

Newsletter—January 2026

Welcome Back!

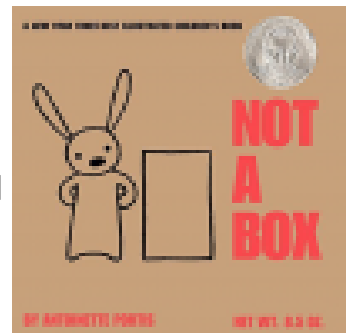
Happy New Year! We hope you all had a super Christmas break and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to nursery. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new starters and hope you will join us in making them feel part of our Chestnut Nursery Community.

As well as changes in children we have also had changes in staff. Last term Sophie, our playworker, finished the term with us and is now off on new travelling adventures. We wish her all the best and hope she has a super time.

We are also delighted to share that we have appointed a new key worker for the main playroom. Lindsey will be taking on a new key group in the second week of January. We are excited about her joining our team. She has lots of experience of working with children and Early Years so will be an asset to Chestnut.

Our Learning

We will starting the term with a new story called Not a Box. In the story a rabbit uses his imagination to think of lots of different uses for an empty cardboard box. We will be encouraging the children to think of their own ideas for empty cardboard boxes and look forward to seeing the suggestions they come up with. It is a great game to play at home and doesn't cost a penny. Do share any creative cardboard box 'makes' from home on Tapestry—we would love to see them.



Websites for parents

We recognise that it is hard work being a parent and sometimes it can be overwhelming knowing how best to support your child, so we have compiled a list of some useful websites that can offer ideas.

[Tiny Happy People](https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people)

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[Words for Life | National Literacy Trust | Words for Life](https://wordsforlife.org.uk)

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[Baby & toddler information | NCT](https://www.nct.org.uk/information/baby-toddler)

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December's gallery



Other news

Sustainability at Chestnut Nursery School

This January we will start the year by working on our Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan will map our sustainability goals, integrated energy efficiency and waste reduction goals, which will benefit both the planet and the school community's well-being.

To mark the start we are introducing our Plant a Tree initiative. When each new child starts at Chestnut and begins their learning journey with us, we will plant a tree with **Just One Tree**. As the child grows, so does their tree, helping make the world a greener place.

If you would like to add to our tree planting you can make a donation for Just One Tree on parent pay and together we can help to grow forests and regenerate oceans.



Library books and spare clothes amnesty

Please take a look at home to see if you have any Chestnut Nursery School library books or spare clothes. If you have please can you return them as we are getting low on both.



Healthy Nursery School

As you will have seen from the news, this winter there has been a big rise in flu cases across the country. If your child has a temperature or shows signs of being unwell please keep them at home until they are fully recovered.

Thank you.

Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday 7th January - First day of Spring Term

Tuesday 20th January - Community Litter pick @ 8.45-8.55am.

Come and join us to tidy up outside of Chestnut

Friday 13th February - Last day of half term

Monday 23rd February - First day of new term

Tuesday 10th March -Parent and children gardening club @ 3pm

