



January 2026

Newsletter

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to our existing parents and guardians and we would like to extend this to our new parents and guardians of children starting Playways this term.

All of the staff would like to thank you for all your Christmas cards and generous gifts; they are very much appreciated.

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and Thank you for your continued support!

Children starting school in September 2026

Was your child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?

Parents/Carers must apply for a placement online before 15th January 2026.

www.havering.gov.uk/admissions

If you need any help, please speak to Sue or Teresa.

ParentMail

We hope that you have all signed up to our communication system ParentMail. (New parents will be receiving a message to register very soon).

This is our primary way of contacting parent/carers with any up to date news or important alerts of what is happening at Playways Preschool.

Absences

If your child is unable to attend due to sickness/holiday, could you please let us know by calling or texting the Playways mobile. If we do not receive any call or text we will, in the interest of safeguarding contact you to ensure everything is ok.

Settling in of the children

Your child may be unsettled as they start preschool for the first time or due to the holidays and break in routine.

They usually settle quite quickly after you have left, however if they do become extremely distressed, please be assured that we will contact you.

Outside Play

Please ensure your children are dressed according to the weather.

Please check their coats/hats/wellies etc. have their names written in them as trying to locate every child's outerwear when we want to go out to play is extremely time consuming. If it is wet outside, please send your child in with wellington/waterproof boots.