

September 2025

# Berkhamsted Newsletter



## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our September newsletter.

The children have had a wonderful summer in nursery and have all been very busy. Take a look at what they have been up to and will be doing in September.

## What have we been up to...

In August, we had a very successful family fun evening and BBQ. Thank you to everyone who came - we had current parents as well as new parents, and even some families who hadn't yet started the nursery. It was a great opportunity for all our families to get together, enjoy some food and have a catch up with each other and make new friends. We even had some entertainment for the children with face painting and The Party Poppers



Hedgehogs have been welcoming and settling lots of new families to the room which will continue throughout September. Settling in sessions are key moments when the children start making bonds with the staff team and feel safe in the environment. This can be through cuddles, singing, story time and any favorite toys they may like to play with.

Butterflies have been extending their language and communication with looking at various animals. This has been through singing, puppets, farm animals and puzzles. They have been naming and repeating the names and sounds the animals make.

Ladybirds have been enjoying some amazing tuft tray fun! These have been inspired by the children's interests and sparks of curiosity. These engaging activities have provided opportunities for the children to develop their senses, use their imagination and enhance their communication skills while playing alongside their peers.



Little Toads have enjoyed playing with their new small world resources. Small world is great for the children's imagination and their language. It also helps with sharing and turn taking when playing with their friends. We have welcomed Katie and Keira to our team who are enjoying getting to know the children and families.

We have been saying bye to the Owls children throughout the month of August who are leaving ready for school. It has been such a pleasure looking after you all while you have been at nursery and watching you all grow. We have enjoyed looking at the emotions pebbles and talking about how we're feeling about going to school and what's exciting about it, feeling a little nervous but also how much fun it will be. Please come back and see us!

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Term time/funded children return

## Parent Notices

### Staffing

We would like to welcome Katie and Keira to our Little Toads team. They will join Rowena and Jo. Congratulations to Izzy who had baby Reggie on 14<sup>th</sup> August weighing a big 10lb 3! We are looking forward to meeting him.

### Vaccinations

Just a reminder that children can not return to nursery the same day after they have had any form of vaccination.

### 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](http://www.facebook.co.uk/gossomsend)

### 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.

## Recipe of the Month - Cherry Sponge

(Serves 6)



### Ingredients

Eggs – 3  
Dairy free butter – 160g  
Caster Sugar -160g  
Flour – 160g  
Self-raising flour – 160g  
Cherries (glazed) – 100g  
Vanilla essence – 1 tsp

### Method

1. Pre heat oven to 180°C.
2. Line tin with greaseproof paper.
3. Mix butter and sugar together until creamed.
4. Add egg gradually with the vanilla essence (to taste).
5. Sieve in flour and combine.
6. Dice the cherries and stir through the mixture.
7. Spoon mixture into tin.
8. Bake until cooked through and allow to cool - then portion.

GF Option: Use Gluten free flour

Kind Regards

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