

Berkhamsted Newsletter



Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our December newsletter! November was a wonderful month, the children have been busy learning, exploring, and having lots of fun. Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for our festive month.

What's to come...

December will be full of festive activities and creativity. We have already started decorating the nursery and will be getting our Christmas tree soon. It would be lovely for the children to bring in a Christmas decoration to add to our tree, whether it be a homemade one or one from home.

We will have our Santas grotto on 17th December at the front of the nursery. Please come along and meet Santa and receive a gift. If anyone would like to be our Santa this year, please let the office know.

We are looking forward to our home-made Christmas dinner on the 17th December. The children always help to make tablecloths and decorate the table.

We will be celebrating Save the Children Christmas jumper day on 11th December. Please come dressed in either a jumper or something festive and donate £1 for the charity.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been enjoyed a lovely poppy tuft tray. They enjoyed feeling the different textures of the tissues paper and coloured rice.



All the children had so much fun in the snow! They enjoyed making footprints, feeling the cold sensation of the snow and ice and watching it melt in their hands.



Owls had great fun at Forest School, celebrating Bonfire Night. The children gathered sticks to build a cosy campfire and crafted "firework sticks" with colourful tissue paper ribbons – activities that sparked creativity, encouraged teamwork, and fine motor skill development.



Parent Notices

Review us!

Please take the time to give us a review on Google as well as Facebook and Day Nurseries.

Please like our Facebook page to see the lovely activities the rooms are doing - www.facebook.co.uk/gossomsend

Reminder - bring in warm clothes!

Now the weather is cooling down, please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child.

Door Safety

Just a polite reminder please don't let other parents into the setting. Everyone needs to buzz the door please to come in.

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Children in Need bake sale.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
19 th December	Owls Panto Trip
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12 th December	Owls nativity and songs
17 th December	Christmas Grotto, 3.45-5.30
25 th -1 st Jan 2026	Nursery Closed



Recipe of the Month - Parsnip, Butterbean & Apple Soup

(Serves 4-6)



Ingredients

Parsnips - (peeled & diced) - 500g
Potatoes (chopped) - 3
Onion - (roughly diced) - 1 whole
Carrot - (roughly diced) - 2 whole
Garlic clove - (chopped) - 4 cloves
Butterbeans - 1 can
Apples (cored and chopped) - 2 whole
Veg Stock - 1 cube
Rosemary - 1 tsp

Method

1. In a large pan, sweat the onions and garlic until cooked (but with no colour) in a bit of butter.
2. Add the carrots, potatoes and parsnips and apples.
3. Fill the pan with water to a level just above the vegetables.
4. Add butterbeans.
5. Bring back to the boil and then allow to simmer until all the ingredients are soft.
6. Blend to a smooth consistency.
7. Serve with half a baguette.