

### Main News

#### School Admissions

For the children leaving us this year to start school in September, we would love to hear from you which school your child will attend.

National Offer Day when school decisions are made available is 16th April 2026. Appeals closing date is 26th May 2026 and mini admissions round to consider changes is 20th May 2026.

Please see links to all the local catchment schools:

Feltwell: <https://www.edmunddemoundeford.co.uk/>

Hockwold: <https://iceni-hockwold.attrust.org.uk>

Weeting: <https://www.weeting.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Weeting&pid=6>

Methwold: <https://www.methwold-pri.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Duchy+of+Lancaster&pid=3>

Mundford: <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/>

#### Medicine, Illness and When to Stay at Home

Children who have been given medicine like Calpol, Ibuprofen, cough medicine etc should not attend Playgroup. If your child is not well enough to attend without this kind of medication, please do not send them in. Our complete Illness Table can be found here: <https://www.feltwellplaygroup.com/info>  
Please also take a look at the quick overview 'Should My Child Attend Today' at the end of the Newsletter.

#### Attendance (new EYFS guidelines)

In line with the new EYFS guidelines, we will record why a child is absent from Playgroup when not attending. Attendance is not mandatory in early years, so please do not worry if you want to keep your child at home. Please let us know via email or phone if/when your child will be absent and why. Our new 'Child Attendance' policy can be found on our website. **You need to let us know every time and day your child is absent.**

#### Sessions from September 2026

To the families that will still be with us in September, if you would like to make any changes to your child's sessions from September 2026, please let us know as soon as you can, as spaces are filling up quickly and not many are left to allocate. We have transferred the existing hours from this year over to the new school year (unless already otherwise agreed), so if you don't want to change anything, you are already set up. You will receive an email confirming your sessions around May/June time.

# Children

## **Names on Lunch Boxes and Water Bottles**

Please make sure to clearly put names on lunch boxes and water bottle as it takes time trying to match water bottles to the correct child during lunch time. We want to avoid children drinking out of someone else's bottle! It would be very helpful if names would be on the OUTSIDE of the lunch boxes. Writing it on with Sharpie is absolutely fine. Thank you!

## **Show & Tell**

We love seeing the children bringing in their show & tells every morning. Please make sure the show & tell is small enough to put in your child's bag and is non-valuable (no jewellery etc).

## **Bag for spares and extras**

Would you please make sure your child arrives with a bag with a spare set of clothes (including socks) that are labelled. This will also allow us to have somewhere to put items from home or to be sent home.

## **Early and Late Collections**

If needed, we can accommodate an earlier collection for your child in the afternoon. We are aware we have some families that need to do the school run in Hockwold. To make this possible we allow the child to be collected from Playgroup at 2:30pm. Please note the collection time is either 2:30pm or 3pm and nothing in between.

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Please note in line with our policies, if you are late picking up your child by more than 5 minutes (therefore after 11:35am, 12:35pm or 3:05pm), we will charge a late fee. Our drop off times are 9am to 9:10am, and 12:30pm to 12:35pm. **If you arrive after these times, your child will not be able to attend these sessions.**

## **Accessories**

Please ensure your child does not wear any accessories to Playgroup. This is to avoid choking and breaking of the item.

## **Once Summer Arrives**

Once the weather gets warm, and we hope that will be soon, all children need to bring in name labelled sun cream and name labelled water bottles to keep at Playgroup (if your child doesn't already have one). Previous year's sun cream needs to be replaced, please.

Please make sure they are wearing appropriate clothing for the summer: no strappy vest tops as they are a sunburn risk, sturdy shoes which can be removed and put back on again by the child, no open toed sandals for safety.

We will let you know once we feel it's time to prepare for warmer temperatures.

## Dates

### Summer Term Dates

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:

First Day: Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Last Day: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:

First Day: Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Last Day: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Last Day of Term

Our last regular day of term is Thursday, 16th July.

All 'graduates' leaving Feltwell Playgroup to start Primary School will be invited to have a graduation morning on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026. On that day we would like to invite parents and siblings to join us at Feltwell Playgroup for a morning of fun activities.

We will start at 9:30am and will finish by 11:30am.

The morning will start with fun activities for you to take part with your child, followed by a short presentation and giving graduation certificates.

### First Day Back in September

Our first day back is Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

### Committee Meeting

Our next Committee & Staff Meeting is Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 6:45pm

### Future Events

Easter Egg Hunt (organised by Friends of Feltwell Playgroup) – Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March , 2pm at Porters Barn

Anglo American Car Show – Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Feltwell Playing Fields

Feltwell Village Fete – Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Feltwell Playing Fields

## Useful Links

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/> - Children & Young People's Health Services

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/> - Advice & Support for your child's development

<https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/check-youre-eligible> - check if you're eligible to receive 30 hours funding

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/40456/Funded-early-education-and-childcare-for-2-year-olds> - check if you're eligible to receive 2-year-old funding

# **Parents**

## **Parking**

It has come to our attention that some parents park across our neighbour's drives when dropping off or collecting their children. We have had complaints about this and kindly ask you not to park in front of any dropped curbs, even if it is only for a few minutes.

## **Safeguarding Policy**

Please be aware you can find our Safeguarding policy on our website. The direct link is [https://www.feltwellplaygroup.com/\\_files/ugd/2f799c\\_8b24b3396d6d4199bddob19ecb5c2e15.pdf](https://www.feltwellplaygroup.com/_files/ugd/2f799c_8b24b3396d6d4199bddob19ecb5c2e15.pdf)

## **Watching Children Play Outside**

If you arrive early to collect your child, would you please stand out of view, so as not to distract the children. Although they love to see you, it can be disruptive and lead to them stopping play to stand at the fence/gate. It can also be upsetting for them to come back inside, once they realise you are here.

## **Mobile Phones, Photographs & Videos**

For safeguarding reasons please DO NOT use your mobile phone whilst on the Playgroup premises, this includes the playground areas, unless you have been given permission by the Manager. Your co-operation is much appreciated. Whilst we appreciate you sometimes wanting to take pictures of your child/ren, we would request that you take them once you have left the premises so that you don't accidentally photograph another child.

## **Approaching Staff Outside**

While we understand that some parents are friends with members of staff, we kindly ask you to find out about your child at Playgroup only during staff working hours and only via our phone number, email or Tapestry. Staff are not permitted to discuss any progress or development outside their working hours or on their personal devices.

## **Paying Fees**

Please remember that fees must be paid in advance of sessions attended. As per the policy, fees are now expected to be paid at least a half-term in advance. However, in some circumstances, it can be arranged for fees to be paid weekly. If your child is absent (half fees are payable in this instance) then any money remaining from what has been paid in advance will be credited to your account.

## **Thank you for your patience**

We would like to thank all families for standing so patiently on the playground in the mornings. Please remember not to allow your children to play on the equipment while you wait and not to cross the barrier.

# Support

## Staff & Committee

Please find below the list of staff and committee from Feltwell Playgroup:

Staff	Committee
June ~ Manager & SENCO	Jon ~ Chairman
Carolyn ~ Deputy Manager	Anne ~ Treasurer
Emily ~ Early Years Practitioner	Merle ~ Secretary
Emma ~ Early Years Practitioner	Joe ~ Trustee
Kerry ~ Early Years Practitioner	Chris ~ Trustee
Kirsty ~ Early Years Practitioner	
Lily ~ Early Years Practitioner	
Rebecca ~ Early Years Practitioner	
Merle - Administrator & Ofsted Individual	

## Any Questions

If there are any questions you may have or if there is anything you would like to talk about (child related or not), please know that we are always here for you. You can speak to any member of staff or send an email or WhatsApp message, if you prefer. We will try our best to help and support you in any way. Please be assured that any conversation will be kept confidential.

Email: [playgroup.feltwell@gmail.com](mailto:playgroup.feltwell@gmail.com)

Phone: 07582371984

## Thank You!

A very big THANK YOU to Friends of Feltwell Playgroup

(<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579887467488>), The Wellington Pub and everyone helping us for their continued support. It is always very much appreciated.

## Playgroup at Tesco Brandon

We have been taking part in the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme which started in January. The last day will be 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Proceeds will be used for new Playgroup equipment. Thank you for your support by selecting us with any blue tokens from the shop.

## EasyFundraising when online shopping (no additional cost to you)

We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help at no cost to you at all!.easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Feltwell Playgroup raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 4,000 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S..Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/feltwellplaygroup>

## Tapestry

We like sharing your child's learning and experiences at Playgroup with you and we hope that you enjoy receiving these regular updates via Tapestry. If you have any questions about using your child's online learning journal on Tapestry please speak to your child's keyworker or send us an email. We love learning about what your children do at home, too. Tapestry can also be used for this or, of course, you can always fill in a High 5 slip with your child's achievement or news for them to bring in and share with us!

# Should My Child Attend Today?

## PLEASE STAY HOME

- Temperature above 37.5c
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Rashes, spots or contagious conditions
- Sticky, red, runny or sore eyes
- Needs Calpol (or equivalent to get through the day)
- Dry constant or barking cough

## PLEASE DISCUSS BEFORE DROPPING AND BE ON CALL TO COLLECT IF NEEDED

- Sporadic Cough
- Runny nose, which is green/yellow
- New Medicine prescribed
- Fever free 24 hours
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea free for 48 hours
- Unable to join in all activities

## OK TO COME AND PLAY TODAY

- Mild cough
- Runny clear nose
- Can join in all activities

