



Little Apples Pre School

Monday Newsletter - 02 March 2026

Housekeeping:

Book Week celebrations w/c 02 March: We have planned many activities for this week in early March so please keep an eye on the Website calendar. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 5th March or dress in Mufti and bring along 3 items that relate to their book. Please see email sent home last week for more details.

Cross Country – KS1: Speen Village is hosting a Cross Country Inter School Tournament tomorrow on the Speen Playing Fields. If you are passing by or in the village looking for something to do on a beautiful afternoon, do go along and cheer for our team.

Lost Property: We have increasing amounts of unnamed lost property in the school. Please keep regularly checking the containers under the gazebo for items that belong to your child. At the end of each month, any unclaimed items will be given to the Eco-Council for recycling.

School Council

Eco Council

Thank you to all the families that donated clothes to be collected by Little Recyclers.



School Council

The Year 1 and Year 2 are enjoying their new art club which is held every Monday lunchtime. We have made lots of fun things like lanterns, collage and different types of sketching. This week we will be starting our watercolour sea pictures for the Rotary Club art competition.

We would like to set up a gardening club. If there are any parents who would like to come and help us one lunchtime a week, please let the school council know through the school office.

Usual reminders:

Please can we ask all Parents to check their child's bag every weekend. It is important that we have the following for your child in Little Apples every day: A supply of nappies (if applicable), wipes, waterproof warm coat, hats & gloves, spare trousers, socks, pants – all named please. For your convenience a drawstring bag is available from our uniform supplier:

<https://www.differentclassschoolwear.co.uk/collection/littleapples-preschool>

Tapestry – Reception Class / Little Apples

This program is being used in the classroom as a means of communication primarily curriculum based. Any other queries can be emailed to the School office.

Going forwards, it is lovely if you can add comments or 'likes' from time to time so that staff know you have seen what has been added under your child's profile. At the end of each year, parents / carers receive a link where they can download the entire journal from the year

Parking: We are grateful to all Parents who are careful where they park when you drop off and pick up your child. You may like to park closer to the Shop and walk an extra few minutes down to the gate. Parking across dropped curb areas or driveways is not advised. If your child is collected by another adult, please ensure you pass this on to them. Thank you for showing consideration and remember that your child's safety is important at all times.

Library: We are changing the way we send out our books to make it easier for children who don't attend every day. We will have a library return box outside each day and you can return your book from your child at any time. We will keep a record of which book has been sent home, but will still offer your child a book on a Tuesday and Thursday if the previous one hasn't been returned.

Weekly learning

At the end of each week we are uploading information to the School Website for the following week's learning. We have included a link to this page to make it easy to access for you:

<https://www.speenschool.com/page/?title=Little+Apples+Pre%2DSchool&pid=43>

Social Media:

Do follow Speen School and Little Apples on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/speencofeschool/> <https://m.facebook.com/SpeenSchool>

Little Apples/ main School Diary Dates:

(for Diary dates set for this academic year, please see the calendar link)

<https://www.speenschool.com/calendar/?calid=1&pid=5&viewid=1>

This is the space where weekly activities are mentioned that are extra to the daily curriculum. Please remember to read and add to your diary, however these dates are not set in stone as they sometimes get changed for reasons beyond our control, so it is very important that you read this reminder letter very carefully and make a note of any dates / date changes.

PTA Diary dates

Smarties Challenge – Friday 6th March

We hope all the children have been enjoying this activity and have been lending a hand at home.

*Please remember to return smartie tubes this **Friday the 6th March**. Remember to decorate your tube to be in with a chance to win a prize.*

How to Join the Smarties Challenge:

1. **Eat & Keep:** Enjoy your Smarties but save the tube! It's about to become the vessel of your creativity and generosity.
2. **Earn & Fill:** Encourage your child(ren) to do some chores around the house or for neighbours (with supervision). Fill the empty Smarties tube with coins, 20p coins fit perfectly! (All donations are very much appreciated)
3. **Decorate:** Get creative and decorate your Smarties tube. Let your imagination run wild! Glitter, paint, stickers, or anything you can think of. **The top 3 decorated tubes will win a fantastic prize!**

Return: Please bring your filled and decorated Smarties tube back to school by **Friday 6th March 2026**

Cake Bake Sale – Change of Date – Friday 6th March

Due to sports clubs and a busy day for World Book Day, we have moved this event to Friday. We will be set up from 3pm if you prefer to come a little early to select a cake.

We still need some bakers / cake donations for Friday. If you are able to bake for the cake sale please let one of the PTA know or message Fleur Ridley (07793458698)

Mental Health First Aider:

We now have a trained member of staff in this qualification. Should you feel the need for any support please do not hesitate to get in touch via the School office. All enquiries will be treated confidentially. This note will stay in Monday Newsletter weekly.

We hope you find this Little Apples Monday Newsletter email useful, and if you need to know anything at all or would like clarification about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. I work in the office every day: Monday/Fridays – an earlier finish of 1:30pm but the rest of the week is a 3:00pm finish. If you have emailed something that is urgent for the same day, and I have not replied, please give the school office a ring 01494 488321. Mrs Robyn Moore