



Sunshine Preschool

Newsletter



St Martin'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.

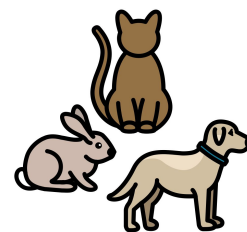
HOLIDAY CLUB - We will be running our holiday club at our Whitchurch setting over the Summer holidays (21st July - 13th August) again this year.

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

| Date | Learning Themes | Sound of the Week | Story of the week | Song of the week |
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| 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.

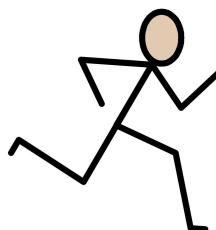
Pet week 22nd - 26th June - During pet week we would love to have visits from any pets you have at home. If you have a pet that you feel would be happy to make a visit to preschool please let staff know & we will book a convenient time in the diary. Pets do not need to come in all day but a short 30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



FATHER'S DAY SPORTS DAY

All dads, grandads and significant male figures in your child's life are invited to our Sports Day garden party on **Monday 15th June at 2:30**. Expect lots of games and we will finish the event with tea and cake.

Cake donations welcomed, and if it is not your child's usual session their dad is still welcome to bring them along.

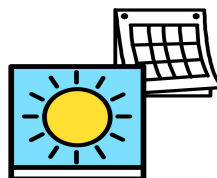


SUMMER SINGALONG

Please join us for our summer singalong and refreshments on **Tuesday 7th 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 15th: Father's day sports day
July 7th: 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.

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.

SPONSORED MATCHBOX FILL

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

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.

Please see a member of staff if you haven't already signed a consent form. 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.



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.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 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 a "summer festival" 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.

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.