



## Little Apples Pre School

### Monday Newsletter – 20 April 2026

#### Housekeeping:

**New families joining us:** At the start of this Summer Term we are welcoming a number of new families - please introduce yourselves if you see them.

**Extra sessions or swapping days:** In connection with the above, we are now in the very exciting position of being very full. This impacts how accommodating we can be either adding adhoc sessions or swapping days because our staff will be at capacity. By all means do email us and if we know children may not be attending we will accommodate you if we can.

#### Funding information for the start of the Autumn Term:

##### Apply before 31 August

Eligible working families can get 30 hours of childcare for their child from the term after they turn 9 months old up to school-age 🧒

The deadline for families to apply is **31 August** to start using childcare hours from **1 September**, check what support they can get on the Best Start in Life website

👉 <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker/>

For more information on what help families can get with childcare costs, visit Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website 🧑🏻‍🦱 <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/childcare-and-early-years/paying-childcare/>

**Reception & Little Apples Butterflies Summer Term trip:** We have booked a coach to travel to Whipsnade Zoo on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026. An email went home to Butterflies last Thursday asking for Parents of Butterfly children to let us know if they wish to join in the Trip. Please respond by the deadline, Thursday 23 April – if we do not receive a response, we will assume you do not wish your child to join in and we can go ahead with booking Coach travel. Once we have numbers in, a letter will go home giving more details.

**Circus Skills Workshop:** Advance notice: more exciting news – we have booked a Circus Skills workshop morning and it will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### **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.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**08:30 – 08:45am**

Gymnastics workshop

Dance Fridays! Are back. We are inviting all children to come along and Dance from 08:30am for 15 minutes. Only children who want to dance should attend. Siblings in Little Apples may join in too.

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