

Stratton Playgroup

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Newsletter - November 2025



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Welcome to our Last half term of 2025

This half term we will be learning about Arctic animals and celebrations

During our first week back, the children will create firework pictures using a range of mixed media. We will also make our fundraising Christmas cards.

Next, the children will make Remembrance Day craft. We will create a poppy wreath using all of their handprints. On Friday 14th we will join in with 'Children In Need.' The children will decorate biscuits and have a party (**Only for children who attend on a Friday**).

We will then begin to learn about Arctic animals. Animals including walruses, seals, reindeer and polar bears. We will make reindeer food to sell for fundraising. We will take part in science experiments with ice.

The children will make polar bear biscuits. They will use mathematical language when using ingredients. The children will take part in movement activities; moving like different animals.

Learning intentions for this half term

Communication and language:

- Use a wider range of vocabulary. Vocabulary from our Arctic animals' topic and church visit.
- Learn new songs and rhymes.
- Listen to stories and learn new facts.

Personal, social and emotional development

- Express their own preferences and choices.
- Show more confidence in new social situations.
- Building friendships and take part in turn taking games.

Expressive arts and design

- Explore different materials through craft, sensory activities and science experiments.
- Develop their own ideas. Explore different materials and decide how to use them.
- Singing songs and dancing to different types of music.

Understanding the world

- Learning about Christmas around the world.
- Using books and technology to research animals and different cultures.

Up to date contact details.

Please ensure you have let us know if there are any changes to your contact details, address, phone numbers, or emergency numbers.

Key Person Meetings

We hope you found your key person meeting useful. There are still some meetings that need to take place, your child's key person will speak to you to organise this.

Meet the team.

Each month we will introduce two of our team members.

This month is **Sam and Harri**

Sam



Name - Sam Piper

Roles and Responsibilities - Supervisor, health and safety officer

Early Years Qualification - CACHE Level 3 NVQ In Children's Care, Learning and Development

A little bit more about Sam I have four daughters; Natasha, Rebecca, Kylie and Sophie, a grandson, Harley and five granddaughters; Alicia, Indie, Nalah, Bodhi and Maizie, all of whom keep me very busy. We all enjoy walks with our dogs Lola and Loki, and days out exploring our beautiful local countryside and coastline.

Have long have you worked at playgroup? 12 years.

What is your Favourite thing about working in early years?

The smiles on their faces when they get excited to see their friends. I love how happy the children are at playgroup and how enthusiastic they are to try and explore new things, we really have an adventurous group of children attending playgroup and it is so lovely watching them grow in confidence. I learn as much from them as they from me, their energy and curiosity is truly contagious.

How would you like to see playgroup develop?

To continue to be a place where the children really thrive. It would be lovely to develop our outdoor space, adding to our outdoor large-scale construction and role play toys to help the children expand their imagination, social and physical skills

Harri



Roles and Responsibilities

Early years practitioner/supervisor

How long have you worked at playgroup?

10 years

Qualifications

NVQ III in Children's Care, Learning & development.

What is your favourite thing about working in early years?

My favourite thing about working in early years is being part of the children's learning journey and helping them achieve their next steps.

A little bit more about Harri

I'm a farmer's wife and mum of two. When I'm not at Playgroup I enjoy pottering in the greenhouse and looking after my chickens.

How would you like see playgroup grow and develop?

I would like to see playgroup develop its local ties and have more visitors from our community sharing their passions and professions. RNLI lifeguards, farmers, local historians

Staff recruitment

We have extended our job recruitment - vacancy open until January 2026.

Space/session availability

We are currently full for this academic year and have a waiting list for spaces.

Spaces are already filling up from September 2026, so if you or someone you know would like to reserve a space please:

Visit our website strattonplaygroupbude@co.uk

OR

Email strattonplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk

Lending library News

5 books awards go to, Otto, Catherine, Ky, Logan and Harper.

10 book awards go to Isabelle.

'Great reading everyone'.

School applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2026. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2026.**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

Upcoming dates and information

Bags to school Collection

This is a fund raiser for playgroup. Collection date - Thursday 13th November 9:00am



We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

Please see the full list of items collected:

Clothes, Paired shoes, Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Bras, Jewellery, Socks and Belts

If needed Bags can be stored here a couple of weeks before

Children In Need party Date: Friday 14th November FRIDAY CHILDREN ONLY



The children are invited to come to playgroup in their partywear of PJS. We will be having a party, decorating biscuits.

Suggested donation £1

Christmas card designs date to be returned with payment by Friday 14th November



Children create their own designs, and you can purchase items; all these details are on Family.

Children's Christmas Party Date: Friday 19th December - Morning



All children invited, details will be sent out at the beginning of December.

Bike Helmet safety for children



Please see the link below which provides lots of information on Cycling with kids:

[Complete guide to cycling with kids | Cycle Sprog](#)

Keeping children safe online



We live very much in a digital world. Please see the links below which provide lots of useful information about keeping your child safe online.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Updates

We are very proud of our website, where we display all our information; this will also be updated regularly with events and dates. This is available at: www.strattonplaygroup.uk.

We also have Facebook and Instagram - please find us as "**Stratton Playgroup Bude**".

Monthly newsletters - these will be emailed to you each month.

At the end of each session a small description of the session will be written on the easel, outside - weather dependent.

Term Dates

Bags to school collection	Thursday 13 th Nov
Children In Need party/PJS	Friday 14 th Nov
Christmas card designs returned	Friday 14 th Nov
Committee AGM	Thursday 20 th Nov
Last Day	Thurs 18 th Dec
Christmas Party	Fri 19 th Dec (further details to follow)
Start of Spring Term 2024	Mon 5 th Jan
School Applications deadline	Thurs 15 th Jan
Half-Term	Mon 16 th Feb - Fri 20 th Feb
Last Day	Thurs 2 nd April
Start of Summer Term 2024	Mon 20 th April
Bank Holiday	Mon 4 th May
Half-Term	Mon 25 th May - Fri 29 th May
Bags to school collection	Tuesday 9 th June
Last Day	TBC
Leavers Party	TBC

Other dates throughout the year will come up such as celebrations and events days.

Thank you for your time in reading this very lengthy newsletter, if you have any questions please speak to a member of staff.

Kelly and all the team 😊



Kelly



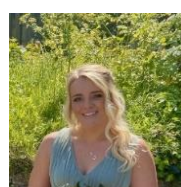
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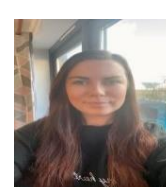
Harri



Roxy



Kayleigh



Gemma



Liv



Edwina