp group dedicated to this. In this group there are discussions about different events we could hold, up and coming events, jobs/tasks required before the event and support at the event. You can join the group and offer your help as and when you can. Please speak to Abby or Hollie to be added.



Coming  
up...

Beetley & District  
Preschool  
Registered charity No. 228208

Raising money for Beetley Preschool

# Wreath Making

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 7.00pm  
SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 10.30am

Doors open 30 minutes before

**£25 Per Person**

**Includes all foliage, Mince pie and hot drink**  
(Please bring any decorative pieces)

BEETLEY VILLAGE HALL  
NR20 4BY

To book your space please email the  
preschool on  
[office@beetley-preschool.org](mailto:office@beetley-preschool.org) or  
message us on our facebook page

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# **Christmas Tree Festival 2024**

Thursday 28th November

to

Thursday 5th December

10.00 am to 8.00 pm

(Sunday 12.00 noon to 8.00 pm)

Entrance free.

Stalls, raffle, tombola. Refreshments

Groups welcome, please book

Tel. 07999 532002

Babies  
and  
Toddlers



**Beetley Bears**  
*Run by Beetley and District Preschool*

**Stay and Play group.**  
**Age range: 0-4 years**  
**£3 per family of up to 2 children,**  
**includes a snack for the children**  
**and a hot drink for adults.**  
**Additional children are 50p.**  
**9.30am-11am**

Beetley Village Hall  
High House Road  
Beetley  
NR20 4BY

**Thursdays  
Term Time**

01362 860860  
office@beetley-preschool.org

**Things to  
remember...**

Please do not park your car in the horse-shoe area outside of the school gates or in the school car park. We appreciate that parking outside school can be a challenge, but this area needs to be kept clear for emergency vehicles, buses and deliveries.

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and let the preschool know. If your child has sickness or diarrhea they should not return to preschool until 48 hours after the last time it occurred; if your child has been given Paracetamol on a morning, they would normally attend preschool, they should remain at home and if your child has a continuous new cough, high temperature and/or cold symptoms they should also remain at home. This will help protect us all. Thank you.



## Funding

Preschool funding is currently available for 3–4-year-old's. This consists of 15 hours universal entitlement for all children which becomes available the term after their 3rd birthday. In addition, for working parents of 3–4-year-olds this can be extended to 30 hours per week. Working parents/carers of 2 year olds can claim 15 hours funding or there is funding available if you are claiming certain benefits. To keep up to date with what you are entitled to, go to the Childcare Choices website at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Did you know that we may be entitled to £300 additional funding to improve the education of your 3 or 4 year old? This is called Early Years Pupil Premium, EYPP and to find out if you qualify call the Family Information Service on 0344 800 8020 or go to [www.norfolk.gov.uk/eypp](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/eypp)

## The Preschool Committee

We are a committee run preschool and without our committee the preschool would have to close. We meet once a month, usually at the beginning of the month on a Thursday from 7.30pm until 8.30/9pm. During these meetings we discuss the past month at preschool, the preschool finances, we plan fundraising events to support the preschool and discuss and make decisions, with regard to the running of the preschool. It's a great opportunity for you to get involved and have your say in supporting the preschool and providing the best experiences for your child and the other children. If you would like to be involved, please message or speak to a member of staff/committee.

### Our current committee members are:

Charlie Wood (Chairperson)

Will Wilson (Vice Chair)

Laura Cross (Treasurer)

Amy Pulfer (Secretary)

Zoe Lawrence (H&S Officer and Fundraising coordinator)

Abigail Jenkins (Preschool Manager)

Danielle Edwards, Chloe Ott, Laura Harvey, Becca Reynolds

## Policies

There have been no recent changes to the policies as these have all been updated for the rest of this year. Copies are available on our website or speak to Abby or Hollie.



## Dates for the Diary

4 <sup>th</sup> Nov-20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Autumn term 2
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fakenham Christmas tree festival
29 <sup>th</sup> + 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wreath making
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Preschool
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity and Christmas party
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Spring Term 1



Norfolk County Council

# 2024-2025

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils  
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday  
 Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

**School  
starters  
2025**

Reception class applications for September 2025 are open and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



## IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

**We would like to invite you to visit St Mary's Community  
Primary School for a stay and play session.**

***Come and spend some time with our current Reception cohort  
and staff to experience the learning environment. You will also  
have the opportunity for a tour of the school and meet our  
Headteacher.***



**STAY AND PLAY  
SESSIONS:**

**MONDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 1:30-  
2:30PM**

**THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup>  
NOVEMBER 1.30-  
2.30PM**

**Please register your interest by [CLICKING HERE](#) or visiting our  
website at [www.beetleyschool.co.uk](http://www.beetleyschool.co.uk)**

***If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the  
school on 01362 860114 or via email at: [office@st-  
marysbeetley.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marysbeetley.norfolk.sch.uk)***