

# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM 2026

### Diary Dates :

- February Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> Feb to 20<sup>th</sup> Feb (Term Time Only Children Not In)
- Buddies Club and Tiglets Club 16<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February
- World Book Day 'Week' 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Red Nose Day 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter Break 30th March to 10<sup>th</sup> April (Term Time Only Children Not In)
- Buddies Club and Tiglets Club 30<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Closed)
- Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April (Closed)
- All staff training day 13<sup>th</sup> April (Closed)



**Manager**  
**Sunbeams Poole**  
**Sonya**

What a wonderful start to 2026 it's been, and now we're getting excited for the sunshine and fun of the next half term.

We will be packing lots into the rest of the term at Sunbeams — from celebrating Chinese New Year, St. Patrick's Day, Ramadan, and Eid, to enjoying Comic Relief and World Book Day.

Our Piglet children have settled in beautifully, and after the Easter holidays, we'll be welcoming some new friends to join them. Meanwhile, our Tiggers have been happily bouncing their way through lots of activities, growing in independence and confidence as they get ready for school.

BCP will let you know your child's school place on 16th April, so keep an eye out for that.

And just a quick reminder: I am always here if you ever need to talk about anything, whether it's nursery-related or family matters. Please don't hesitate to reach out.



# TERM DATES 2025-26

## ALL YEAR ROUND CARE

Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 21st August 2026

## TERM TIME ONLY CHILDREN

### Spring Term – 11 weeks

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

February Half Term: 16th Feb – 20th Feb 2026 (Term Time Only Children Not In)

Easter Break: 30th March – 10th April 2026 (Term Time Only Children Not In)

Good Friday and Easter Monday – Friday 3rd and Monday 6th April 2026 (Closed)

### Summer Term – 13 weeks

Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026 (Closed)

Whitsun Bank Holiday – Monday 25th May 2026 (Closed)

May Half Term: Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026 (Term Time Only Children Not In)

# BUDDIES

### Spring Term

Monday 5th Jan 2026 – Friday 27th March After School Club

February Half Term Holiday Club: 16th Feb – 20th February Half Term Holiday Club

Easter Holiday Club: 30th March – 10th April

Good Friday and Easter Monday – Friday 3rd and Monday 29th April 2026 (Closed)

### Summer Term

Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026 After School Club

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026 (Closed)

Whitsun Bank Holiday – Monday 25th May 2026 (Closed)

May Half Term Holiday Club: Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026

## WHOLE SETTING CLOSURE DATES:

Easter Bank Holiday Closure: Friday 3rd April & Monday 6th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Whitsun Bank Holiday: Monday 25th May 2026

Family Picnic Day: Wednesday 8th July 2026

August Bank Holiday: Monday 31st August 2026

Summer Closure: Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August 2026

All staff training day 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

# February Half Term 2026 Buddies Holiday Club



Ask in the office for more information or a booking form!

Monday 16th February

Baking Day

Buddies  
Open from 8am to 5:30pm  
Reception age to 14 years old

Tuesday 17th February National kindness day crafting

Wednesday 18th February 'Mr Merlin & Okey Dokey the Dragon' Show time!

Thursday 19th February

Winter SLIME DAY!

Friday 20th February

Chinese New Year celebrations



Every day is different!



## TIGLETS HOLIDAY CLUB

### February Half Term 2026

For Sunbeams  
Registered children

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Create salt dough gifts to spread cheer on Random Acts of Kindness Day!

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Craft your very own moon-spotting binoculars for Ramadan

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Craft your very own Chinese paper plate fan! For Chinese New Year.

THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Wacky Noodle escapades and adventurous discoveries!

FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Splashy explosions! A paint-powered fireworks picture factory!



# Social Media Update:

As technology continues to advance, particularly with innovations like Photoshop and deep fake technology, we have made the decision to cease posting images of children's faces on our public Facebook and Instagram pages. Instead, we will use the Parent Portal app to share regular updates and photos, allowing us to keep you connected to your child's experiences while prioritising their privacy and safety.

Expect to receive frequent updates through the app, and we will strive to ensure that only photos featuring your child's face are included in their profile.



## Parent Portal App

Our Parent Portal app is likely well-known to many of you. This application allows you to easily access photos, progress reports, and essential information, such as invoices and bookings, all in one handy place.

If you haven't downloaded it yet, please search for 'Parenta' in your app store and look out for the purple logo above.



## Enhanced activities

learning experiences that go beyond to make education more engaging, relevant, and impactful.

## Engaging in learning walks with small groups

We talked about road safety before we left and learnt a song to sing to help us remember the rules.... "Stop, look and listen."

The Tiggers went on a trip to the shops. The children really enjoyed exploring the shops, showing us the things they had at home.

We looked at different coloured cars on the way and also spotted an ambulance and a police car.



Piglets walked up to Ashley Road to buy some resources for our planned activities from our interests and to visit the post office.





Muddy Munchkin children are noticing the seasons change, decorating an autumn tree with leaves, acorns and squirrels. Enjoying a Gruffalo hunt to find animals hiding in the woods and made porridge for the Gruffalo! And of course, jumping in muddy puddles!!



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## Things to do!



- Please notify the Sunbeams office if you plan to pick up your child earlier than the scheduled session time. This allows us to prepare your child in time.
- If you are designating someone else to collect your child, and we are not familiar with them, we will require their full name, a description (or a photograph), and a password for verification.

# Breakfast

Breakfast club is a great opportunity to drop your little ones off and get a head start into your working day.

Please remember to drop off at our wooden gate:

**8:00am, 8:15am or 8:30am only.**



One of our wonderful parents has reached out to us for assistance:

## Help Savana raise funds to support Ronald McDonald House Charities.



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### Ezra's Story ❤

At just 3 weeks old, baby Ezra suddenly stopped breathing. After a terrifying night in hospital, doctors made the urgent decision to transfer him to Southampton PICU, miles away from home.

After that first traumatic night, and with no idea where to stay, Savana was introduced to Ronald McDonald House Southampton — a charity-run home just minutes from Ezra's bedside.

*"It felt like a true home away from home. We had our own kitchen space, our own room, friendly support, and even toys and space for our 2-year-old daughter when she came to stay. They gave us comfort, stability, and the ability to be beside our critically ill baby every single day."*

Ronald McDonald House is a charity, and without them Savana could not have stayed close to Ezra when he needed her most.

Now, we want to help Savana give something back — to thank them, and to help give other families the same lifeline during their darkest moments.

Savana hopes to return to Southampton for Ezra's 2nd birthday to hand over the funds she raises.

Even £1 makes a difference.

If you can donate, share, or support in any way, we are truly grateful.





CHARLOTTE  
TIGGERS PRACTITIONER  
AND SENCO

**Congratulations  
on your  
new position**



BECKY  
PIGLETS  
ROOM LEADER

**Congratulations  
on your  
promotion**



EMILY

Goodbye  
& Good Luck



JESS

**We bid a heartfelt farewell and wish good  
luck to Jess and Emily as they embark on  
new adventures and spread their wings.**