





The children have been enjoying their Forest Ranger sessions; we have had lots of fun den-building and playing 'schools' in the dens. This week we also had a visit from a baby Robin, which the children named Mary. We also lifted up a log and found a toad which was very exciting.

On our walks to our Forest ranger site we have continued to be 'litter aware'! We have been collecting all the litter we find and keeping our lovely woods clean.

**Learning new skills:** The children continue to develop their practical skills at our woodwork station which we have in our outdoor learning area. After re-confirming the woodwork area rules with Tamsin, the children learnt how to turn screws using a screwdriver and practiced using balsa wood and polystyrene. Amazing woodwork everyone!



Is that Jaws we can see?? Drawing sharks teeth is a great way to help children practice making zig zag lines. This can really help with some of their letter formations when learning to write. Hollie supported some of the children to do this with a fun, under the sea themed activity.

## ***Upcoming Events***

The Summer term is undoubtedly our busiest term of the year. For staff, much of their work is helping the children who are moving on to start school with their preparation and transition. We are also very busy preparing to welcome more new children to begin their Hanborough Meadows journey in September.

For all those children starting school, we would love to wish them goodbye and a massive good luck! We will miss you all but know you will have lots of amazing new experiences at your new schools. Keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on! We can't wait for the amazing leaving celebration that we are hosting for the children with an Under The Sea theme.

We are also so sad to say goodbye to Toni, one of our Deputy Managers. She started working with us in 2016 and has contributed so much to making Hanborough Meadows what it is today with her commitment and passion. Much loved by our Staff, parents and the children alike, Toni has made such a difference to so many children in her care. She is moving to become a Teaching Assistant at Hanborough Manor School and we wish her so much luck for her new adventures.

With the Summer Holidays approaching, keeping children entertained can be daunting for parents and carers. The 50 things to do before you're 5 in Oxfordshire website has some really wonderful ideas and resources like a local event calendar: <https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>.

The Red Kite Days website is a really helpful and has some fab ideas of activities and days out for children in Oxfordshire: <https://oxfordshire.redkitedays.co.uk/event/summer-events-whats-on-days-out-with-kids-oxfordshire/>  
Have a great time and see you in September to tell us all about it!

## ***Joining Hanborough Meadows Pre-School:***

### ☆ **Waiting list for September 2023** ☆

All of our sessions for 2021-22 and 2022-23 are now completely full! We are taking registration for places from September 2023. We are able to show prospective families around the setting with pre-arranged, socially distanced visits after hours. To avoid disappointment, please contact our manager Kelly ASAP by emailing [hanboroughmeadowsmanager@gmail.com](mailto:hanboroughmeadowsmanager@gmail.com). Please take a **virtual tour** of our lovely Pre-School on our Facebook Page or **website** [www.hanboroughmeadowspreschool.co.uk](http://www.hanboroughmeadowspreschool.co.uk). Here you can also view our **prospectus** and to find out more. Our **address** is: 33 Norridge Way, Vanbrugh Meadows, Long Hanborough, OX29 8FL **Phone number:** 01865 689 015



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