

HORDLE EXPLORERS

Nursery Note

Friday 9th May 2025



Invoices - Summer Term 2025 Final Payment Reminder

A kind reminder that any remaining balances for Summer invoices are to be paid by the **deadline of Friday 23rd May.**

Please note that a £20 surcharge will apply for late payments, so please ensure timely payments are arranged to avoid unnecessary additional fees.

Please see the email sent with your invoice for details on the various options available for making payment. Please note that if you are paying by Tax Free Childcare Scheme, we must receive your unique TFC code BEFORE you make a payment to us (these can be found on your TFC account, on your child's account). Please be aware that TFC payments can take up to 5 days to clear as available funds on your TFC account and a further 5 days to clear as a payment to Hordle Primary School. Therefore, please ensure these payments are made in advance to ensure the payment arrives with us by the deadline.

If you are paying by Childcare Vouchers please send an email to hen@hordleprimary.co.uk to advise that you have made a payment so that we can make the Hampshire Accounts team aware and your payment can be allocated to Hordle Explorers.

Spring Term 2026 Session Requests (For the attention of current Team Nest only)

In line with our admissions policy, we will shortly be in the process of allocating sessions for Spring term 2026 and would like to know which sessions you require. Please complete the form below by **Friday 23rd May 2025.**

[Spring Term 2026 Session Request Form](#)

Please note that if you wish to continue with your Autumn term sessions, you only need to select this option on the form and then you can submit. If you wish to make changes please complete the rest of the form, indicating your preferences. We will do everything we can to accommodate your requests - if you are flexible on the sessions offered, please indicate this in the notes section provided at the bottom of the form.

We also offer HEN Breakfast Club and After School Club at The Den for all nursery children which for pre-booked sessions, we are able to claim funding for (dependent on eligibility).

Please indicate on the form if you require either club on a regular basis.

Please note, any ad-hoc sessions during the term must be paid for via your child's Scopay account as we are unable to claim additional funding during the term.

Useful Reminders

Personal Items

As we head into Summer, we kindly ask that you check your child's spare clothes bag holds appropriate clothing. Children are currently still required to arrive to nursery dressed ready for the day e.g. waterproofs and suitable footwear.

Please ensure all personal items are clearly named.



Please can we remind families that personal items such as toys or lip balm, are not to be brought in to nursery.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Booking ad-hoc sessions

Can we please remind parents that all additional sessions including Breakfast and After School Club bookings are to be made by either emailing hen@hordleprimary.co.uk or calling 01425 611657.

Please **do not** book using your child's Scopay account (as you would with school-aged pupils).

Please note, for ad-hoc sessions we cannot claim funding, so you will receive an email confirmation, along with an invoice for payment. These sessions are then payable via the usual channels (either via Scopay or TFC) at our hourly rate of £7.50 and must be cleared before the session takes place.

Paying via Scopay

Access your child's Scopay account

Select products (bottom right icon on the app)

Enter the required payment amount under HEN

Payment

Check out as normal

Paying via TFC

As usual, please allow up to 5 working days for payment to clear and a further 5 days to clear with school.

If you wish to add Breakfast and After School Club to your child's standard sessions, please email the HEN team. Please note, we have limited spaces available this term.

Packed Lunches

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut and sesame free nursery due to some severe allergies within school. This includes desserts such as Battenburg and Bakewell, hummus and many cereal bars - please check ingredients before adding to your child's packed lunch.



Tupperware & Bottles

Please can we ask that all tupperware and bottles provided for children are plastic only, not glass.

Please ensure all personal items, including tupperware, bottles, coats, waterproofs and spare clothing are all clearly named.

A kind reminder to also ensure all fruit and/or small lunch box items are chopped appropriately for choking reasons.

Rate increase reminder

We wish to advise, from September 2025 the hourly rate for unfunded hours will increase from £7.50 to £8.00. This comes as the first hourly rate increase since September 2023 and has been agreed by Governors to support the continued running of our busy nursery setting, which has seen significant increases to staff and resourcing costs in the last two years. More information can be found [here](#).

Longfield Road Gate

Longfield Road (the back gate by Team Nest) is open only 8:45am - 9am and 3:25pm - 3:35pm.

For any sessions in Team Nest which start/finish during these times such as AM sessions finishing at 12pm, PM session sessions starting at 12:30pm and PM sessions finishing at 3:00pm, please ring the Nest doorbell.

For any Breakfast Club drop offs and/or After School Club pick ups, please use the main school gate at the front of school.



Walk with Wheels Week

19 - 23 May 2025

myjourneyhampshire.com/walkwithwheelsweek

As part of National Walking Month, we are inviting all families to participate in the Hampshire County Council 'Walk with Wheels Week 2025' from Monday 19 May to Friday 23 May.

During this week, we encourage families to have fun walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling throughout the week. The week-long initiative is designed to encourage and establish healthy habits. Travelling actively can not only help families achieve their daily level of recommended physical activity but is also shown to increase both physical and mental wellbeing. With time to talk and share quality time as a family, it is a great way to start and finish the day.

We would love to see your photos - please email any pictures of you taking part to jessie.james@hordleprimary.co.uk.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

We're on a mission to

- 01.** Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones and social media in childhood
- 02.** Empower parents to wait to get their kids a smartphone until at least the end of Year 9, through signing up to the Parent Pact in their region
- 03.** Demonstrate that parents are demanding change at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

Whilst we know it is a long way off for our nursery parents, the Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement bringing parents together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods. It is a pact to avoid giving children smartphones until they reach the age of 16. It's not about keeping them away from phones, just preventing the ability for them to have the internet and social media apps at their fingertips 24/7. We know that some of the concerns from parents are around their child feeling that they are left out, which is why we're hoping we can get a real push in the Hordle community to encourage parents to think about alternatives to smart phones, when they decide it's the right time to buy their child a phone.

Find out more about the initiative here: [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)
Sign the Hordle Primary School Parent Pact here: [Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

New dates are in **BOLD**

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May 2025

Team Wild 9am drop offs temporarily changed to HEN gates

Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May 2025

Walk with Wheels Week

Friday 23rd May 2025

2nd 50% Invoice Payment Deadline

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

May Half Term (Nursery closed)

Monday 2nd June 2025

First day of Summer 2

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

PATCH Bag2School Collection

Monday 9th - Friday 13th June

The Big Toddle for Barnardos

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Last day of Summer term