

# Stratton Playgroup

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## Newsletter April/May

2026



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*Last half term we were lucky to have lots of different people visit us.*

*We had visits from Bude Library, Stratton Church, PC Shute and Bupa Dentist.*



*This half term we are learning all about 'weather'.*

We will welcome the children back to playgroup and enjoy listening to their Easter news. This week we will begin our topic about weather. We will begin by exploring rain. The children will make raindrop name craft. We will use our physical skills outside to transport water from one point to another over obstacles. St. Georges Day on Thursday, we will make England flags.

We will then learn about thunder and lightning. The children will make storm collages using foil, paint, paper and textured materials. We will use musical instruments to make loud and quiet sounds.

The children will create a weather graph/chart which we will add to each day.

**Our Learning intentions for summer term -**

**Understanding the world -**

- Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in the world around us.

- Learning about the weather and how things grow.
- Talk about what they see, using a wide range of vocabulary.
- Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.

Communication and vocabulary -

- Use a wider range of vocabulary
- Understands 'why' questions

Mathematics -

- Makes comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity
- Notices patterns
- Compare amounts saying 'more' or 'lots'.

### School Places - September 2026

If your child is starting school in September, you should now have been informed of which school they have been allocated.

### Healthy Lunchboxes



Please can we ask that children have some fresh vegetables/fruit in their lunch boxes.

### Lending Library News



- 5 book awards to Autumn and Rory
- 10 book awards to Catherine and Oscar
- 15 book awards to Logan and Otto
- 20 book awards to Olivia and Ben
- 30 book awards to Ky
- 40 book awards to Harper
- 50 book awards to Isabelle

### Sun Cream

Please check the weather forecast before your child comes to their session. If hot, sunny weather is forecast, please apply sun cream.  
If your child is here all day, we will reapply.

Please send your child to playgroup with a labelled bottle of sun cream which we will use for your child. **NHS Recommendations** - a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30, to protect against UVB at least 4-star UVA protection.

### **Bringing items into playgroup**

Please can we ask that children do not bring in too many unnecessary items to playgroup, especially anything very precious or very small. Unfortunately, these items can get lost or broken which results in upset children.

### **Jewellery at playgroup**

For health and safety reasons can we ask that children do not wear lots of unnecessary jewellery at playgroup.

### **Staff training updates**

Kelly and Sam have renewed their Paediatric first aid.

Roxy has renewed her Prevent training.

Liv has completed Shape your curriculum, planning and progression.

Gemma has completed Creating an environment to support communication and Language development.

Kayleigh completed 'Remember Me'.

Sam completed School readiness - physical development.

Tracy has completed Early Years Foundation training.

### **Key Person Meetings**

This half term we are offering all of our families a key person meeting. Your child's key person will arrange a convenient time to with you.

### **Term dates**

Start of Summer Term 2026 - Monday 20th April

During half term April 20<sup>th</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be offering Key Person meetings

Group photo for children starting school - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9am

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May

Half-Term Mon 25th May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Bags to School Collection - Tuesday 9th June

Last Day - Wednesday 15th July

Leavers Party (school starters only) - Thursday 16th July AM

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

### **Our 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](http://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.

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

Kelly and all the team 😊



Kelly



Anna



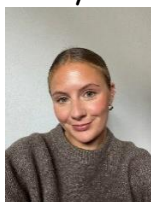
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