



Sunshine Preschool

Newsletter



St Gerard's June 2026

TERM DATES

Term starts
Monday 1st June 2026
Last day of term
Friday 17th July 2026
(12 noon)

CURRICULUM TOPICS

Curriculum topics for this term and our sound of the week are detailed below. This term, we will be exploring habitats around the world and learning about different animals, as well as dedicating a week to sports, and having some seaside fun! You can support your child's learning at home by researching animals and habitats in books and on the internet.

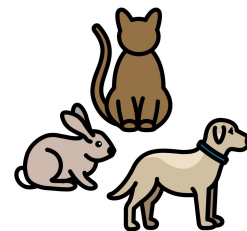
HOLIDAY CLUB - We will be running our holiday club at our Whitchurch setting over the Summer holidays (21st July - 13th August) again this year.

Book your space at Holiday Club [here](#).

Date	Learning Themes	Sound of the Week	Story of the week	Song of the week
1 - 5 June	Grasslands and Deserts	S	Baby Went to Market	Down in the Jungle
8 - 12 June	Wild Animals	A	Going on a Bear Hunt	Five Cheeky Monkeys
15 - 19 June	Let's Get Sporty!	T	Ready, Steady, Mo!	Clap Your Hands
22 - 26 June	Pets	P	I am Dog	Sleeping bunnies
29 June - 3 July	At the Seaside	I	Billy and the Pirates	When I was one
6 - 10 July	Summer Time Fun	N	Clean Up!	I had a little turtle
13 - 17 July	Summer Time Fun	-	-	-

Phonic Activities – We will continue to explore different phonic sounds each week and will use a range of fun activities and songs to explore alliteration. We are revisiting the above sounds as these are the phonic sounds older children will use when they start school. Please support your child by looking for items at home beginning with the sound of the week.

Pet week 22nd - 26th June - During pet week we would love to have visits from any pets you have at home. If you have a pet that you feel would be happy to make a visit to preschool please let staff know & we will book a convenient time in the diary. Pets do not need to come in all day but a short 30 minute visit would be great.



FATHER'S DAY FUN

All dads and grandads are invited to join us for a fun afternoon on **Thursday 18th June at 2.00**. We will be hosting games and activities followed by refreshments. Children who don't normally attend on a Thursday afternoon are welcome to come, accompanied by their dad or granddad. Please let us know if you are able to come.

SUMMER SINGALONG

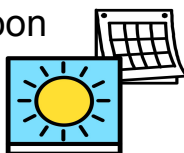
Please join us for our summer singalong, raffle and bring and buy cake sale on **Mon 6th July from 2:00**. We will hold a cake sale after the singalong and draw our summer raffle. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 18th: Father's day fun afternoon

July 6th: Summer singalong

July 17th: End of term party



PE SESSIONS

As part of our school readiness programme we would like to invite children to bring in some shorts and a t-shirt to practise dressing and undressing for PE sessions. There is no need to bring daps as we will exercise in bare feet. Teachers from our feeder schools have highlighted that this as a useful skill for the children to have when they start school. Please can children bring the items in a named carrier bag which can be left at pre-school, as we will be using them at various times during the week.

FREE BOOKS FOR SUNSHINES!

If you are buying children's books online, please consider buying them from Scholastic. We receive free books with every purchase made through their website scholastic.co.uk. Once you have made your purchase, type BS4 2LN to find Sunshine Preschool St Gerard's and this will add credit to our account. We will then be able to choose new and exciting titles for us all to enjoy at Sunshines. Many thanks in advance for your support.

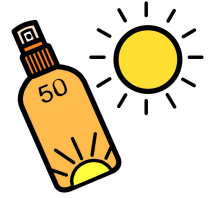
T-SHIRT REQUEST

To help us with our summer fun celebrations, please can your child bring in a plain white t-shirt labelled with their name before 15th June.



Sun Safety – To help us access the outdoors safely and efficiently please remember: **All children need to come with sunscreen already applied every day** even if the weather is not sunny in the morning. Staff will reapply sunscreen to children staying all day after lunch. This is very important, as we will be doing lots of outdoor activities and children need to be protected even on cloudy days.

Children do not need sun hats at preschool as they use Sunshine hats. Please also make sure children wear clothes that cover their shoulders ie no strappy tops, and wear enclosed, fitted shoes as open-toed sandals and crocs pose health and safety issues.'



TAPESTRY

To further enhance our transition procedures, and help support children and families who are moving on to a new school, children's Tapestry accounts will remain live until the end of September. This means you will be able to continue to upload photos or comments about what your child has been up to over the summer and when they start school. Staff will respond on return in September to keep the secure bond children have with Sunshines. More information will be made available about how to download your Tapestry account nearer the time.

'DOWN IN THE JUNGLE' PARTY

We will hold our end of term party on **Friday 17th July** during the morning session. We will have lots of fun games and activities and party food, and children are invited to come dressed in an 'down in the jungle' themed outfit. All children are invited to attend and there is no extra charge for children who don't normally attend this session.

Please note the party will mark the end of term and therefore there will be no afternoon session on this day.



New Schools – A list of who is going to which school is on the parents' noticeboard for your information. We will be supporting a positive transition to school through a range of activities and have invited all schools to visit the children at pre-school. Transition forms have been completed by your child's key person and will be passed on to school to give an overview of where they are in their development. Schools will be soliciting parents views using their own transition arrangements but if you have any concerns about your child going to school then please do not hesitate to speak to your key person.

Water Play - If possible during the warm weather, please could children bring a swimsuit (preferably a body suit that covers shoulders) and a towel in a named bag as we would like to have some spontaneous fun water play activities. You can either bring it in and leave it with us or let us know if you need it back each day.

Key Person Meetings 8th - 19th June – We would like to talk to all parents about their child's progress over the past year and, for children in their preschool year, the transition to their new school. Your key person will be in touch via Tapestry to arrange a convenient time to meet with you, so please look out for the message.

SPONSORED MATCHBOX FILL

Please return your sponsored matchbox forms by **Friday 5th June** ready for judging!

WEBSITE

Please remember you can find more information about special events and a copy of newsletters online at

www.sunshinepreschool.org.uk