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| **Staff list**  Brampton & Hilltop Pre-school  Manager: Sarah Bailey  [manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk)  Business admin: Christine Hunter  administrator@portisheadpreschool.co.uk  Deputy/Safeguarding officer/pre-school assistant: Claire Godby  Health & Safety/Pre-school assistant:  Joanna Gill  Inclusion & SEND co-ordinator: Zoe Clarke  Pre-school assistant: Christine Hunter  Pre-school assistant: Kirsty-Ann Sweeney (maternity leave)  Tel. 01275 390947  Mobile: 07467 513997 | Welcome back to term 2.  Cute Halloween Clipart PNG EPS JPEG Pumpkik Clip art Cat | Etsy ...It’s been a spooky start to term with the children enjoying the Halloween season and having fun using their creative skills to make potions and dress up as wizards and witches.  We have a busy term planned full of learning which will also include a collaborative Nativity with our Brampton setting at St. Peter’s Church on Wednesday 6th December and a Christmas party on the last day of term. Below is our planning guide including songs the children will be learning. Please support us by singing these songs with the children as we approach the yuletide festivities. | | | **Term dates**  Term 2 ends: Friday 15th December 2023  Term 3 starts: Thursday 4th January 2024  <https://portisheadpreschool.co.uk/term-dates>  **Bank details – Portishead Pre-school**  The Co-operative Bank  Sort code:08 92 99  Account no: 67202728  *Please use your child’s name as reference when paying fees.*  **Fees**  For fee queries/questions- Please email Christine Hunter (Business administrator) with any queries.  [administrator@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:administrator@portisheadpreschool.co.uk)  **Funding**  For funding queries, please email.  Sarah Bailey (Manager) [manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk) |
| To celebrate Portishead Pre-school’s 60 years the team will soon be wearing a new uniform colour.  If you would like to purchase pre-school uniform for your child, please use the link below:  [Portishead Pre-School (Children) – My Clothing](https://myclothing.com/collections/portishead-pre-school-children-28828) |
| **Portishead Pre-school fundraiser**  Look out for raffle tickets which will be on sale soon to win a Christmas hamper of goodies!  Winning ticket to be drawn at the Nativity! | | |
| We ask for a donation of **£9.00 each term** to help us provide food for the children’s snacktime twice per day and enable us to purchase baking and craft resources. This can be paid directly into the pre-school account, please use the word **‘*Donation*’** as a reference. Please be advised that due to rising costs the pre-school committee have voted that this becomes a mandatory payment from **January** **2024** to enable the pre-school to continue to offer this service. | | | **Absence/illness**  If your child is unable to attend pre-school, can you please contact the setting on 01275 817834 or email [manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk)  Colds and viruses are common this time of year however If your child is unwell, please consider keeping them at home to minimise the risk of cross infection. Children who have sickness and/or diarrhoea must not attend pre-school for 48hours after the last episode. [Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/) | |
| **Portishead Pre-school Committee**  We have a pre-school committee that help support the business side of Brampton & Hilltop Pre-schools and help to raise vital funds throughout the year with fundraising events. We would like to welcome Becky Rothon who has recently joined the committee. For further information please email [thecommittee@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:thecommittee@portisheadpreschool.co.uk) | | | **Annual General Meeting**  Tuesday 28th November 2023  Venue: Brampton Pre-school, Brampton way, Portishead BS20 6YN  and via Zoom (Link to be sent)  Time: 7:30pm. Further details to follow. | |
| **Lunch club**  We promote healthy eating at pre-school and ask that sweets are kept for treats at home. Please can you provide a drink for your child and a spoon if they have yoghurt for lunch. Due to allergies, please do not send products into the setting that contain nuts e.g., peanut butter, pesto, chocolate spread. If in any doubt, and to keep all children safe please check the food label. | | | | **Learning and development updates**  Each team member is allocated a set time in the week to collate their key children’s observations. Your child’s keyperson will contact you twice per term, firstly with an email update on how your child is settling; followed by a learning and development summary. Please keep this information as a record of your child’s time at the setting. If you have any questions, please speak to the team.  Please let Sarah Bailey (Manager) know if you have not received your child’s learning summary, newsletter, or invoice so this can be resolved as quickly as possible. [manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk) | |
| **Cold and wet weather**  Please can you ensure your child has a waterproof coat when they attend pre-school. Can you also write your child’s ***name*** in their coats, jumpers, and cardigans to help the team to reunite items to their rightful owners. If possible, please provide mittens instead of gloves as children find them easier to put on helping to develop their independent skills. | | | |
| AGM - Tuesday 28th November 2023  Venue: Brampton Pre-school, Brampton way, Portishead BS20 6YN  and via Zoom. (Link to be sent)  Time: 7:30pm. Further details to follow. | | | **Nativity- Wednesday 6th December**  Venue: St Peter’s Church Time: 4:30  Please arrive at the church by 4:15.  Please let the team know if you will be unable to attend with your child.  The church can be chilly this time of year, if possible, please dress your child in a Christmas jumper. Some children will be given costumes to wear for the Nativity, please can you dress them at home prior to arriving at the church. (*Please also put something warm on underneath their costume*). | | |
| **Last day of term- Christmas party-Friday 15th December 10:15-11:30pm**  All children are invited to Hilltop Pre-school’s Christmas party. If your child does not attend pre-school on Friday mornings, please bring them to the setting at 10:15 and collect at 11:30. Children are welcome to dress up if they would like to!  Merry Christmas from all the team.  Free Christmas Clipart Pictures - Clipartix | | | | | |

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| Date/Topic | Planning | Poetry/songs | Activity | Home corner | Tuff tray |
| Week 1  30th October | Halloween/Fireworks | Pointy Hat  A little old lady with a tall, pointed hat,  Knocked on the door with a rat-a-tat-tat.  I peered through the window to see who was there.  And off on her broomstick, she flew through the air.    K Twinkle, twinkle/Firework song | Make rockets/  Halloween suncatchers | Witches/wizards  Den making potions | Room on the broom story and resources. |
| Week 2  6th November | Looking after our teeth  *Remembrance Day*  *Sunday 12th Nov* | Little donkey  5 mince pies in the baker’s shop | Brushing teeth sequencing.  Make poppies. | Dentist area | Oral health resources |
| Week 3  13th November | Diwali - festival of lights  2023 start  Nativity preparation  Organise costumes | Little lights are burning bright.  Mary had a baby.  When Santa got stuck up the chimney | Mon-Thurs  Diya candles  Rangoli patterns  Friday, decorate Pudsey | Kitchen/home  cleaning | Rangoli patterns  Friday 17th Nov- Pudsey bear day |
| Week 4  20th November | Nativity preparation  Wall display- Create advent calendar.  Write letter to Father Christmas- hand in at turning on at Christmas lights festival – Portishead. | Twinkle, twinkle  Little donkey  5 mince pies in the baker’s shop  Jingle bells  We wish you a Merry Christmas  Mary had a baby.  When Santa got stuck up the chimney  Jingle bells | Sewing stockings Christmas decorations for the tree | Christmas toy shop | Sort festive colours. Red, green, white?  Use various resources fabric and textures. |
| Week 5  27th November | Nativity practice  Put up Christmas decorations/ Christmas tree. | Twinkle, twinkle  Little donkey  5 mince pies in the baker’s shop  Mary had a baby.  When Santa got stuck up the chimney  Jingle bells  We wish you a Merry Christmas | Christmas decoration  Completion to hang on tree. | Nativity scene | Draw tree outline on tuff tray. Surround with resources to enable children to design/decorate. |
| Week 6  4th December | Wednesday 6th December Nativity  St Peter’s Church-Portishead 4:15-5:00pm  Raffle to be drawn by committee. | 12 days of Christmas –  Parent participation. | Make Christmas cards | Nativity scene | Stick man story and resources |
| Week 7  11th December | Christmas maths  Christmas letters | Christmas party 15th December  Hilltop Party- all children are invited.10:15-11:30  Christmas songs | Bake gingerbread person/reindeer. | Santa’ workshop | Christmas phonics  SATPIN |

[Development Matters - Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the early years foundation stage (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1180056/DfE_Development_Matters_Report_Sep2023.pdf)

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| **Little Donkey** | **Twinkle, twinkle little star** | **Mary had a baby.** |
| Free Mary Joseph Cliparts, Download Free Mary Joseph Cliparts png ...  Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road,  Got to keep on plodding onward, with your precious load.  Been a long-time little donkey, through the winter’s night.  Don’t give up now little donkey Bethlehem’s in sight.  Ring out those bells tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem.  Follow that star tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem.  Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day,  Little donkey carry Mary safely on her way. | See the source image  Twinkle, twinkle little star,  How I wonder what you are,  Up above the world so high  Like a diamond in the sky,  Twinkle, twinkle little star  How I wonder what you are. | A cartoon of a person holding a baby  Description automatically generated    Mary had a baby, yes lord.  Mary had a baby, yes, my lord,  Mary had baby, yes lord,  The people came to worship him in Bethlehem.  Where was he born, yes lord  Where was he born, yes, my lord  Where was he born, yes lord  The people came to worship him in Bethlehem.  Born in a stable, yes lord,  Born in a stable, yes, my lord,  Born in a stable, yes lord.  The people came to worship him in Bethlehem.  Laid him in a manger, yes lord,  Laid him in a manger, yes, my lord,  Laid him in a manger, yes, lord.  and the people came to worship him in Bethlehem. |

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| **5 Mince pies** | **When Santa got stuck up the chimney** | **Jingle bells, jingle bells** | **We Wish you Merry Christmas** |
| Mince Pie Clipart Free | Free Images at Clker.com - vector clip art ...  5 Mince pies in the baker’s shop,  Big and round with sugar on the top,  Along came……with a penny one day,  Bought a mince pie and took it away.  4 Mince pies in the baker’s shop,  Big and round with sugar on the top,  Along came……..with a penny one day,  Bought a mince pie and took it away.  3 Mince pies in the baker’s shop  Big and round with sugar on the top,  Along came……..with a penny one day,  Bought a mince pie and took it away.  2 Mince pies in the baker’s shop  Big and round with sugar on the top  Along came……..with a penny one day,  Bought a mince pie and took it away.  1 Mince pies in the baker’s shop  Big and round with sugar on the top  Along came……..with a penny one day,  Bought a mince pie and took it away. | See the source image  When Santa got stuck up the chimney,  He began to shout.  You girls and boys,  Won’t get any toys,  If you don’t pull me out.  My beard is black,  There’s soot in my sack,  My nose is tickling too!  When Santa got stuck up the chimney  Achoo, Achoo, achoo. | See the source image  Jingle bells, jingle bells  jingle all the way!  O what fun it is to ride  in a one-horse open sleigh- Hey! Jingle bells, jingle bells  jingle all the way!  O what fun it is to ride  in a one-horse open sleigh -Hey! | See the source image  We wish you a merry Christmas,  We wish you a merry a Christmas,  We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year,  Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,  We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.  (Makaton)  <https://youtu.be/a-PBixyD_GU> |

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| 12 days of Christmas- parent participation |
| Royalty Free The Twelve Days Of Christmas Clip Art, Vector Images ...  On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree.  On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me **five Golden rings**, four calling birds, Three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, six geese are laying, **five Golden rings**, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, seven swans are swimming, six geese are laying, **five Golden rings**, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, eight maids are milking, seven swans are swimming, six geese are laying, **five Golden rings**, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the nineth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, nine ladies dancing, eight maids are milking, seven swans are swimming, six geese are laying, **five Golden rings**, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the tenth 10 of Christmas my true love gave to me, ten lords are leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids are milking, seven swans are swimming, six geese are laying, **five Golden rings**, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me, eleven pipers piping, ten lords are leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids are milking, seven swans are swimming, six geese are laying, **five Golden rings**, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.  On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords are leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids are milking, seven swans are swimming, six geese are laying, **five Golden rings**, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. |
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