



Summer Newsletter

SUMMER FIRST HALF
22nd April — 23rd May 2025



Welcome to the Summer First Half Term at Pre-school!

Please check out of brand new Website! Just type into your search bar:
[Cheam Baptist Church Pre-school](http://www.cheambaptistchurchpre-school.co.uk)



It may only be a five week half term but it's going to be packed with exciting activities! In our first week back we will be learning about **Planting & Growing**. We will be planting seeds, hopefully seeing them grow!

Apart from digging in the soil our favourite part is usually watering them!



Our second week is **Minibeasts**. We will be watching caterpillars form 'chrysalis' or 'pupa' and hopefully we'll see their whole transformation into butterflies. We will keep you posted! We are also looking forward to going on a minibeast hunt around the Pre-school. You'd be surprised what's hiding!



After this, our theme will be 'Noah's Ark'. We will be learning all about how the animals went in two by two! We might even make our own Ark!



Finally our term wouldn't be complete without the popular theme **Chicks & Life Cycles**. We will be watching chicks hatch from eggs and seeing how they grow before sending them to live on a farm (in peace!). We will make sure we put lots of pictures on Tapes-try of your child with the chicks.

Please **check the notice in the lobby** to see our theme each week. The children are welcome to bring in anything to show that links with our topic.

If your child has a particular interest that we have not covered in any of our themes yet this year, please let us know & we will see if we can incorporate it into our planning.



Please see our 'Planned Learning Focus' sheet for the areas of learning that we will be particularly concentrating on for both Caterpillars and Butterflies, in each half term.



Sand pit

The children have started using and enjoying our large sandpit in the playground. This does mean they are getting a little sandy! Please could you help us by ensuring that your child has spare **named** clothes, **including socks, and wipes** in their bag so that we can change them if needed.



When it gets a little warmer still we will be having outside water play too. They will definitely need spare clothes for this too!



Weather Protection

When the weather is sunny and warm, please bring a **named sun hat & apply sun lotion before Pre-school**. If your child stays all day please bring a small labelled bottle of sun lotion, so we can reapply if needed at lunchtime!



Snack time

Thank you so much for bringing in a great selection of fruit: apples, oranges, pears, bananas, kiwis etc. The children have also enjoyed trying new fruits too e.g. water melon, pineapple and dragon fruit. What will you bring next to try? Vegetables always welcome too and breadsticks remain very popular.

Nuts

We have a couple of children in Pre-school who are allergic to nuts. Please **no nuts to be brought in to Pre-school in any form**, e.g. peanut butter or contained in foods e.g. biscuits etc., **or at any time** including lunch club.

Lunch Club ****IMPORTANT****

Just a reminder about **cutting grapes and sausages LENGTHWAYS, not in half** (and not in circles) as this could be a choking hazard.



Accidents outside of Pre-school

Please remember to let Helen, Nicky or your child's key worker know of any accidents, injuries, bumps, etc. that happen outside of pre-school, however minor.

Moving On

If you haven't done so already, please let us know the name of your child's next school if they are leaving, so that we can liaise with them and ensure a smooth transition.

SCHOOL



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Deputy Manager/SENCo: Nicky Chantler
Administration: Angie Fletcher

Dates for your Diaries

Term Dates

Remember Bank Holiday - **Monday 21st April** - Pre-school is closed

We start back Tuesday 22nd April.

Half term is from **26th May - 30th May 2025** - No Pre-school this week.

Second half of the term starts: **Monday 2nd June**

We finish for the Summer holidays on **Friday 18th July 2025**

****Please do let us know of any holidays you have planned within term time.++**

Advance notice:

Father's Day Open Morning - Aimed specifically for Fathers but everyone is welcome to join in!

Saturday 14th June - 9:00-11:00am (Details to follow)

Moving On Service (in Church) - Everyone is welcome, a service especially for our Butterflies leaving us and moving on to School Reception.

Sunday 6th July - 10:30-11:30am (Details to follow)



What's On at Cheam Baptist Church

10.30am Sunday Morning Service

This is also being live streamed on YouTube, just type in Cheam Baptist Church

There is a creche and also children's groups. You are very welcome to join us!

Information about other activities for all ages at Cheam Baptist Church can be found at www.cheambaptist.org or from staff.

Ideas to do at Home

- Plant some seeds in the garden or in a plant pot on the window sill.
- A minibeast hunt!
- Activities using the senses—
listen for loud and quiet sounds;
identify sweet, salty and sour foods;
describe how objects feel e.g. hard, soft, bumpy;
likes and dislikes, what can they smell?

We would love to share with the children on Tapestry any activities that you do at home with them!



A wiggly worm rhyme

There's a worm at the bottom of
my garden,
And his name is Wiggly Woo.

There's a worm at the bottom of my
garden,
And all that he can do:

Is wiggle all night,
And wiggle all day,
He's wiggling his life away.

There's a worm at the bottom of my
garden,
And his name is Wiggly Woo!

Useful Information

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Here is a very useful guide to the EYFS Curriculum—well worth a read!

[What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf](http://foundationyears.org.uk/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf)
(foundationyears.org.uk)

Keeping the under fives safe online

Childnet has prepared a guide for parents of the under 5s

[Keeping Under Fives Safe Online | Childnet](http://www.childnet.co.uk/parents/keeping-under-fives-safe-online/)

