

# Stratton Playgroup

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## January 2025



*Welcome back to playgroup, we hope that everyone enjoyed the christmas break, we are looking forward to an exciting and busy year of learning.*

### Term Dates

School Applications deadline	Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Half-Term	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Last Day	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Start of Summer Term 2024	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Half-Term	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Last Day	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers Party	Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> July

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## **We will be learning all about 'Transportation'**

To begin our learning, we will talk about road safety, we will go to the car park to look at signs and the zebra crossing. Outside the children will play 'stop' and 'go' games using traffic lights. The children will learn about how police help us and will make their own police badges.

Next, the children will learn about fire engines and how they help us. What is on the fire engine that helps fire fighters put out fires. The children will take part in target shooting games outside with water. They will do observational drawings of fire engines and make shape fire engines. We will also practise our fire drills.

Moving on we will learn all about construction vehicles. We will make movable diggers using split pins. Outside the children will take part in heavy work - moving large materials - digging sand and mixing. The children will try to follow picture instructions to build with construction materials.

At the end of the month, we will celebrate Chinese New Year. The year of the snake. We will make snake craft and try food from Chinese culture. We will make art to music, painting using oriental colours. The children will listen to Chinese music and do a dragon dance outside. Throughout the half term we will look at books about people who help us.

## **Learning intentions for this half term are.....**

### **Communication and language**

- Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important
- Use a wider range of vocabulary.

### **Personal, social and emotional development**

- Learning how to stay safe when out and about.
- Learn how to stay safe by the road and in the car.
- Learn how to follow rules to keep us safe.

### **Understanding the world**

- Show an interest in different occupations
- Explore how things work - transport

## **Getting to know the team**

Up Next Liv and Sam.....

## Staff Profile



*Liv Joined our team as bank staff in summer 2024, Liv then become a permanent member of staff in September 2024*

**Name** Liv

**Role and Responsibilities** -Early years Practitioner

**Early Years Qualification** - Level 3 Diploma for Early Years

**About me** I enjoy being outside, travelling and being with friends and family.  
I enjoy playing sports, surfing and going to the gym.  
I love being in the sun and going to the beach

**What's your favourite thing about working with children**

I love working with children and supporting their development in fun exciting ways.  
I enjoy listening to their funny stories and making each other's day extra fun.

## Staff Profile



**Name** - Sam Piper

**Roles and Responsibilities** - Supervisor, health and safety officer

**Early Years Qualification** - CACHE Level 3 NVQ In Children's Care, Learning and Development

**About me** - I have four daughters; Natasha, Rebecca, Kylie and Sophie, a grandson, Harley and five granddaughters; Alicia, Indie, Nalah, Bodhi and Maizie,

all of whom keep me very busy. We all enjoy walks with our dogs Lola and Loki, and days out exploring our beautiful local countryside and coastline.

**Have long have you worked at playgroup?** 11 years.

**What is your Favourite thing about working with children?**

The smiles on their faces when they get excited to see their friends. I love how happy the children are at playgroup and how enthusiastic they are to try and explore new things, we really have an adventurous group of children attending playgroup and it is so lovely watching them grow in confidence. I learn as much from them as they from me, their energy and curiosity is truly contagious.

**How would you like to see playgroup develop?**

To continue to be a place where the children really thrive. It would be lovely to develop our outdoor space, adding to our outdoor large-scale construction and role play toys to help the children expand their imagination, social and physical skills.

## Late Collections

Please make sure you collect your child on time. We have had some children being picked up 10-15 minutes after their session has finished on **several** occasions. We do understand that there are times when you may run late, therefore where possible please let us know if this is the case.

We do have a late charge policy that we will be charging to parents who are consistency late.

## Headlice

Can I please ask that you check your child's hair regularly for headlice and treat appropriately if needed, this may mean treating your child's hair more than once to ensure that treatment has been successful. Please see the link below for useful information.

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

## Illness

Please only send your child to playgroup if they are well enough. Children should not be attending playgroup if they need Calpol before- unless this is for a specific reason such as immunisations.

## Warm clothing

With the weather turning colder. Children should attend playgroup with a warm coat and other warm items such as a hat and gloves. A reminder that children will get messy and they will get wet, so please ensure children have spare clothes to change into if needed.

## Playgroup Gates

Please ensure our playgroup gates are **only** opened and closed by adults. Please also ensure the gate is shut and bolted securely to safeguard children.

## Lending library news

We will now restart our lending library.

## School applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2024. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2025.**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter, if you have any questions please speak to a member of staff.

Kelly and all the team 😊



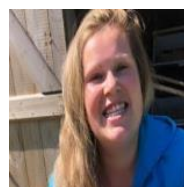
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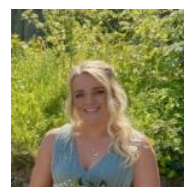
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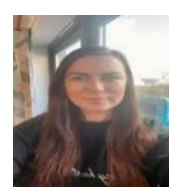
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