

SUMMER 2022

# PARENT CARER NEWSLETTER

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## HELLO

**Manager: Sharon Brown**

Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter, and as always, a warm welcome to our families who have recently joined us. Things are definitely looking brighter with the warmer days ahead, the beautiful spring flowers have been starting to bloom in the last few weeks.

Children always come into preschool happy and ready to learn and have fun. Just seeing the smiles on their faces when they are here, makes me and my team feel happy to know we are doing a great job.

We are so grateful to have so many supportive families who have made these rather strange and difficult times that little bit easier for us, and for that we'd like to say a HUGE thank you.

I am extremely proud of my staff team for all their hard work, and the extra efforts they have put in to ensure your childrens safety, whilst maintaining a fun and nurturing environment.

We will be reviewing our process of allowing parents to enter the building, but bear with us for now, we will keep you all posted.

Thank you to all parents carers who attended our EID Celebration earlier this term, it was fantastic to touch base with you all.



# Curriculum Focus

Manager: Sharon Brown

## Caterpillars room (Under 2s & Over 2s)

In the Caterpillar provision we focus on the 3 prime areas of learning; Communication and language, Physical, and Personal and Social Development. The prime areas are important because they lay the foundations for children's success in all other areas of lifelong learning

### [What to Expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\).](#)

Our Children really enjoy lots of wonderful sensory play, outdoor activities, singing, dancing, mark making, communicating, interacting with other, and much more. All these activities help children to grow and learn whilst having fun.



## Butterfly room (Over 3s)

In the Over 3s provision we focus on the 7 areas of learning, which are the prime and specific areas. The prime areas are mentioned above and also include Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts.

### [What to Expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\).](#)

The children will also be exploring the natural environment, such as planting flowers, vegetables, learning about life cycles, observing squirrels and minibeasts etc.

This is linked to our healthy start project, which aims to encourage children to gain the benefit of growing their own vegetables and fruit and make those healthy choices.





# Holiday Play Care

Deputy Manager: Lisa Haywood

Watoto Pre-Schools Holiday club was a huge success last term! The children had lots of fun getting messy in the paint, baking buns, going on an egg hunt in the garden and lots more. Our Holiday Play Care activities are designed to follow children's interest whilst they have fun and learn through play.

[What to Expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\)](#)

Messy play is great fun for all children, it also helps with developing their Fine and gross motor skills, Communication and Language, Social skills, Expressive arts and design and much more.



Baking buns is fun (and delicious) for all the children, and also develops the children's mathematics skills through measuring ingredients and thinking about the time it takes for the buns to bake!

We are looking forward to our next holiday club in July where we will be going on a nature trail, exploring the Pre-School allotments and having even more fun!

Thank you to all Parent/Carers for your continued support and to the amazing staff team making the Holiday Play Care brilliant!



If you would like to book a place for the holidays please fill out this [online form](#). For more information about our Holiday Play Care service, please see the website

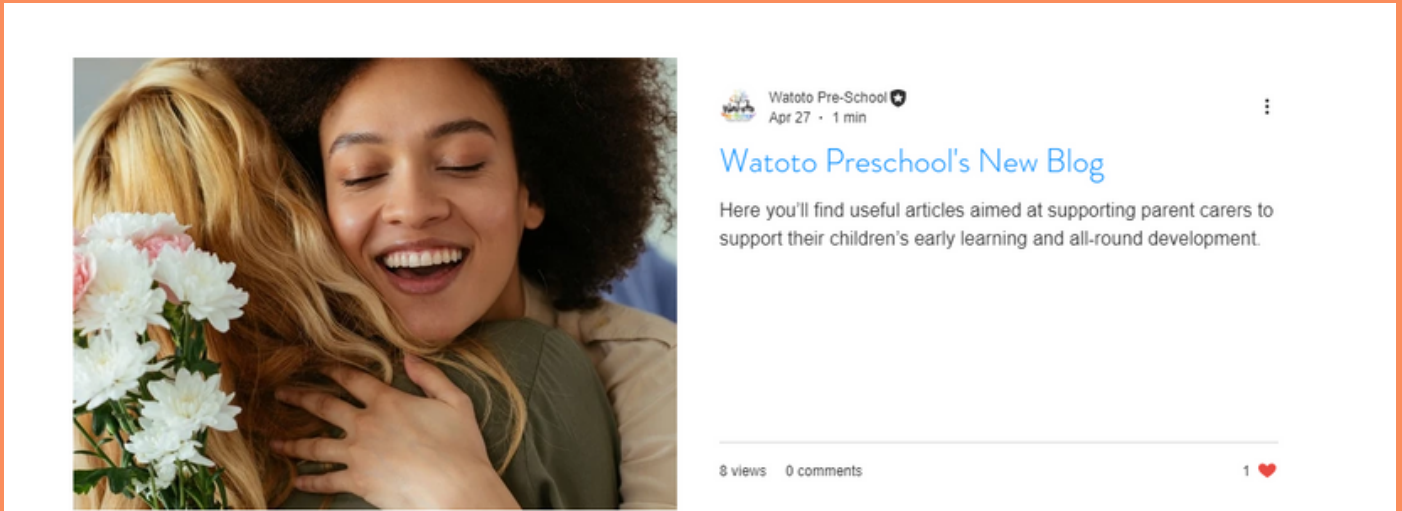
<https://www.watotopreschool.org.uk/holiday-play-care>

# Blog

## Apprentice Business Administrator: Phoebe Dunn

After the success of our new website launch back in August 2021 we began thinking about what we could do next in the virtual space. You may have seen in the last newsletter that the Watoto Pre-School Blog was in the making and would be launching soon.

Good news, we have launched! The blog is now live and can be found on our website <https://www.watotopreschool.org.uk/blog>



Check out the blog for all sorts of information relevant to both the Pre-School and the Early Years in general. We already have home activity guides and information about food safety live right now!



Leave us a like or a comment to let us know what you think!

## OUR TEAM



Everyone says it, but in our case it's true: our team is the secret to the preschools success. Each of our staff members are amazing, but together they are what makes Watoto Preschool what it is today; a provider of high-quality early education and childcare for each individual child.



Isabelle joined the Watoto family last term. We shall be supporting Isabelle over the next year to complete the level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship.



A big congratulations to Roseen on completing her Level 3 Early Years Apprenticeship with a distinction! Roseen is now a qualified Early Years Practitioner in the Over 3's room.



This term Vicki returns from her maternity leave! We look forward to welcoming her back to work and hearing all about her new baby.



Congratulations on your engagement Shannon! We wish you and your partner the very best and can't wait for the wedding photos!



# PARENT/CARER STAY AND CHAT SESSIONS

NEW

Watoto Preschool is very passionate to share with you how we are teaching your children and ways you can support them at home.

We will be running a range workshop for our parent carers based on different topics.

The first two sessions will be:

- **Your child's transition to school - Wednesday 8th June 10am-11am & 2pm-3pm**
- **Supporting your child's speech and language - Wednesday 29th June 10am-11am & 2pm-3pm**

These workshops will be interesting and interactive, allowing parent carers to contribute, or to just listen to the professionals, other parents and practitioners.

If you have any ideas for workshops please let us know! Look out for more up-and-coming workshops!



## Breakfast Club & Afterschool Club

NEW

Our breakfast club has been a huge success since it started last term. The children are all enjoying their healthy breakfasts ready for a day of fun!

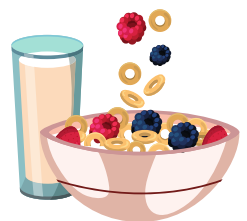
Breakfast club runs from 7:30-8:30 in the mornings.

We are now offering an afterschool club! This club runs from 16:00-16:30.

We are also offering a Byron Wood pick up/drop off service!

If you have older children that attend Byron Wood, they can also join our breakfast/afternoon club and be dropped off/picked up from school.

If you are interested please call the office on 03300 165668



# HEY AWARD

In Sept 2019 Watoto Pre-School achieved our Sheffield Healthy Early Years Award. In April 2022 we were reawarded the Sheffield Healthy Early Years Award for our continued effort to ensure we are a Healthy Early Years setting.

The award recognises the high-quality experiences we provide to children to develop physical skills, spend time outdoors, and sharing meal times together and how we support children to develop such an early understanding of healthy lifestyles, self-esteem and well - being.

A special thanks goes to our deputy Manager Lisa Haywood who coordinated the whole project, completed extra training, audits and action plans enabling us to achieve the award (again!).



## LENDING LIBRARY

Senior EYP: Angela Shepherd

We are so excited to announce that our lending library has been a big success, and we will continue to give all children the opportunity to choose their own book/activity to take home. Our lending library offers a variety of books ranging from fiction to non-fiction stories, games, and rhymes.

Reading and listening to stories is an essential part of learning within the Early Years as this not only promotes a love for books, but it helps to develop a number of areas; Promotes familiar relationships with adults who are reading the story to the child; builds confidence and self-esteem; aids cognitive development; supports the development of communication and language; supports good mental health and well-being; supports and builds foundations of good literacy and reading skills; preparing the way for school; support the development of fine motor skills; and supports the development of listening and concentration skills.

Can you please return your child's book/activity inline with our lending library agreement for more information please speak to a member of staff.





# School Transition & School Readiness

This term we have several children that will be making the transition to school in September.

Starting school is an exciting and scary time for young children and their parents. With preparation and encouragement, most children will settle in easily at school, ready to learn and discover.

Your child doesn't need to be able to read, write or do sums before they start school. Children start school with a wide range of abilities and their teacher will be skilled at helping children progress at their own level.

What's most important is that you and your child have fun together in those preschool months and years - sharing stories, singing songs, playing games and talking about anything and everything. Allowing them to do things for themselves, independence is so important when starting school.

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/partners/school-ready/preparation/>



## Graduation & Family Fun Day 2022

Watoto Pre-School are excited to announce our Graduation and Family Fun Day taking place on Saturday July 16th 2022!

There will be a graduation ceremony for the children transitioning to school in the morning followed by the Fun Day in the afternoon.

Join us for a fun day, including:

- Watoto Pre-School raffle
- BBQ
- Lots of fun & games
- A variety of stalls & much much more!



If you are interested in having a stall to promote a business/sell your goods or you would like to volunteer to help make this fantastic event a success, let us know!

## KEEP UP TO DATE!



Parent Carers have voted with their feet and WhatsApp has emerged as the preferred method of day to day communication.



Don't forget our social media pages as they provide an insight into what children are doing in preschool. They also provide you with useful advice and information.



We are constantly updating and adding information to our website, so please keep your eye on it! We welcome comments as we add and improve it, to give you access to the necessary information.

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# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Hallam FM Cash for kids

We are hosting fund raising events to support the Hallam FM Cash for Kids charity who provide support for young children in our local area. See this link for more information: <https://cashforkids.org.uk/>

We have partnered with Cash for Kids back in March for our wear share care charity clothes donation! This was a huge success, thank you to everyone who donated, we raised **£62!**

## Supporting local football team

In 2021 we sponsored a local football team Kimberworth Park FC. They look great in the new kit with the Watoto Pre-School logo proudly displayed!



## Watoto Eid Party

We recently invited all of the children and their parent carers to attend our Eid Party! We had a picnic in the Pre-School garden and everyone had lots of fun. It was so lovely to see so many parent carers support us with this event. A big thank you to everyone for coming!





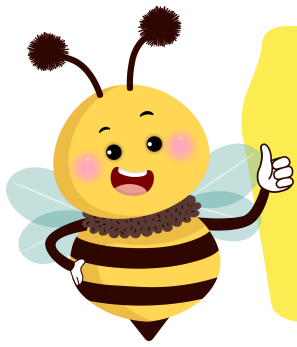
# Dancing lessons



We are having so much fun in pre-school on Monday afternoons during our dance classes. One of our parents who is a dance teacher @createdancesheffield, volunteers weekly to teach our children new dances/routines. This helps them burn off lots of energy whilst having fun and building those early dance skills.

The children are doing well, they listen, engage and follow instructions and all seem to have a great time. We feel this helps to improve physical health as dance is a great form of exercise, and a love of dance from an early age can help motivate children to stay active as they grow into adults.

Dance helps with children's emotional development, encourage socialization and creativity and also enhances cognitive development.



A massive thank you to all our volunteers that help make Watoto Pre-School brilliant!  
If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, let us know!  
Ring the office on 03300 165668 for more information.

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the children have been involved in lots of activities creating their own flags, looking at pictures of the Queen, singing, dancing and much more.

They also had a special snack/lunch and games to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Thank you to everyone who donated some treats for the tea party!

The children and really enjoyed our celebrations and had lots of fun whilst learning through play!



# HOLIDAY PLAYCARE

Summer Holidays:  
Monday 25th July - Friday  
19th August

9am - 4pm



## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



May 30th - 3rd June	Half-Term Holiday	21st June	Summer Solstice
3rd June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	16th July	Graduation + Fun Day!
5th June	World Environment Day	22nd July	Last day of Term
8th June	World Oceans Day	July 25th - 6th September	Summer Holidays
19th June	Fathers Day	7th September	Back to PreSchool

To book your place  
contact Phoebe today

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