



# Stone with Woodford Playgroup

## Summer Term 1 News

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone had a good Easter and are ready for the activities in this very short term!

The weather is getting warmer so please can you ensure your child has a hat and sun cream, if you are providing it. Please note we use **Nivea Sun Kids 5 in 1 50+ sunscreen** but we ask parents to apply sunscreen to children before coming to the setting. Can you also still provide several changes of clothes and wellies in a bag as we will still be having lots of fun playing outside and the children do, somehow, get wet.

As always, **please can parents not bring their child to the setting if they are unwell** and let Laura know they are not coming in. Staff cannot look after children who are unwell.

Please can all parents with children eligible for **Nursery Funding** ensure we have received their funding form by **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025** otherwise your child may not be funded. If you have not received your form, please contact Laura or if you have the form and will not see Laura before this date, please send her a photograph and give her the original when you see her.

### Dates for the Diary

**Summer Term 1: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

A copy of the academic calendar is at the bottom of this newsletter including our inset days.

**School Session this Term: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025.**

**Sports Day: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, if postponed)**

### Setting Information / Reminders

**September 2025** – we will be starting to plan for September 2025 so parents of children returning to the setting will shortly be asked which days/hours they will be wanting. Please note, Friday sessions are for preschool children.

**Nappies/Potty Training** – Further information can be found at: Institute of Health Visiting document - <https://ihv.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/PT-Toilet-training-FINAL-VERSION-17.04.23.pdf> of the ERIC website - <https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>.

We are happy to support parents in toilet training and ask that you provide a good supply of nappies, wipes and nappy bags and plenty of clean clothes in your child's bag – we only have a limit supply.

**Attendance** – Please can parent inform Laura if your child will not be attending a session e.g. illness, holiday. If you do not contact us, we will try and contact you and if a child is absent for a prolonged period, without any contact, we will now use the emergency contacts listed within the registration form to follow up any prolonged absences.

**Parent Suggestions** – we welcome ideas or suggestions for activities from parents/guardians. If you have any please let Laura know as we may be able to incorporate them into our sessions.

**Communication Books** – all children who attend another setting will have a Child Communication book to enable communication between settings. If you would like one for your child, please ask Laura although we feel direct communication is best.

**Parking** – If parking on Lower Stone Road please be considerate to residents by parking safely, not on the grass and not blocking their driveways, thank you.



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**Invoices** - invoices will be circulated at the start of the term and need to be paid by the date indicated. **Failure to pay fees on time will incur late fees as detailed on the invoice.** If you have difficulty paying, please talk in confidence, to Laura or Dawn.

**Labelling** – please please please can parent's label their child's clothing and other items they bring into the setting.

**Toys** – we know children like to show everyone their toys but please can be ask that you try to dissuade them from bringing toys into the setting as they get lost and can be hard to find later.

**Packed Lunches** – please remember to chop up large items e.g. sausages, grapes and cherry tomatoes that are in your child's lunchbox as they can be a choking hazard.

**Increasing/Decreasing Hours** - If you wish to increase/decrease hours, please can you let Laura or Dawn know. There is a **4-week notice period** to decrease hours and for any increase we will need to see if we can accommodate any change.

**Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS)** - We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. Further information found at 'What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage: a guide for parents' at the following link:

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

**Key Carer** – Your child's Key Carers can be found on the noticeboard. If you wish to discuss anything about your child, please talk to them first.

**Summative Assessments** – child assessments were handed out at the end of the Spring. As always, if you wish to add any comments to them or discuss your child's progress now or at any time, please feel free to talk to your child's key carer.

**Noticeboard** - Please make sure you take a look at the Noticeboard on the entrance door, as this is where we display Setting Notices e.g. upcoming events and the daily 'Child Session Activity Sheet' and information about the setting.

**School Visits** – for preschool children attending the session on Friday we will be visiting the local school on: **23<sup>rd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

**Ofsted Report** – our latest Ofsted report from the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 can be found at: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50201178>

**Website** - <https://www.stoneplaygroup.co.uk> – information is found here including the session trail book where children are unidentifiable. A hardcopy of the Session Trail Book is located at the setting, just ask a Staff member if you wish to see it.

If we have missed something out, you have any questions or concerns about anything then please contact and speak directly with Laura or the other staff members.

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## Setting Term Dates 2024 / 2025

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#### SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2024/25



SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30		Mon	7	14	21	28		Mon	4	11	18	25			
Tues	3	10	17	24			Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	5	12	19	26			
Wed	4	11	18	25			Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27			
Thur	5	12	19	26			Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur	7	14	21	28			
Fri	6	13	20	27			Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29		
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24			
DECEMBER							JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30		Mon	6	13	20	27		Mon	3	10	17	24			
Tues	3	10	17	24	31		Tues	7	14	21	28		Tues	4	11	18	25			
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23			
MARCH							APRIL							MAY						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31		Mon	7	14	21	28		Mon	5	12	19	26			
Tues	4	11	18	25			Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	6	13	20	27			
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JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30		Mon	7	14	21	28		Mon	4	11	18	25			
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	31		

Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Days	
<p>Term 1: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024</p> <p>Term 2: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</p> <p>Term 3: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025</p> <p>Term 4: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025</p> <p>Term 5: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</p> <p>Term 6: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</p>			
Christmas Bank Holidays		25 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
New Year Bank Holiday		26 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
Good Friday		1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	
Easter Monday		18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
Early May Bank Holiday		21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	
Spring Bank Holiday		5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
Summer Bank Holiday		26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
		25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	

School Sessions