

Gillshill Pelican Pre-School

Spring Term



2026



New Term and Planning

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. Thank you for the cards and gifts they are much appreciated.

This term the topic is Mathematics. The activities we plan cover all areas of learning, but the focus this term is Numbers, Shape, Space, and Measure. To help your child with this, please look at the different shapes and numbers around your home.

Parents in Partnership

We would like to thank all parents for your continued support.

To promote Parental Partnership we would be grateful if you could observe and record anything your child has achieved outside of the setting e.g. tidying up or getting dressed on their own. These will be used to help your Key Person with individual planning within the EYFS. We will put a blank observation form in your Childs bag .

Australia Day

Australia Day is on Monday 26th January. During this week we will be looking at and discussing life "Down Under" the animals , weather etc.

Chinese New Year

During the weeks commencing 2nd February & 9th February we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. This will involve lots of craft activities and food tasting. Please let us know if there is anything you would prefer your child not to sample. If you have any Chinese decorations we could use for our room please send them in.

Wet Weather

Can you provide your child with a named pair of wellington boots to change into for outdoor play. These can be left under the bench in the cloakroom.

Students

We do offer Students from college/school placements throughout the year. The students are always DBS checked and not included in our ratios.

Developing independence

To help your child become more independent and ready for school we are encouraging them to change in and out of their coats and shoes independently.

We have observed that some of the children are struggling with this and are asking that you would also encourage your child to practice this at home.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Raffle. We raised £346.50

All of the monies will go towards funding for a new building.

Weekly Contributions

We would also like to thank parents for their continued support with our weekly contribution of £1.00. This extra income is very important to us and helps subsidise our activities such as baking and any other consumable materials.

Open Evenings

We will be holding open evenings in March giving you the opportunity to look at your child's Learning Journey and speak with their Key Person. We will be looking at the details for this nearer the time .

Stay and Play Sessions

We will be starting our Stay and Play Sessions after half term. Details to follow.

Diary Dates

Half Term

Close Friday 13th February 2026

Re-open Monday 23rd February 2026

Close for Easter Friday 27th March 2026

Re-open Tuesday 14th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026