



## Our learning

November has positively flown by. The children really embraced our story 'Peace At Last' and it was lovely that so many of you were able to support us with the shared toothbrushing and bedtime story time that accompanied this topic. The children love it when their grown-ups come in and share activities with them at Chestnut.

Although the weather has at times been challenging in November it hasn't stopped us from getting outside. Last month saw a new delivery of saplings from The Woodland Trust. The children have been very busy helping to plant them around the Apple Garden to create new hedging that will provide both a screen and a new habitat for wildlife. We look forward to watching our saplings grow. We have marked them with bright ribbons so they don't get accidentally trodden on during play.



As well as a delivery of saplings we also had a delivery of worms and now have our very own worm farm. The worm farm will be an extra asset to our garden and we hope the worms will reward us by turning some of our food waste into liquid fertiliser for our flower beds. The children have enjoyed feeding their fruit and vegetable scraps to the worms and looking at them wriggle and move about.



A big thank you to our parent who joined us for Gardening Club in November, we really value support from our parents to help us attend to jobs in the garden. We planted some garlic bulbs and flower bulbs and look forward to watching them all come up in the spring time. Who knows, maybe we will even be able to use our garlic in future cooking projects.



Over the next few weeks the children will be reading the story of Goldilocks and in December we will also be thinking about the tradition of Christmas. As always if you have any particular songs you like to sing, foods you like to eat or traditions you follow we would love it if you would share them with us, either in person or on Tapestry.

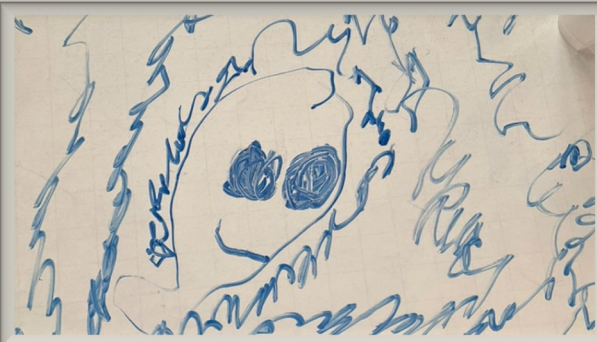
### **School Admissions**

If your child will turn 5 years old between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027 you now need to apply for a school place. School applications can be made online at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/education/school-admissions/>

You will need to choose which primary school you would like your child to attend. If you are unsure contact the school/s you would like your child to go to and talk to them, or go for a look around. This will help you to make an informed choice.

In April 2026 you will then be notified about which school has been allocated for your child. Let us know which school your child will be attending as we will spend time liaising with their new setting in the summer term to ensure a smooth transition.

## November's gallery





# Other news

## Welcome back

We would like to welcome back Lauren Shute, one of our Key Workers, who will be returning to Chestnut in December. Lauren is returning to us after her maternity leave and looking forward to being back with the children at chestnut. Lauren will be working on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be based in the Rainbow Room.



## Christmas Carol Concert

**Thursday 11h December @ 2.15pm**

This year we are very excited to announce that the Exeter University Brass Band Ensemble will be joining us to play live music at our shared Christmas singing event. We will be serving mince pies and wearing our Christmas jumpers. Do come and join us and lend us your voices.



## Socks!

Please ensure your child has several pairs of spare clean socks in their bag every day. We have run out of spare socks—if your child has borrowed a pair from nursery please can you make sure you bring them back. We would also be very grateful for any donations of



## Flag bunting

To celebrate our cultural diversity in setting we have put up bunting to represent our current and recent children. We think we have represented all our children but let us know if your own flag is missing.

## Dates for your diary

**Ongoing— every Monday stay and play session 9.30-11.00am**

**Wednesday 3rd December** - 'Play-eat-sleep-repeat' parent workshop to support your child eating and sleeping at home @9.15-10.45

**Wed 10th December** - staff and children's Christmas lunch

**Thursday 11h December** - @2.15pm Christmas songs and mince pies—come and join us for some Christmas food and festive singing to live music.

Wear your Christmas jumpers.

**Friday 19th December** - Last day of term

**Wednesday 7th January** - First day of Spring Term

