

LAVENHAM



PRE-SCHOOL

YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM LAVENHAM PRE-SCHOOL

December 2024

Monthly Issue



December

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## Welcome

Welcome to our monthly Lavenham Pre-School newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest information and updates from our pre-school, as well as taking a peek at some of the fantastic learning and play that has been taking place behind our pre-school doors.

Now also available online through our social media platforms and soon to be available on our website, you can always be sure to keep up-to-date with the latest developments at Lavenham Pre-School.

# Lavenham Pre-school Team



**Elzbieta Zlotek**  
Manager  
Qualified Teacher Status  
Forest School Leader,  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Hanna Baines**  
Deputy Manager  
Level 6  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Lucy Powell**  
Senior Practitioner,  
Level 3



**Emma Appleby**  
Senior Practitioner,  
Level 3, SENCo,  
Forest School Leader,  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Ella Knights**  
Pre-school Practitioner  
Level 3



**Mary Ryan**  
Bank Practitioner



**Claire Knights**  
Senior Administrator



**Amanda Charnley**  
Bank Practitioner





## Lavenham Pre-school Trustees:

Roy Mawford – Chairman  
Kelly Humphreys – Vice Chairman  
Jill Jones – Secretary  
Sue Knight  
Laura Willis  
Anthony Burdis  
Kelly Greyling

*THANK YOU  
SO MUCH!*

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# LAVENHAM PRE-SCHOOL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



December 12, 2024

13.00 – 14.00



Lavenham Village Hall  
CO10 9QT



# Dates to remember

**Thursday 5th December @2pm**

Good Neighbour Scheme Christmas Party in Village Hall

**Thursday 12th December 2024**

**Christmas Jumper Day- All day event ( suggested donation £2)**

1 pm-Lavenham Preschool AGM- all parents are invited.



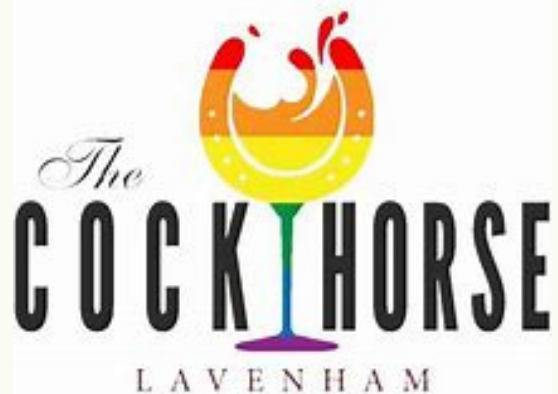
**Wednesday 18th December 2024 @ 11 am- Seeing Santa in The Cock Horse Inn pub.**

All children and families are invited. Come along and join us to celebrate this special time and get into the Christmas spirit.

The children will have an opportunity to see Father Christmas and receive their presents, as well as enjoy a hot chocolate and a biscuit.

Santa will make his grand entrance ringing his bell before taking to his sleigh and giving out the presents.

A group photo at the end will be a lovely way to finish the year.



**\*Refreshments and Nibbles for parents will be available for purchase\***

**Friday 20th December @2pm**

Forest School Christmas Party (parents of the children attending the Friday afternoon session are welcome to join in)



# Small Night Out

We are delighted to announce that Lavenham Primary School and Lavenham Pre-school have raised an astonishing amount of £4233 each!  
Thank you for all your support.

We are planning to use this money to improve and enhance the Pre School's garden and create more opportunities for all the children to learn and develop.

## The Lavenham Small Night Out



Thank you 



# Tuff Tray-Benefits in Early Childhood Education

Tuff Tray activities are a versatile resource that promotes various types of play, including social, creative, sensory, and role play. They can be easily adapted based on the child's learning direction or transformed into a new activity. Every Tuff Tray setup should offer possibilities for learning and development, whether intended or arising during play. Here are some examples of learning that may take place:

## Personal, Social, and Emotional Development:

Tuff Trays provide opportunities for independent exploratory play, helping children develop a sense of self. They also promote social play, teaching children how to interact, socialize, and collaborate.

## Communication and Language Development

An engaging Tuff Tray setup sparks exploration and curiosity, opening up many opportunities for interaction. From babies to pre-schoolers, children can interact with others during Tuff Tray play, promoting critical thinking and language learning.

## Physical Development:

Tuff Trays encourage children to strengthen their fine motor skills by providing different tools, objects, and materials. Gross motor skills can also be developed by encouraging children to move around the tray.

## Specific Areas of Learning:

Tuff Tray play supports learning and development in Mathematics, Literacy, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design. By exploring and experimenting in Tuff Trays, children start to grasp new concepts and develop a sense of the world around them.

## Sensory Development:

Tuff Trays are an excellent way to contain sensory bases, such as rice, pasta, mud, water, and more. The sensory elements immerse children, stimulating their five senses and allowing them to explore and be creative.





# Loos parts play- obstacle course



An obstacle course is one of the most simple yet effective ways to make use of outdoor loose parts! They used a variety of sized cable drums, planks, crates, and tyres to create a sturdy and adventurous balancing beam.

This not only supported the children in developing their physical skills, balance and co-ordination, but allowed them to explore risk and creativity. Engaging in "risky play" allows children to understand their boundaries and develop a sense of power and independence which will develop in later life.







# DECEMBER



Christmas Around the world

Hannukah

Kwanzaa

Winter

Baking and Hot Chocolate

Weather changes

Christmas cards/letter writing

Kindness and friendships



HAPPY HANUKKAH!



2025

HAPPY  
KWANZAA!





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# Regular Notices

## Parent Trustees

If you would like to play a more regular and active role in the management of the Pre-School, or in its fund-raising activities, please do let Ela or Hanna know as we are always interested in welcoming new Parent Trustees.

## Term Dates 2024 - 2025:

### Autumn Term 2024

PD Day Monday 2nd September  
2024

PD Day Tuesday 3rd September  
2024

Term Starts Wednesday 4th  
September 2024

Half Term - Week Commencing 28th  
October 2024

Term Ends Friday 20th December  
2024

### Spring Term 2025

Term Starts Monday 6th January  
2025

Half Term - Week Commencing 17th  
February 2025

PD Day Monday 24th February 2025  
Term Ends Friday 4th April 2025

### Summer Term 2025

Term Starts Tuesday 22nd April  
2025

Half Term - Week Commencing 26th  
May 2025

Term Ends Friday 18th July 2025  
PD Day Monday 21st July 2025  
PD Day Tuesday 22nd July 2025

## Uniform

Uniform is optional but can be purchased online from

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/> or via telephone order on 0114 251 2501.

We also have a second hand uniforms available in a very good condition which we are giving away for a small donation.

## Facebook

We update our Facebook page on a weekly basis with the activities we have planned for the children. Please follow and like our page Lavenham Preschool & Forest School.

## Items to bring into Pre-school

Please limit the items which are brought into Pre-school. Regrettably no unnecessary items, including toys, can be brought into the setting as they may get lost. Children will need a named water bottle and lunch box. Please ensure clothing is named and cleaned daily. Bottles must contain WATER ONLY. We follow a Healthy Eating policy; children will be required to eat sandwiches, fruit & yogurt before eating any treats. Chocolate bars should be kept to a minimum.

**We do not allow sweets at all and we have a NO nut policy (this includes chocolate spreads).**

**As we have children with severe nut allergies!**

