



# Newsletter

June/July 2026



The topic for this half term is:

## Water



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### Term Dates 2026-2027

#### SUMMER 2026

**TERM STARTS:** Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April  
**May Bank Holiday closure:** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May  
**Half term:** 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May  
**INSET:** Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June  
**TERM ENDS:** Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July

#### AUTUMN 2026

**TERM STARTS:** Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept  
**Half term:** 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Oct  
**TERM ENDS:** Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### SPRING 2027

**TERM STARTS:** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan  
**Half term:** 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
**TERM ENDS:** Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March

#### Letters/rhyming sounds and themes of the week:

As we have finished going through the alphabet, we are introducing a rhyming word each week.

w/c 1<sup>st</sup> June – dog (Water in the home)

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June – pig (Water to make plants grow)

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June – sit (The weather)

w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> June – ball (The weather)

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> June – cake (Holidays by the sea)

w/c 6<sup>th</sup> July – book (Safety near water)



#### Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Shine at CBC
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Sandhurst Park trip (all children)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Visit to St Brendan’s
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Transition Talk online for parents of children going to school (evening)
- Weeks of 29<sup>th</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July – Keyworker meetings
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Fun in the Forest at Chaucer Woods (drop off at the Ark)
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Carnival procession
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July @ 8pm- AGM, all parents invited
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day (all children)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver’s Assembly

#### AGM and Goodbye to Anne!

We are saying goodbye and thank you to Anne, who has been at the Ark for nearly 10 years! Please join us at the AGM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in the church where, as part of the meeting, we will take the opportunity to say a big thank you and farewell as she starts her retirement journey! Wonderfully, we may still see her at the Ark occasionally for support work.

**THANK YOU!**

## Preparing for School

This term we are working hard to prepare our older children for school. Throughout the children's time at The Ark we work with the children to help them develop skills and independence for school.

This term we are also...

- Giving them the chance to try on school uniforms
- Liaising with schools to share information
- Holding a transition talk for parents, so you know how best to support your child.  
This is taking place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm on Zoom – parents will be emailed with a link to join
- Celebrating their time at The Ark and their new adventure with our Leavers' Assembly on 17th July (all leavers and parents of leavers welcome – if your child is not usually in on a Friday please bring them at 11:20 for the assembly at 11:30)



## Sandhurst Park Trip – Thursday 18th June

We will be visiting Sandhurst Park for our annual summer trip on Thursday 18th June. Letters and permission forms should have come home with your child - if you need another copy, please let Poppy know. Replies are due back by Friday 5th June. The staff will run activities and games to help us enjoy the park. This trip is open to all children who attend The Ark, and also to siblings. Parents or another carer are required to accompany their child/children and will be responsible for them for the entire trip. We will finish at 12:15pm and then you are welcome to stay on for a picnic lunch.



## Sports Day and Marathon 11am Friday 5th July

Our Sports Day will be held at the Morgan Recreation Ground. ALL Ark children are invited to take part in our Sports Day - those who do not normally attend on a Friday should meet us at the Morgan Recreation Ground at 11am and will be under parental responsibility at all times.

We will also be holding our sponsored "marathon" to raise funds for The Ark. Last year our fundraising enabled us to buy a mud kitchen which the children have thoroughly enjoyed, so please give as generously as you can!

## Parent Representatives

We are still looking for one new parent representatives for our management committee from September 2026. We are extremely grateful to Roula (Nicolas' mum) and Ellie (Esther's mum) for being the parent reps this year. Please email Poppy if you would like to find out more or are interested, or speak to Roula or Ellie about what the role involves.



## Returners in September

All requests for changes to sessions in September have been honoured. If you plan to change your child's attendance pattern in any way and have not yet told Poppy please let her know now. Please also advise if you would like to plan ahead for changes later in the year. A reminder that our notice period is half a term, otherwise payment will be due in lieu of notice.

## Absence of children

Please phone or text the Ark number (07999 550674), not the admin number, if your child will be absent. If you know in advance of an absence, or if it is for a longer period of time, please speak to staff or send an email. We are required to phone all contacts given if we do not know why your child is not at the Ark.

## Contact Details

For any general enquiries, email Poppy Brown (Administrator) at [admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk](mailto:admin@thearkpreschoolcrowthorne.org.uk) or call on 07827 892397. If you need to speak to a member of staff urgently, or your child cannot attend, call the Ark setting on 07999 550674 between 9.15am – 12.15pm Mon – Fri.