



# Stone with Woodford Playgroup

## Autumn Term 2 News

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone had a break during half term so that the children are ready for the fun activities we have planned for the second half of the Autumn Term, including Christmas.

As the weather is getting colder, please can parents remember to ensure their child has a coat, hat, gloves, plenty of spare clothes and wellies in a bag as we will regularly go outside. Do not worry if you forget your child's wellies we have spares at the setting.

Just to reiterate, **please DO NOT bring your child to the setting if they are unwell**. Staff cannot look after unwell children and if staff become unwell, we may have to close the setting.

**Funding Forms:** If your child has or will be changing their hours please can you ensure we have the completed Funding Amendment Form by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** otherwise your child will not be funded for the additional hours and you will have to pay for them.

Spring Term Nursery funding forms will be distributed later in the term. Please be aware they will need to be returned before the end of term. Please can you also ensure you complete the hours associated with each funding source e.g. Universal or Working Parent on the form particularly if your child attends another setting. If you need another form or help, please ask Laura or Dawn.

**Registration Forms** - It is important that you remember to bring your child's completed registration form on their start day, if you have not already returned it to us.

**EYFS** - As most parents are probably aware we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework to design and organise our session activities. For further information please look 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** – each child is assigned a Key Carer, as shown on the Noticeboard. Due to the nature of our setting Laura and Dawn share Key Carer responsibilities. Rachel will also note any observations and input into the children's learning. They build a positive relationship and support your child along with furthering their learning through observations and assessments when they are at the setting. They are your first point of contact if you have any questions.

### Dates for the Diary

**Autumn Term 2: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**School Visit: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**Christmas Event: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Further details to follow - All Welcome**

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

### Setting Information / Reminders

**Christmas Event** - The Children's Christmas event (songs & party) will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Further details will follow including a running order and approximate timings. An attendance sheet will be put on the door along with a food list nearer the time. Parents attending the songs are allowed to take photographs and video; however we ask parent not to share these images on social media.



**Attendance** - If your child is not going to attend a session due to holiday, illness etc. parents **MUST** let Laura know by 10am as we need to record all absences and their reason. If you do not contact us, we will try to contact you then the emergency contacts. If this fails, we will follow our Attendance/Absence policy, found on the Noticeboard, to ensure the child's safety & wellbeing.



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**Parent Suggestions** – we welcome ideas or suggestions for activities from parents/guardians. If you have a special skill or undertake any interesting activities you would like to share with us then please let Laura know as we may be able to incorporate them into our sessions.

**Communication Books** – all children who attend another setting have been given a Child Communication book to enable communication between settings. If your child only attends our setting, we feel direct communication is best although you can request one if you wish.

**Parking** – Just a reminder, 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.

**Invoices** - invoices will be circulated at the beginning of term and need to be paid by the date indicated on the invoice. **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. We can end up with a lot of unclaimed clothes especially socks!

**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** – we encourage parents to provide a balanced healthy lunch for their children. For further information The Eatwell Guide and Balanced Diet guide for a child can be found below. We ask parents not to include sweets or fizzy drinks in your child's lunch and remember to chop up large items e.g. grapes and cherry tomatoes as they can be a choking hazard.

Further guidance can be found at: [Early Years Foundation Stage Nutrition Guidance](#)

**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.

**Summative Assessments** – child assessments will be completed this term and distributed to parents. If you wish to know how your child is progressing, please feel free to talk to us.

**Noticeboard** - Please make sure you 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, staff and committee.

**School Visits** – for preschool children attending the session on Friday we have the opportunity to visit the local school during the year. **Our first visit is 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025.** Please watch the noticeboard for further dates.

**Nappies/Potty Training** – please ensure a good supply of nappies, wipes and bags and/or clothes in your child's bag in case of accidents. If you need any advice please ask.

**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. A hardcopy 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 speak with Laura or the other staff members.

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## Setting Term Dates 2025 / 2026

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2025/26



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

Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET Days	

Term 1: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

Term 2: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

Term 3: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

Term 4: Mon 23<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026

Term 5: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Term 6: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
Good Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026
Easter Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026

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## Eatwell Guide



## A healthy balanced diet for children

Food group	Examples of food included	Main nutrients provided	Recommended serving
Fruit and vegetables	Fresh, frozen, canned, and dried fruit, vegetables, and pulses	Carotenes (a form of vitamin A), vitamin C, zinc, iron, and fibre	At least 5 portions each day Provide a portion as part of each main meal (breakfast, lunch and tea) and with some snacks
Potatoes, bread, rice, pasta and other starchy carbohydrates	Bread, potatoes and sweet potatoes, starchy root vegetables, pasta, noodles, rice, other grains, breakfast cereals	Carbohydrate, fibre, B vitamins and iron	4 portions each day Provide a portion as part of each meal (breakfast, lunch and tea) and provide as part of at least one snack each day
Dairy and alternatives	Milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais	Protein, calcium, and vitamin A	3 portions each day Provided as part of meals, snacks and drink
Beans, pulses, fish, eggs, meat and other proteins	Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, eggs, beans, pulses, nuts	Protein, iron, zinc, omega 3 fatty acids, vitamins A and D	2 portions each day Provide a portion as part of lunch and tea (two to three portions for vegetarian children)