

Welcome

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

The children have had a wonderful August 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...

Throughout August, we have celebrated many events including International Owl Awareness Day, World Elephant Day and International Dog Day.

We also enjoyed celebrating World Beach Day - we created our own tuff tray beaches using sand, corn flour and foam. This was a great sensory experience as the children explored the different textures, identifying what they could see and feel.



This month

Hedgehogs have some new families joining us. The team in Hedgehogs will be focusing on personal, social and emotional development with the children, supporting the transition into starting nursery - offering lots of cuddles and reassurance as they begin their journeys at Toad Hall. The team will also be supporting the children with their gross motor skills as they encourage the children to roll, crawl, pull to standing, and take steps. The team will be creating engaging activities to support the children to meet these milestones.

Butterflies are supporting the children with developing their communication skills, using books, flash cards and songs to develop the children's vocabulary and confidence with communication. The team are also supporting the children with their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination, encouraging the children to build towers and participate in messy play activities such as sticking.

Little Toads are supporting the children with self care. They are focusing on two separate areas - oral hygiene and handwashing. The team will set up oral health-based activities including using toothbrushes and foam to clean the role model teeth. The team will also discuss handwashing using circle time and role model handwashing for the children while talking about the importance of keeping our hands clean.

Owls are embedding the routine for the children, introducing their new starters into the room and supporting with the children's personal, social and emotional development. The team are also developing the children's imagination, setting up a variety of role play activities, supporting the children's social skills, communication and language, as well as their imagination.

Parent Notices

Weather

The weather is changing, sometimes sunny, sometimes raining. Please ensure you provide appropriate clothing for your children including coats as well as sunhats. If you DO NOT want your children using nursery sun cream, please can you provide your chosen sun cream that you would like us to apply to your child.

Review us!

We would really appreciate if you could write a review of your experience as part of the Toad Hall family. [Here](#) is the link to our Day Nurseries profile.

Door Safety

Please ensure you do not let other people into the nursery when you are buzzed in. This is to ensure the safety of the children and to make sure we are aware of who is entering the setting.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8th September	National Read a Book Day
9th September	Teddy Bear Day
22nd – 28th September	Recycle Week
26th September	European Day of Languages



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