



Tiggers News

We would like to welcome everyone back after the break, we hope you had a lovely summer.

We will be focusing this half term on 'All About Me'.

We would like to invite parents to send photos into preschool of your child, family, family home, pets and favourite things, thank you.

We welcome parents/carers into our setting to talk about their Occupation, hobbies or interests. If you are interested, please speak to a member of staff, thank you.

School Applications for Reception Class 2025

We would like to wish all those children starting their journey in reception class in school a wonderful time in their new settings.

School applications for reception September 2026 will open on Derbyshire County Council website in November this year.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday in September to Benji is 4! Austin is 3! Aura is 4! In October to Alistair is 3!

Policies

All policies have now been updated inline with the new statutory guidelines within the EYFS.

The government has set new guidelines as regards food and nutrition, safeguarding. In light of this we have changed our policy to reflect these changes. All policies can be found on our website, with hard copies of the main policies in the foyer. -

<https://www.turnditchanddistrictplaygroup.co.uk/about-us/policies/>

- Absence – you will now need to inform us if your child is to be absent within a three hours of their start time or if they are to be absent for any reason. We have a duty to follow up any unexplained absences.
- The government have set new guidelines as regards to the nutritional content of any snack, lunches, including lunch boxes - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-nutrition>

These have been reflected in our new Food, Nutrition and Packed Lunch Policy.

Fees

Please may we remind you your child's fees within 2 weeks of issue of invoices.

Also, please return your remittance slip with the date and method of payment, thank you.

ADHOC Sessions

We will always try and accommodate any sessions parents wish their child to attend, although this may not always be available due to various reasons. Could we please ask for at least 48 hours' notice if you wish your child to attend extra sessions, as we may need to adjust our staffing ratios. If your request is made out of preschool hours by email, we will get back to you at our earliest opportunity. We will always try and accommodate children in an emergency at short notice. Thank you.

Illness

Please remember it is 48 hrs from the last instance of diarrhoea or sickness before your child can return to preschool. For any illness requiring antibiotics our policy is your child may attend preschool 24 hrs from the first dose given and your child must be well enough to attend. We will administer antibiotics that have been prescribed and have a clear label with the dose and the child's name from the pharmacy, parents have to fill out a consent form to enable us to do this.

We do not administer any childhood paracetamol or ibuprofen (please do not leave this in your child's bag or any other medication).

We ask you do not send your child to preschool if they are unwell (children do tell us if they have been ill during the night/morning or they have been given medicine!) and please do tell us if they have been given any childhood paracetamol or similar that morning when you drop off your child at preschool, thank you.

Drop Off

We do feel that when parents drop off their children in the mornings at the door the process has been less traumatic for the children, and they do settle better into the morning session. But we do miss the interaction with parents, please feel free to let the staff member on the door know that you would like to accompany your child into the setting to drop them off, it will be lovely to see you.

15/30 Hour Codes

For those parents claiming 15/30 hours funding, please remember to re-confirm your codes when asked to, you should receive an email from HMRC.

The cut off dates for claiming the 15/30 hours are:

August 31st to be eligible for Autumn Term

December 31st to be eligible for Spring Term

March 31st to be eligible for Summer Term.

Please remember to renew your codes!

Childcare Choices

From April 2024 childcare funding is changing!

Can you get help with your childcare costs?

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> Is a website set up by the government which brings all your options to one website.

Name Them, Name Them, Name Them!

What to bring and NOT bring with you.

Please name everything your child brings into preschool, bags, coats, lunch boxes etc, as you would be surprised how many children do have the same items.

Please provide wipes, nappies, nappy sacks if needed, spare clothes are a must.

Please dress your child for the weather, a sun hat (named) is a must in hot weather, please apply sunscreen before dropping your child off in hot weather, we will apply this again at lunch time when necessary (again please name this) No crocs or flip flops please, these are a trip hazard especially when using the climbing frame outside. Encourage your child's independence skills by providing them with clothes, shoes etc. for small hands/fingers, for example jogging bottoms/leggings when toilet training, Velcro/zips on fastenings. Children need time to practise their Independence skills, please encourage this at home, Thank you.

Lunch

Please provide your child with a variety of healthy foods in their lunch box, please provide a drink (we do provide water throughout the session and at lunch)

Choking - some fruits, vegetables can provide a choking risk, please cut grapes, baby tomatoes into 4 pieces, lengthways, cut hard vegetables into batons, thank you.

Please do not provide any sweets or nut products, in your child's lunch box, & do not forget an ice block! Thank you

Allergies – As we ask on our registration forms, please keep us up to date with any allergies or intolerances your child may have.

Learning at Home

'Hungry little Minds' is a website set up by the government to provide ideas on how parents can help in their child's learning at home. There are also recommendations of some free, fun, educational apps for you to engage in with your child.

<https://www.henry.org.uk/>

HENRY is a unique intervention to support parents and carers to give their child a healthy, happy start in life. The evidence is compelling, the early years are critical to the future of every child in terms of their health, wellbeing, learning and social development.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Following on from this the BBC launched a website 'Tiny Happy People' to help you at home develop your child's communication skills, explore simple activities, play ideas, and find out about your child's amazing early development.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>

CEOP is an excellent website to find out more about keeping your child safe online.

'It's never too early to start taking action to keep your child safe online.

As soon as your child starts talking about or exploring the online world, you should start conversations with them about their online activity and put support in place. Research has found that children form 'digital habits' during early development (such as using devices after bedtime). Therefore, it is important for parents to support children to develop positive – and lasting – digital habits from an early age.' (taken from their website)

Keep up to date and follow us :

Website

<http://www.turnditchanddistrictplaygroup.co.uk/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/turnditchpreschool/>

WhatsApp

If you wish to join our parents WhatsApp group, please drop us an email and we will send you a direct link.

Term Dates 2025 – 2026Autumn Term 1 2025 – September 9th – 25th

October (7 weeks)

Autumn Term 2 2025 – November 4th – 19th

December (7 weeks)

Spring Term 1 2026 – January 5th – February 13th

(6 weeks)

Spring Term 2 2026 – February 25th – April 4th

(5 weeks)

Summer Term 1 2026 – April 14th – 22nd May

(6 weeks)

Summer Term 2 2026 – June 2nd – 24th July

(8 weeks)

Inset days 2025– 2026 Preschool CLOSED to all children (we have one more inset date to set)Friday 1st May 2026 (tbc)Thursday 25th June 2026Thursday 23rd July 2026Friday 24th July 2026**Dates for your diary**Christmas party December 19th 11.45am –

1.45pm (times and date to be confirmed)

Half Term Overview				
Week	Letter	Theme	Role Play	Snacks
9 th September	s	Me	Home Corner	Pitta bread & cream cheese Banana
16 th	a	My Family	Cafe	Toast Biscuits
23 rd	t	My Emotions	Hairdressers	Cucumber, carrots, hummus cereal
30 th	p	My House	Home Corner	Fresh fruit Rice cakes
7 th October	i	My Body	Hospital	Crackers & cheese Fruit
14 th	n	My favourite toy	Toy shop	Natural yogurt & fruit Biscuits
21 st	ck	My Preschool	Nursery School	Breadsticks & cream cheese Cereal