



Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all !

We hope you had a rested and fulfilled Christmas with your families and we look forward to a new term with the children.

Thank you so very much for your generosity at the end of last term. We are so grateful for the Christmas gifts and collection that we received.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 16th January

Baby & Toddler Group starts back

Friday 24th January

Family Cinema Night – details overleaf

Friday 14th February

INSET DAY

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

HALF TERM

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character

Thursday 27th March

Mother's Day Coffee Morning, Hunsdon Village Hall 9:15am

Friday 4th April at noon

END OF TERM

Tuesday 22nd April

START OF SUMMER TERM

World Book Day

We are celebrating **World Book Day 2025** on **Thursday 6 March**.

*"This year we are inviting everyone to **Read Your Way**. Our research shows that children feel reading is something they have to do, rather than something they choose to do.*

Read Your Way encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and empowers children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms."

Listed below are some ways you and your child can enjoy reading together:-

- **Snuggle up and read bedtime stories**
- **Use different voices and sound effects when telling a story**
- **Make up stories to encourage imagination and conversation**
- **Listen to audio books**
- **Visit libraries together**

Mother's Day Coffee Morning

We hope you can join us and our Toddler Group for our Mother's Day Coffee Morning on Thursday 27th March at Hunsdon Village Hall from 9.15am. There will be plenty of tea, coffee and cake!

HOUSEKEEPING

With the cold and wet snap that we're experiencing, please can we ask that your child comes to pre-school with suitable warm outdoor clothing as well as a spare set of clothes, including a pair of wellies. Please label clothing and footwear.

Children should not come to pre-school if they have a temperature. If they have vomited or had diarrhoea, they are allowed back to school 48 hours after their last episode. If prescribed antibiotics, we also ask that they are kept home for at least 24 hours to ensure that they do not react to them.

Whether on holiday or due to illness, please email or call in to report your child's absence.

We politely ask that the children's scooters or bikes are parked in the bike shed in the mornings and are not used in the playground whilst waiting to enter Ducklings.

Fundraising



Do you have any unwanted old clothes?

We use Bag2School who recycle textiles and pay us based on the weight they collect.

Clothing accepted: Good quality items for re-use, including mens, ladies' & childrens clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

Please do not leave uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.

We have a continuous appeal for clothing. Drop your bags off at the shed opposite the bike shed ready for the next collection.

Join us for....

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

24
JANUARY

HUNSDON JMI SCHOOL
Doors Open - 5.30pm
Film Start Time - 5.45pm
Tickets - £3 per ticket or £10 Family ticket (4 persons, same family)
E: info@hunsdonducklings.co.uk

Drinks and snacks will be on sale at the event

www.hunsdonducklings.com
Registered Charity Number - 1042209



Sign up and nominate Hunsdon Ducklings Pre-school as your cause and start generating free cash donations with each online purchase you buy through The Giving Machine

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Mother's Day Coffee Morning

Please come and join us for our Mother's Day coffee morning on Thursday 27th March at the Village Hall, 9:15-11:30am.



There will be plenty of tea, coffee and cake.

This is open to all Ducklings' children, but we do ask that if your child does not normally attend on a Thursday (AM) session and you would like them to join us, that an adult attends with them.

PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOUR CHILD NORMALLY ATTENDS ON A THURSDAY (AM) SESSION

Child's Name:

- Will attend and I will attend with them.**
- Will attend but I will not be attending with them.**

PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT NORMALLY ATTEND A THURSDAY (AM) SESSION

Child's Name:

- Will attend and I will be attending with them.**
- We will not be attending**

SHOW & TELL

Show & Tell gives your child the opportunity to bring in something relevant to the topic for that week e.g. a book, toy, picture, object or an event which they will share with their peers and staff during the week. We have also given suggestions for things you can do at home to promote and support your child's learning. If some weeks you do not have anything relevant, please do not worry as we have many resources the children can share.

Week commencing 13th January – All About Me (Our Families)

- Fill the All About Me bag and return to school – See overleaf

Week commencing 20th January – All About Me (Our Families)

- Talk about members of your family and make a family tree together

Week commencing 27th January – Chinese New Year

- Cook a Chinese themed meal or have a take away. Take a photo and send it in

Week commencing 3rd February – Habitat – The North Pole

- Talk about the different animals that live in The North Pole. Paint a picture of one

Week commencing 10th February – Habitat – Savannah

- Watch The Lion King movie

Week commencing 17th February – 23rd February Half Term

- Visit Big Tractors Experience Day, Foxholes Farm
www.foxholesfarm.com/farm-park-events for more details

Week commencing 24th February – Habitat – Ocean

- Using a shoe box/recycling can you make an ocean scene

Week commencing 3rd March – Habitat – Rivers

- Shrove Tuesday is on 4th March. Make pancakes at home. Take a photo and list your favourite ingredients

Week commencing 10th March – Maths Week

- Make a sock puppet

Week commencing 17th March – Farm Life, What's on a Farm?

- Go to the library or use the internet to find out five facts about your favourite farm animal or machinery

Week commencing 24th March – Farm Life, Animals

- Make a 3d model of a farm animal

Week commencing 31st March – Easter

- Make a chick

Please visit our website www.hunsdonducklings.co.uk for our Medium Plan, which outlines our curriculum in more detail.