



Half term Newsletter

SPRING TERM second half
24th Feb – 4th April 2025



Welcome back to a new half term at Pre-school.

Anna was very touched by your fond farewell and lovely comments and gifts. Thank you. During the first half term of this year Anna has been training Helen up in her new role as Interim Manager. Helen will now be the registered Manager from this half term onwards. Thank you for your support and encouragement as she finds her feet.

Welcome to our final **two new starters** who are joining us after half term. Pre-school is now full until September.

This half term we will be learning about **Winter weather** or general weather if the weather starts warming up! From showers to hailstones and everything in between, we might even learn to be a weather presenter!



Following that we will be celebrating **Pancake Day and World Book Day** all in one week! You should have received a separate e-mail with more information about the later. After flipping pancakes what better than to have a chance to be scientists in our **Science Week**, exploring light, water, sound and more. After all that investigating our firm favourite topic follows, **Safari**, where we will learn all about the different jungle animals. We will then finish our half term with looking forward to **Mother's Day, Spring and Easter!**



Please see attached our '**Planned Learning Focus**' sheet for the areas of learning that we will be particularly concentrating on this half term for both Caterpillars and Butterflies.



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For younger siblings

Please note the **deadline for new applications** for our pre-school is **6th March 2025**, this is for children born between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023**. (Caterpillar Group)

Please make applications online at: -
www.cheambaptist.org/pre-school

WhatsApp

Please do **check your WhatsApp** messages as we have started using this format as a means of communicating group messages easily with individual parents.

Helen would **welcome feedback** on how useful you find this or if you prefer just e mails.

Advance notice:-

Our Easter workshop will be on Tuesday April 1st from 2-3pm and that's not an April Fool's Joke! The targeted area of learning will be Understanding the World, this includes Technology, The World and People and Communities. Everyone welcome even if it's not your child's session. More details to follow



Please continue to:-

check the posters in the lobby window for the Theme and Book each week. The children are very welcome to bring in anything connected with the theme, clearly labelled with their name, to show and put on our Topic Shelf.

Please can you continue to donate:-

Full boxes of **tissues**— still needed at this time of year and much appreciated!

Tapestry



Please feel free to add **your own pictures of any activities your child did during Half Term**. Please let their key worker know as we would love your child to share them with the other children during a session. Please do also continue to make any comments on any of the photos we share from pre-school. We enjoy reading them.

Dates for your Diaries

Term Dates

We finish for the Easter holidays on Friday 4th April 2025

Easter Workshop

Tuesday 1st April 2-3pm (Details to follow)

Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 18th July 2025

Half term: 26th May to 30th May 2025

(Also closed for Bank Holiday Monday 5th May)

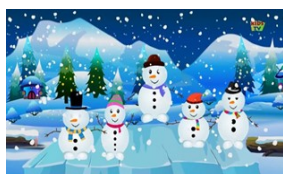


What's On at Cheam Baptist Church

10.30am Sunday Morning Service

This is also being live streamed on YouTube, just type in Cheam Baptist Church

There is a creche and children's groups. You are very welcome to join us!



Ideas of activities to do at Home

Song to sing:

5 little snowmen jumping in the snow,
1 fell down and bumped his toe,
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
No more snowmen jumping in the snow!

4 little snowmen ... 3 little snowmen ... 2 little snowmen...

1 little snowman jumping in the snow,
1 fell down and bumped his toe,
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
Put those snowmen back to bed!

OR

Try recreating a rainbow out of household objects or toys.

Story to read: The Gruffalo's Child

Maths: Lay on an Easter Egg hunt with clues as to where they can find them!
Try counting the eggs with them before they eat them!

Try these sites for more great ideas:-

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/> or <https://www.bbc.co.uk> *tinypappypeople*

Useful Information

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Here is a very useful guide to the EYFS Curriculum—well worth a read!

[What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](#)

Keeping the under fives safe online

Childnet has prepared a guide for parents of the under 5s

[Keeping Under Fives Safe Online | Childnet](#)

