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Preschool Overview 2025/26

Preschool has had a very successful year. We had an Ofsted visit which resulted in a **GOOD** rating and Mrs Harryman and Mrs Dunkley have almost finished their Level 3 courses.

We have continued to welcome outsourced activities into the setting such as Stagecoach drama, dance, yoga, football as well as The Fire Brigade and Apple World. This is proving very popular with the children and parents. We have also been building a strong relationship with the Primary School. We have been offered an afternoon for our Rising Five children to experience time in the reception classrooms as well as the friendly lollypop man Tim coming to meet the children and talk to them about road safety.

Numbers remain good, with a full intake this year and over 10 on the waiting list for September 2026. We have planned open mornings and afternoons in June again as this worked well last year and resulted in over 15 families signing up to the setting.

The move to the small hall at the Village Hall for Rising Fives has been very successful and allowed us to offer full day sessions 3 times a week running from 9am – 3pm. There has been great demand for these sessions, and it has allowed us to cater for families we were unable to support before.

We have had a very successful fundraising year with quiz nights, wet sponge competition and burger stall at The Custard Pie Championships, Sports Day, Activity Day as well as Halloween and Valentines Discos and the future Christmas Bizarre coming up.