

Gillshill Pelican Pre-school

Autumn Newsletter

2026

WELCOME

Welcome to Gillshill Pelican Pre-school.
Everyone is settling in well and are becoming familiar with our indoor and outdoor environment.

This half-term our theme will be 'Settling in'. We will also be looking at the changes to the seasons as summer turns into autumn.

Open night

We are planning to hold an informal open night on the 19th of October 2026. You are welcome to pop in at any time between 3.45pm and 5.15pm to discuss how your child has settled or if you have any concerns.

Harvest Festival

We are collecting tins, packet foods and toiletries for Purple House Women's Centre, a local organisation run by women for women, providing services for women and their children escaping violence and abuse across Hull and Humberside.

If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to us during the week commencing 5th October, and leave in the box located near the gate in the garden.

Divali

We will be celebrating the Hindu festival of light (Divali) during the week commencing 9th November. We will be food tasting and there will be lots of creative activities.

Parentmail

Please make sure you check Parentmail for any up-to-date information

Photographer

On Wednesday the 21st of October a photographer will be coming into the group. All the children will have their photograph taken, but you are not obliged to purchase it. If your child does not attend on a Wednesday and you would like a photograph taken, the photographer will be here across lunchtime.

Please see Gill, Sue or Jo to make an appointment between 11.30am and 12.15pm

Key Worker Groups

Butterflies	Sue L and Alison
Ladybirds	Karen, Sally and Lauren
Bees	Leanne and Jo
Senco	Sally

Students and Volunteers

We usually offer placements to students studying various childcare courses and provide work experience for students from local secondary schools.

Students are always supervised and are DBS checked; they are not included in our staff/child ratio.

Clothing

As we use our outdoor area as much as possible even in cold and wet weather, we will provide all children with fleeces and wet suits. Could you please provide named wellington boots and a warm outdoor coat.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club opens at 8.00am-8.30am each day. If you would like to book a place, see a member of staff. Cost £2.50 per day.

Grapes

If a child brings grapes for their packed lunch or on fruit day, would you please ensure that you cut them into two, lengthways to avoid any risk of choking.