



Noah's Ark January Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well!

The children including our new starters have settled well into the routines. New starters are learning our hygiene routines as well as independence such as self-care and concentration skills. With the older children we will be concentrating on fine motor skills to help them develop writing skills in time for reception. Example activities are threading, mark making, eating with knives and fork.

This term our topics will be *Winter themes (weather, winter animals, what do we need to keep warm?), Healthy Food and Teeth and Feelings. We have recently added scrambled eggs and toast and other baked bread for the children's snacks time.*

Weekly activities tend to be based around favourite stories bases and in keeping with themes. On World Book day children are encouraged to bring in their favourite book to school. We hope to develop all children's vocabulary and communication skills with all our stories and have last week resumed our weekly library.

We are looking forward to a fun and educational spring term with the children.

Kind regards

Bettina Campion

Tapestry

We use Tapestry for your children's online learning journal. Please have a look when it has been updated and any comments/observations are very much appreciated. You can also add pictures from home.

We will also send the Newsletter through Tapestry as well as via email. At the end of the academic term, parents will be sent a pdf Learning Journal.

Monthly lunch time winners

We reward children with a special mention in our newsletter for having a healthy lunch. It is part of our HEYL Bronze award and a EYFS requirement to promote healthy lunches. As a reminder crisps are not allowed as well as foods containing nuts. The winners in the Autumn term were: Athina, Justin & Celina. Well done!😊😊😊

Winter Clothing

We suggest boots during the winter season. Wellies are not suitable for the activities at Noah's Ark as they make running and climbing difficult and do not keep children's feet warm. If your child wears them, please supply other shoes to change into.

Noah's Ark Committee Members wanted!!

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). Nomzamo Mshibe, Asante's mum, is in the process of joining and awaiting her DBS and EY2 from Ofsted. But we need more members to replace those who intend to leave within a year. Some parents, who came to the AGM, voiced their interest in joining. Please can you let me know if you still want to become a member and I will discuss the process of joining with you. We would like you to be part of your child's journey at Noah's Ark!

Policy changes

We have recently updated our Safeguarding and Nappy changing and toileting policy. We also added a new policy for Attendance and absence. All policies are available online or here at Noah's Ark.

Dates for your diary

Princesses and Heroes day - 9th February. Dress up in your favourite princess or heroes costume. No need to buy one if you don't have one, we have plenty spare.

Half term holidays - 16th February until 20th February. The pre-school reopens on 23rd February.

Parents consultation meetings - week beginning 2nd March 2026. Dates and timings will be released a week before.

Chat and Play - 16th March at 9.30am and 1.30pm. Come and join your child at Noah's Ark for a play and chat with the team and parents.

Cake sale for Lenten project in conjunction with Helen and Emanuele (former Noah's Ark parents) - 20th March

Last day of Spring term - 27th March. The pre-school reopens on 13th April 2026

Sports Day - 19th June at 9.30am until 10.15am

Summer term ends - 17th July

Church Visit 6.1.26

