



Noah's Ark September Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good start to the new academic year!

We will concentrate on getting to know all new children with our All about me topic for this term. We will build on knowledge that children already have, who are still here from the last academic year. We are working on increasing children's vocabulary and helping them to become more independent.

In the coming weeks, the team will plan appropriate activities to include stories and topics to support children's development and independence. For ease of settling in, please supply us with a family photo which we will display in the pre-school.

We hope that you all have a wonderful academic year at Noah's Ark.

Kind regards

Bettina Campion

New Learning Platform

We have chosen **Tapestry** software for our new means to communicate the children's learning journey with parents. We are still getting used to the new features and will soon be sending relevant photos, observation online. But before we do so, you will need to return the permission slip and activate the account or we won't be able communicate with you.

Thank you for your soonest action on these matters.

Staff news

We are delighted to announce that we have employed Terri Doolan (subject to all necessary checks), who will start her apprenticeship in October 2025 with us.

We also welcome Thara al Thaalebi, Kayan's mum, who has started a Level 3 Early Years Educator course and will be on placement here on Tuesdays.

We wish both of them a wonderful start and much success at Noah's Ark Pre-school

Stickers and monthly lunch time winner

We reward children with stickers for being especially 'kind and helpful' (our motto) and for taking part in our daily register or other challenges. We also select a monthly winner of healthy lunches to celebrate eating a variety of foods such as vegetables and fruit.

Clothing and shoes

For the forthcoming autumn weather, children will need to bring warm clothes such as jackets and when you supply spare clothes please include appropriate long sleeved clothing and trousers or tights for girls. Please also include socks and underpants. Please also consider appropriate shoes. Shoes should be fitting well so that children don't trip. Wellies can be worn when it's raining, but please supply us with other shoes as well. Thank you for your understanding

Noah's Ark Committee

Noah's Ark Pre-school is overseen by a Committee which enables us to work under the rules of a Charity. Our present members are Richard Mendez Caina (Chairperson), Maria Leon (member), Caleb Dadson (Gabby's dad), Hena Lachman (Secretary) and Carole Mullet (Treasurer). We need new and additional members for the next term who will be elected at the next AGM. We have many exciting plans for Noah's Ark and hope that you will want to be part of this through our Committee. The next AGM date will be announced soon.

Policy changes

We are expecting our Ofsted inspection for this academic year and have updated some policies in line with new requirements from September 2025 onwards. These include 2 or more name emergency contacts, whistle blowing policy, respecting children's privacy when changing nappies or during toileting, following up on unexplained absences as well as safer eating. You can view these policies online or by asking at Noah's Ark Pre-school.

Dates for your diary

Chat and Play - 23rd September 2025 from 9.30am until 10am and 12.45pm until 1.15pm

Walk to the Park - 21st October - come and join us on our traditional walk to the park to find things for autumn displays - start 9.30am (afternoon children can join with their parents and then need to be returned for the afternoon session). This event is weather permitting and needs parent helpers.

Parents consultation meetings - week beginning 10th November. Dates and timings will be released a week before.

Pyjama day - 14th November. Dress up in your favourite pyjamas.

Christmas singing - Friday 12th December - 9.30am

Half term holidays - 27th October until 31st October. The pre-school reopens on 3rd November

Last day of term - Monday 15th December - The pre-school reopens on 5th January 2026