

March and April 2026

Welcome to our March/April newsletter!

Opportunities for our children and families...

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March...

The children here love stories and books and both children and staff dressed up to enjoy this year's World Book Day. Lots of fun was had by all!

Swimming lessons (older children only)...

Our older children have shown great progress with their swimming sessions and the sessions will continue in to the summer term.

Easter Stay and Play sessions... We look forward to inviting families to join us for our Easter Stay and Play sessions on Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March. These sessions will be an opportunity to come into our Nursery and spend time with your child while enjoying some fun Easter activities.

Zoo Lab... we have organised for Zoo Lab to bring their insects and creepy crawlies in to Nursery on the morning of Wednesday 1st April. This will be an experience for our children in main Nursery. We will be asking families to pay a small amount and the full cost will be subsidised by School Fund. (Details have been shared on ParentPay)

Mini-Graduation for July 2026 school leavers - Wednesday 15th July

More information to follow.

'School Readiness and Phonics' workshops... July 2026 Primary School leavers...

Before we know it, our big girls and boys will be leaving us to start Reception Class in Primary School! Mrs Staines will be holding 2 workshops, School Readiness and Phonics, which will support parents/carers of children who will be leaving us in July 26 to start Primary School. Dates and times to follow.

Finally, some exciting news... our Baby Acorns room officially opens on Thursday 12th March. We have 6 places for babies aged 9 months+ for families that are eligible for 30 hours of funding.

We look forward to welcoming the following children to our Aclet Close Nursery School family: Louie, Eddie, Florrah, Leo, Oakley and Grace! 😊



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays in March and April: Phoebe, Caleb, Novah, Ruby as well as Mrs Staines, Mrs Barraclough, Miss Jardine and Miss Shepherd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all!

Your child's safety is very important to us...

Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk. We would also appreciate it if you could use the laybys and be mindful about our neighbours when parking - **please avoid their driveways and the grass verges**. Please remind all adults that drop off and collect your children.

Thank you for your continuing support.

School fund... Thank you very much for your donations to School Fund. You have paid for our twice daily snacks as well as birthday gifts for the children and playdough ingredients. Our visit from Zoo Lab will be subsidised and we have also ordered caterpillars to hatch into butterflies - they are due to arrive in a few weeks.

For children who attend 15 hours or less, we ask for donations of **£1** a week and for children attending 30 hours, we ask for donations of **£2** a week.

Please use the payment category 'School Fund' on ParentPay.

Easy Fundraising... Many thanks to those of you that are supporting us when online shopping. Since setting our account up in November 2020, our supporters have raised £1,011.60. It is really easy to sign up and just click on a link before choosing your online retailer.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/acletclosenursery/>

The donation to school is often just pennies, but it does add up and it is all spent on the children.

You just shop as you usually would, but always click on Easy Fundraising first. The most commonly used ones are Amazon, Screwfix, Etsy, Studio, Gap, Sainsbury's Groceries, Just Eat, H Samuel, John Lewis, Marks & Spencers and Ebay. There's lots of other retailers there... feel free to ask your friends and family to support us too. Every penny adds up and is spent on nice things for the children ☺

Dates for your diary...

Mon 2nd March: School reopens

Thurs 5th March: World Book Day - children are welcome to dress up if they would like to

Weds 11th March: am: Swimming lessons for group 1 start

Tues 24th March: 9.15am - 10.45am: Easter Stay & Play

Thurs 26th March: 1pm - 2.30pm: Easter Stay & Play

Weds 1st Apr: Zoo Lab in school for older children

Thurs 2nd Apr: School breaks up for Easter

Mon 20th Apr: School reopens

Weds 22nd Apr: Swimming lessons for group 2 start

Mon 4th May: School closed - Bank Holiday

Fri 22nd May: School closed, Staff training

Fri 22nd May: School breaks up for May Half Term

Mon 1st June: School reopens

Weds 15th July: Mini graduation for July 2026 school leavers. More info to follow.

Fri 17th July: School breaks up for Summer



Governors' news...

Governors are delighted to announce that our baby room is officially open. They wish all staff the very best of luck with this new, exciting chapter!

Just before half term, Miss Newton left us to have her baby girl and on Thursday 2nd April, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Beal, who has secured a promotion to a nearby Primary School and to Miss Francis who will leave us to have her baby. We wish all staff our congratulations and the best of luck - they will all be very much missed.

Information about our team can be found on the school website:

[Meet The Staff - Aclet Close](#)

Monitoring...

During the Spring term, our Curriculum Committees have met, as well as the Full Governing Body and our Finance Committee will meet in April.