



End of Year Newsletter

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Goodbye!

We wish all children leaving us all the best for the next stage in their adventure! We are always sad to see children go but we know there is lots more learning fun ahead of you. Thanks to all parents and carers for the support you have given to us and your children throughout this last year.

We look forward to welcoming back many of you in September along with a number of new families to the Ark!



Term Dates 2026-2027

AUTUMN 2026

TERM STARTS: Wed 2nd Sept
Half term: 26th – 30th Oct
TERM ENDS: Fri 18th Dec

SPRING 2027

TERM STARTS: Mon 4th Jan
Half term: 15th – 19th Feb
TERM ENDS: Thurs 25th March

SUMMER 2027

TERM STARTS: Mon 12th April
May Bank Holiday closure: Mon 3rd May
Half term: 31st May – 4th June
INSET: Mon 7th June
TERM ENDS: Fri 16th July

Fundraising

The children had a great time running their marathons on Sports Day. We were delighted to be able to share this special event with so many families again! Thank you for the support and the sponsorship money – this will be spent on resources to directly benefit the children. This year we are hoping to purchase a new all weather bench for outside.



Summer Holiday Activities



Crowthorne Summer Activities: On the Morgan Rec every Friday from 31st July to 21st August, 3-5pm – free activities including bouncy castle, climbing wall, assault course, crafts, Bible story

Visit: <https://churchestogetherincrowthorne.org.uk/crowthorne-summer-activities/> for more information.

Summer Reading Challenge: Children going to school in September can sign up at Crowthorne library.

Autumn Term Dates

Monday 14th September - Fun in the Forest starts. All sessions are at the Ark until then to allow our new children to settle in.

Sunday 4th October - Harvest service at Crowthorne Baptist Church with all children invited to take part.



Carnival

A huge well done and thank you to all involved in the Carnival this year (and particularly to Roula for heading it up)! We were delighted to come first in the Early Years category again, and it was brilliant to have such a strong group representing the Ark!

Tapestry End of Year Information

We hope you have enjoyed the regular updates on your child's activities and progress this year.



For those leaving us, we will create a PDF of your child's journal for you to download. You will have 28 days to download it. If you are unable to download it yourself we can also email you a PDF of it – please contact us (admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk) if you would like this. We will delete your child's records after a time to allow room for new records to be created so please do download all information as soon as possible. Any videos will need to be downloaded separately as these cannot be included in the journal. We will send an email to notify you when the document is ready for download.

Parent reps

A huge thank you to Roula (Nicolas' mum) and Ellie (Esther's mum) who have been our wonderful parent reps on the committee this year. We are saying goodbye to both of our parent reps as their children are leaving this term.

We are very grateful for Tamsin (Lucas' mum) and Cathy (Avalyn's mum) who will be our new parent reps for this coming year. Please do share any feedback, comments and ideas you may have with them – we really value parent input as we seek to provide the best we can for the children.

Thanks to Volunteers!

We have been so blessed to have Avril, Sue and Sumita volunteering with us again this year – especially helping our school leavers to sew their pencil cases which takes a lot of time and one to one help.

Also, huge thanks to Liz who has been with us on Wednesdays, and all the wonderful volunteers who have helped on trips and with walking the children back from Wellington college.



AGM and Goodbye to Anne!

Many thanks to those that joined us at the AGM and who donated towards Anne's retirement gifts!

Changes of Details

If your child is staying with us next year please make sure you have updated us with any details that have changed since they started at The Ark – address, phone number, other nurseries or childminders etc.

School Entry for September 2027

If your child is going to be 4 by 31st August 2027, they will be eligible to start school in September 2027. In the Autumn term you will be able to get information from local schools which include open days. The Bracknell Forest application process starts in November and the closing date will be in January. Place offers are made on 16th April.

Contact Details over the Summer

You will be able to contact us at admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk throughout the holidays. I will be taking some holiday time so please be patient if you are waiting for a response.

Thank you!



We have had a wonderful year here at The Ark and we'd like to say a huge thank you to parents, childminders and carers for how you have supported us.

We look forward to welcoming back those of you returning, and our new children, in September – have a wonderful summer!