

Any queries about the code validation process for new childcare entitlements, please click on the link [here](#) for FAQ's.



World Book Day
This Thursday and Friday
Dress as a book character (optional)
and bring in a favourite story
(remember to name the book)
No superheroes please

Newsletter March 2025

Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 24th March 2025
St Paul's Church Bentley
1.15pm – short service led by
Rev Julie then out into the
garden for the
Easter Egg hunt 😊
All families are invited.

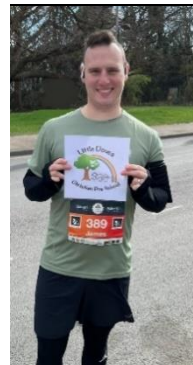
Please ask family members
& friends to sponsor your child



Farewell
A huge farewell to Justine who left us on Friday – we wish you all the very best in your new job, with love and prayers xxx

Welcome

A very warm welcome to 'New Sam' and Courtenay who will be joining our team this month. We hope you settle in quickly and are very happy at Little Doves 😊



Brentwood Half Marathon

Pam's son-in-law, James, will be running for Little Doves again – please sponsor him. He raised over £200 last year 😊



Children born between 1st Jan and 31st March are funded in April. **30 hour Extended Funding** - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from **April 2025**

September 2025 sessions

Please make sure we have the correct hours for your child especially if they are newly funded.

Please fill in your funding forms as normal and return asap. We must have them back by Friday 14th March.



Funding for eligible working parents of 2 year olds

The link gives details on what entitlements parents may be able to receive:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Parents can apply for the entitlements via the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

Please pay your invoices asap

Needed - spare boys joggers aged 3/4/5

Look at our [website](#) for lots of information and for relevant [policies and procedures](#)

We regularly remind the children,
'Kind hands, Kind feet, Kind words'. You may like to use these phrases too

Topics this half term

Growing, Dinosaurs and Easter

Prayer hearts for Lent

Don't forget to fill these in –
we are loving seeing them

Brentwood Rotary Quiz

Thank you if you supported this night - a
very good evening and a good
fundraising opportunity.



**Congratulations
to Maryellen
who got
married on
14th February**



Illnesses

**If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they
need to be 48 hours clear from the last
episode before returning to Little Doves**



LUNCHBOXES

**Healthy lunches please
- small portion of crisps
and only 1 sweet treat.
Watch salt content.**

**Please slice cucumber, tomatoes &
grapes lengthways & in quarters to prevent
choking!! Ice blocks are a good idea too 😊**

Little Doves is full now for this school year.
There is very little room for swaps. If
anyone is away, please let Pam know in
case that can help someone
else with a swap

**Please celebrate when your child gets a
'WOW' or Superstar award.
This has been well deserved**

easyfundraising

Please support us by using the
'easyfundraising' website to
do your online shopping.

Very important

You MUST let us know if anyone different
is picking up your child. Please fill in the
correct collection form and tell whoever
is on the door who will put it in the Sign-in
register. Also remember to tell the person
collecting the 'password'

**Craft morning for parents/carers will
be held in the last week of March,
more details to follow.**

**Remember to return your
Shining Stars Trophy**

**STRICT NO NUT POLICY
in packed lunches for
children & staff. NO peanut
butter or nut related
spreads such as Nutella or
almond pastes. We have
several children with
SEVERE ALLERGIES**



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL YOUR
CHILD'S BELONGINGS; COATS, BAGS,
DRINK BOTTLES, LUNCHES, WELLIES etc**

Dates for your diary 2025
Spring term finishes: **Friday 28th March**
Summer term starts: **Tuesday 22nd April**
Half term: **Mon 26th May to Fri 30th May**
Summer term finishes: **Friday 18th July**
Non-pupil day: **Tuesday 22nd July**
Autumn term starts: **Wed 3rd Sept (tbc)**

Wonky Wednesdays

We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**.
This term: **March 12th**

Please remember no toys from home



**Our meerkats are out on their
travels, please look out for them
and take one on your travels**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER our latest pickup
time is 2.45pm**

Little Doves phone no 07756 029105

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With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team