

East Prescott Road Nursery School

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Friday 23rd October 2026

Happy half term holidays! We hope the children have a lovely week off school.

After the holidays, our new theme is “**Starry, starry night**” – children will be learning all about stars, space, aliens, astronauts and rockets! Our new theme will begin with a bang as we celebrate our annual firework extravaganza on Bonfire Night!

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram to find out more about what we are learning in school:
@eprns06

Home Learning

Over half term, use your creative talents to support your child to make their very own spacecraft! Bring your flying saucers, rockets, satellites and spacecraft into school after half-term and have brought into school for the children to show to their friends.

Keeping Safe

Help your child to stay safe as the mornings and nights turn darker.

- Reflective bands on clothing and shoes are a great idea!
- If you are celebrating Halloween, remember that fancy dress costumes can easily catch fire around candles and sparklers.
- Stay safe on roads if you are going trick or treating.

We want everyone to come back safely in November.

Nursery Rhymes

After half term, our Nursery Rhyme will be **Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star**. Children will learn the Special Words:

- **Twinkle**
- **Little**
- **In**
- **high**

It will support your child's learning if you read and say the rhyme with your child at home and start a conversation about stars and space!

Snack Fund

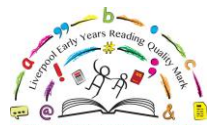
Snack Fund will be due again after the holiday. Please send your **£12.00 payment** into school in an envelope, marked clearly with your child's name and class. Thank you.

Children in Need 2026

On Friday 13th November, we will be raising money for BBC Children in Need. Children come to school **wearing school uniform with a Pudsey or spotty accessory** (such as a hairband, necktie, socks etc). Or they may decide to wear stick-on coloured spots on their uniform. Please give generously and send your donations into school with your child for this very worthwhile cause.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 17th November** to take the children's photographs in their lovely school uniforms. On this day, please send your child to school as you wish them to be photographed (hair etc). You will be able to purchase their photographs in time for Christmas. They make a lovely gift for family.



Punctuality after half term

Now that the children have had a half term to settle in, it is vitally important that children arrive to school on time so that they do not miss out on valuable learning time.

Lessons begin at 8:45am prompt. After this point, our staff and children will all be busily engaged in their teaching and learning groups. If you arrive late (after 8.45am), you will need to fill in the book in the school foyer and then wait with your child. Please be advised that you could be asked to wait for 10-15 minutes if you miss the 8:30am - 8:45am slot.

I am sure you will appreciate that it is not fair the other children to have their learning disrupted.

Attendance

Please **telephone Joanne Jones** in the school office **by 9:00am** if your child will be absent from school for any reason. If we do not hear from you, we will follow up any unexplained absences as a safeguarding concern.

Children with vomiting and diarrhoea **must not attend school for 48 hours** from the last incident.

Nativity Performances 2026

We would love you to come along to see your child in their first Nativity. The children will be getting dressed up and will sing lovely songs that tell the story of the very first Christmas. Dates and times are as follows:

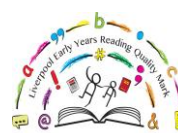
Class	Date	Morning	Afternoon
BIRCH Class Nativity	Monday 7 th December	9:15am start Coffee from 8:30am	1:30pm start Parents go straight into the show
ROWAN Class Nativity	Tuesday 8 th December	9:15am start Coffee from 8:30am	1:30pm start Parents go straight into the show
HAZEL Class Nativity	Thursday 10 th December	9:15am start Coffee from 8:30am	1:30pm start Parents go straight into the show
Nurture Base Christmas Stay and Play session	Friday 11 th December	9:30am start Coffee from 9:00am	No afternoon event

Christmas Party Days / End of Christmas term

Christmas will soon be here! Here is advanced notice of the arrangements for the children's Christmas parties and the changes to timings to accommodate these parties.

Please see below for details:

Monday 14 th December	Birch and Hazel Party Day Children in these classes attend school 11:00am – 2:00pm only No Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club	Rowan and Nurture Base children <u>do not attend</u> school today
Tuesday 15 th December	Rowan and Nurture Base Christmas Party Day Children in these classes attend school 11:00am – 2:00pm only No Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club	Birch and Hazel children <u>do not attend</u> school today
Friday 18 th December	All children attend school 8.30am – 11.00am All children must be collected from school at 11:00am	No Lunch Club or Afterschool



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Colder Weather

Children will still be playing outdoors every day even now the weather is turning wintry.

- Children should wear a **warm winter coat** for school.
- The school green school coats are ideal but this is not a requirement of our school uniform.
- Children **should not bring in hats, scarves and gloves**.
- During colder spells, staff will limit the length of time spent outdoors so that children do not become too cold.

Children's healthy lunches

- Please check carefully to ensure that **no food items contain nuts or traces of nuts**.
- To prevent choking, please **slice grapes into quarters**.

Children's Birthdays

It is lovely to celebrate children's birthdays with them in school. **Birthday cake is not permitted** on account of allergies. Fruit is the ideal treat! For example, some parents send in a fruit platter or fruit kebabs. Please remember that nuts are not allowed under any circumstances.

Missing Uniform / Lost Property

Please ensure that all children's belongings are **clearly labelled with their name**. If your child has brought home another child's fleece by accident, please return this the next day so that it can be reunited with the rightful owner. Items that are not named will be placed in the lost property basket in the foyer. **Staff will not look for items that are not clearly named**.

Dates for your diary

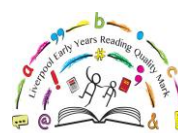
Here are some more save the dates... more details to follow nearer the time.

Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school (normal times)
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need
Tuesday 17 th November	Individual Children's Photographs (school photographer)
Monday 7 th December	Birch Class Nativity
Tuesday 8 th December	Rowan class Nativity
Thursday 10 th December	Hazel Class Nativity
Friday 11 th December	Nurture Base Christmas Stay and Play
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Party Day for Birch and Hazel children
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Party Day for Rowan and Nurture Base children
Wednesday 16 th December	Wednesday Club closed for staff development
Friday 18 th December	Children finish for Christmas break • All children attend school 8:30am – 11:30am • After school club closed

On behalf of all of us at EPR, may I say how proud we are of all of the children for how well they have settled into their new school.

Wishing you all a happy half term break. See you all on Monday 2nd November 😊

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