

13th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Success: Our Pre-School Inspection - Little Explorers

I am writing to you today with a shared sense of pride and delight regarding the recent inspection of our Pre-School, which took place on 20th January 2026.

As the Headteacher of the primary school, I have the privilege of seeing first-hand the vibrant, nurturing environment our Pre-School provides. I am thrilled to formally share that the inspection report highlights the exceptional quality of care and education our youngest learners receive.

The inspectors were particularly impressed by several key areas where our setting is performing at a Strong Standard—meaning our team is working above the level expected of them:

Behaviour and Attitudes: The report notes that our children are "extremely kind and respectful" and that their behaviour is "excellent." The warm, nurturing relationships between staff and children have created a calm and purposeful environment where even our youngest babies are learning to share and collaborate.

Welfare and Wellbeing: Inspectors observed that children feel safe, secure, and loved. They specifically highlighted the laughter and shrieks of delight that fill the rooms, and how our babies lean into staff during story time—a true testament to the emotional security provided here.

Leadership and Governance: The effective oversight provided by the primary school leadership and the shared expertise across the entire site ensures a seamless transition for children as they move from Pre-School into their primary years.

Our Pre-School achieved an Expected Standard in Achievement and Curriculum, which confirms that our children are well prepared for the next stage in their learning. Whether it is babies hearing new vocabulary like 'whoosh' or older children designing cardboard houses for garden insects, our curriculum is ambitious and focuses heavily on the emotional and academic building blocks required for future success.

We were also pleased to receive confirmation that our Safeguarding standards are fully met, ensuring that the safety and protection of your children remains our absolute priority.

While we celebrate these wonderful results, we remain committed to continuous growth. In line with the inspector's recommendations, we will continue to support our newer staff members to ensure that our high-quality teaching is consistent across every single interaction.

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I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Pre-School leadership and staff for their tireless dedication. Most importantly, thank you to you, our parents, for your ongoing support and for trusting us with your children's early years.

You can find the full report on the Ofsted website - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/2742704>

We look forward to continuing this journey of excellence with you.

Warm regards,

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