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Newsletter
September 2026

**Welcome!**
Welcome back to all of our returning families and a huge welcome to all of our new families. It has been a wonderful start to the term and the children have settled back in very well. I am pleased to see that our new children and families are settling in well too and getting to know everyone.
Each half term we will send out a newsletter to keep you updated with what is happening at Pound Park, along with upcoming diary dates. This newsletter will be emailed, but will also be available on our website, on the notice board, and in Reception.

**Primary School Applications**
I know it seems early but for some families, this is time for them to start applying for their child's reception class place. **If your child was born between 01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023 it is time to apply for their Primary School place**. The closing date for applications is January 15th 2027. We recommend visiting schools by checking their websites for more information on their open days.

Please visit the following website to apply:
http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

| Stage of Process | Date |
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| Application period starts | 1st September 2026 |
| Closing date for applications | 15th January 2027 |
| Outcome of applications | 16th April 2027 |
| Deadline for accepting the offer | 30th April 2027 |
| Appeal hearings | June and July 2027 |

**Snacks**
We provide healthy snacks such as fruit, cereals, cheese, vegetables, along with milk or water, each session for the children. **Each week we ask for a small contribution of £2 to cover the cost of our weekly snack order.**
If you can help with this, it would be much appreciated.
Please do not put any food or drink in your child's bags as we have a **number of children with quite severe allergies**.

**Coffee Morning**
We will be holding a coffee morning each term for parents and carers in the Dragonfly building next to the nursery. This is a space to have informal conversations about your child's development and at times meet other professionals such as Health visitors and Speech and Language therapists. **Our first coffee morning will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 9:30am.** Please do come along and meet other families. We will be discussing how the children are settling in. This will also provide an opportunity to have a chat with Solin, Emma, Brenda and Olivia about how your child is doing.

**Reminder: Please Do Not Use Mobile Phones whilst at Nursery**
Mobile phones **should not** be used on the nursery premises at any time, for any reason. It is important to safeguard children at nursery at all times. Therefore parent/carers and staff must adhere to this important rule. You will be asked to put your phone away if seen using it. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Attendance and Punctuality**
Please help the smooth running of school by being on time for the start of sessions.
If children are too unwell for school please let us know on the first day of absence, by phone or email. We only ask that you keep your child at home if they were running a high temperature or were too ill to attend.

**Gates and Timings**
**All families** should access the nursery via the main gate on Pound Park road.
Morning session:
Gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am
9.30am and close at 9:40am
End of session 11:40am, **gate closes at 11.45am**
Afternoon session:
Gates open at 12:30pm and close at 12:40pm
End of session 3:25pm, **gate closes at 3.35pm**
**Children cannot be picked up between 11:15am and the end of the morning session or 3pm and the end of the afternoon session.** Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation to either pick up earlier or at the stated times. **LATE COLLECTION** If your child is not collected by 3.40, they will be taken to our after school club and you will incur a charge of £12.50. if you need one off childcare after school, please contact the school office in advance.

**Clothing and Spare Clothes**
Please label **all** items of your child's clothing with their name, including coats and hats. This helps to identify clothing to the correct child when they misplace it. Please bring in spare clothes including underwear, socks, t-shirt / and bottoms. These should be placed the Pound Park canvas bag on your child's allocated peg. We ask that you do not bring rucksacks, as they are too bulky on the pegs.

**Road Safety**
**Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking and ensure you do not park on the 'no parking' lines outside of the school; this is for all our children's safety.** We also ask that you help us teach children about road safety by always using the crossing near the school entrance, holding hands and not crossing between cars.

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**Communication**
Please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details including email, telephone number and home address. Please let the office know if you are not receiving our emails as this is the main way we communicate information to parents.
We need to be made aware of all people that have permission to drop off or collect your child to Nursery School. We will not release children to people we do not know or if they are under the age of 16.

**Mallable Resources**
Children gain so much from exploring malleable and sensory activities, and these experiences are an integral part of their their learning and development. Bearing in mind the cost of living crisis that we are all currently facing, we feel that we want to be responsible and not buy uneccesary produce including flour, pasta or rice for children's malleable play. This includes making play dough and slime with cornflour. We would ask that if you have any out of date flour, rice or pasta, please bring these into school for us to use.

**Recycled Materials – Thank You for Your Support!**
We love seeing the children's creativity shine when they explore and play with recycled materials! We're always grateful for your donations of clean, empty boxes, cartons, and plastic bottles/containers. Just a gentle reminder: please avoid sending in egg boxes, toilet roll tubes, or any food packaging that may have contained nuts, as we have children with allergies.Thank you for helping us make playtime both fun and safe!

**Welcome to Olivia!**
We are very pleased to welcome Olivia to the Pound Park team. Olivia is joining us as the class teacher in Ladybird room. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from her teaching career and we know she will make a big impact here at Pound Park. Welcome Olivia!

**Nursery Places Available**
We have a few remaining full time spaces available. If you know of a family who is currently looking for a nursery place and is entitled to either a 15hr free place or is eligible for the 30hr Code, please advise them to contact the school office on **020 8858 1791** or email: office@poundpark.greenwich.sch.uk

**Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day**

We will be raising money for the WRD charity, which is working towards creating an anti-racist society / community by supporting their **Wear Red Day on 16th October 2026** where we ask that the children come to school wearing something red and donate £1 in support of this worthwhile charity. As a school we are committed to tackling all forms of discriminiation and racism. We believe that everyone should feel a sense of belonging and pride in who they are as an individual.

**Early Communication Together Stay and Play**
Do you have a child with social and communication delay or difficulties? Would you like additional support and strategies to help you and your child to communicate with growing confidence? If so, please join the ECT team for their weekly drop-in stay and play every Monday afternoon from 1:00-2:30pm here at Pound Park Nursery.

*All newsletters and correspondence from Pound Park can be translated, please ask in the office should you or someone you know need this service.*