

Marhamchurch Pre School

Chairperson's Report 2025

Thanks to our hardworking staff it's been another happy year at preschool. We've had a successful audit of statutory requirements by Cornwall Council along with a positive Special Needs audit during the summer term.

Families have been invited to share their children's learning during Open Afternoons and great fun was had by all at our Christmas party at The Venue. Parents have access to Tapestry (our online learning journal) enabling them to have an insight into the learning experiences the children are enjoying in the setting.

The Facebook page serves as an effective platform for showcasing our services and continues to engage both current and prospective parents, as well as the local community. While many children are referred to us through word of mouth, this year we have strategically placed advertising banners and posters in locations visible to potential families.

We appreciate our neighbouring school providing their hall for PE and playground for balance bike sessions providing us with extra space. Wednesday's during the summer term are spent at Forest School and we extend our thanks to the Grills family for continuing to allow us to use this piece of land.

In July our very large cohort of summer leavers made a smooth transition to their schools of choice. No doubt a result of the strong foundations and preparation Pre School had provided.

Over the year minor works to the entrance lobby, garden steps and some plumbing repairs have been carried out.

During the Spring Term a Spring Spruce Up was held in and well supported by parents. We were able to mend the roof on the sand pit, repaint parts of the exterior of the building, pressure wash the outside area and complete some basic gardening. We are currently evaluating quotes for the necessary remedial work on our roof, which we hope will take place over the summer.

With a big cohort having left in July, September felt rather quiet, but numbers have steadily risen, and many existing children have extended their hours. In April 24, the government began the phased extension of its free childcare hours for working families. This initiative has allowed more children to attend for additional hours.

Fundraising remains an important income stream for us and we are all grateful to Charlotte for coordinating many fundraising events over the last 12 months.

Looking forward to the new academic year in September we recognise that many families come to us via word of mouth and we thank past, present and future parents for their role in pointing new families in the direction of Marhamchurch.

As a committee run setting Elly, Jodie and Steph's time and support over the last 12 months has been invaluable. We're all busy parents with many other commitments and I'm grateful to them for volunteering their time to ensure we've had a committee to fulfill our statutory obligations.

We would like to extend our thanks to the local community for their unwavering support throughout the year. Whether it has been through attending events, contributing to fundraisers, or assisting with various tasks, we appreciate your involvement.

Lois Briard

Committee Chair - May 2025