

# Crawley Newsletter



## Welcome

Toad Hall Crawley turns 1! We would like to thank you all who have supported us! We're excited to see what the future holds for us with preschool opening upstairs and our forest school!

## What have we been up to...

### Hedgehogs

In August, Hedgehogs developed their physical skill, with some practicing to walk! The children have been very interested in posting objects, so we made a cardboard post box for them to use. They've been developing their fine motor skills using sponges to squeezing and tipping and pouring in water play. They've also been talking about different colours and colour grouping activities! They have explored different texture play getting messy with corn flour, sand, paint and foam! Hedgehogs have also had new children settling in and some have been settling in Butterflies!



### Butterflies

Butterflies have enjoyed a wide range of activities from exploring the mud kitchen in the garden, learning different sounds and names from nursery rhymes, and reading picture books! They've been busy with settling in and welcoming in new children! They have also enjoyed role playing - pretending to be different characters each week from different books!

## Little Toads & Owls

Little Toads & Owls have been busy planting and watering our plants, learning about all different types! We've been printing with leaves and painting on them making and finding lots of different marks. We recently had National Owl Day where we decorated and made our own Owls! Little Toads & Owls have shown interest in different textures, so they've been exploring foam, sand and different texture sensory toys!



## September

- 5th - National Read a Book Day
- 8th - International Literacy Day
- 9th - National Bear Day
- 13th - National First Aid Day / Roald Dahl Day
- 22nd - First day of Autumn!
- 23rd - International Day of Sign Language
- 26th - European Day of Languages

## Parent Notices

We love to hear your feedback on the nursery and would appreciate if you could take the time to write a review for us on Day Nurseries. Click on the image below to follow the link!



## Nursery Events

Date	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Cake sale



## 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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