



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 15th January

Baby & Toddler Group starts back

Friday 13th February

INSET DAY

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

HALF TERM

Friday 6th March

World Book Day – Visit from author Ian Brown

Fundraiser - Tipple Off @ 7pm

Thursday 12th March

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

Friday 30th March at noon

END OF TERM

Monday 13th April

START OF SUMMER TERM

World Book Day

We are celebrating **World Book Day 2025** on **Friday 6th March**, with a visit from Children's author Ian Brown.

Ian Brown is a celebrated children's author known for his engaging picture books, including the "Albert the Tortoise" series and the "Hugg 'n' Bugg" series.

*"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 12th 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.

Fundraising



Please come and join the fun at our Tipple Off fundraiser on Friday 6th March 2026 at Hunsdon Village Hall at 7pm.

We have a minimum requirement of 1 x 700ml (70cl) entry per 1 or 2 adults - the tipple must be homemade.

Prize for each table winner!
£5 per person – tickets only available to purchase in advance.

Please email Ducklings if you would like a ticket.

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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 men's, ladies' & children's 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.

Mother's Day Coffee Morning

Please come and join us for our Mother's Day coffee morning on Thursday 12th 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 12th January – Three Little Pigs (Habitat)

Read The Three Little Pigs at home. Can the children gather groups of three of different objects from around the house, i.e three teddies; three pens/pencils; three socks; three cars/dolls. Encourage them to count the objects as they find them.

Week commencing 19th January – Three Little Pigs (Habitat)

As part of the Big Garden Birdwatch (23rd to 25th January) the children will come home with some homemade fat balls. Place them in the garden and ask the children to observe if any birds feed from it. Can you name the different birds seen in your garden?

Week commencing 26th January – The Snow Thief (Habitat – Hot/Cold)

Make a snowflake.

Week commencing 2nd February – ABC Animal Rhymes (Habitat, Land – AFRICA)

African Fruit Tasting

- Try fruits such as bananas, mangoes, melon, pineapple, papaya
- Talk about taste, colour, and texture.
- Make a simple fruit salad together.

Week commencing 9th February – ABC Animal Rhymes (Habitat - Water)

Make a fact sheet on their favourite African animal - Talk about: *Where does it live? What does it eat?*

Week commencing 16th February – 20th February Half Term

Week commencing 23rd February) – ABC Animal Rhymes

Children aged 4 and over – think of words that rhyme with cat, dog, sap

Children aged 3 – find items around the room that begin with the letter ABC

Week commencing 2nd March – Holi, Festival of Colour

Using whatever materials you have at home make a beautiful, vibrant, colourful piece of art

Week commencing 9th March – Farm Life

Make your Mummy feel special on Mother's Day (15th March)

Week commencing 16th March – Life Cycle of a Chicken

Boil an egg and ask your child to peel it. Can they mash it up and make an egg sandwich?

Week commencing 23rd March – Easter

Decorate an egg shape

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