

Crawley Newsletter



Welcome,

Welcome August! We can't believe we're here already in the last month of summer! August is already bringing us lots of sunshine, splashing and special memories at nursery.

This month we've got water play, summer crafts and lots of outdoor adventures planned. It's also time to say a fond farewell as some children get ready for their next big steps.

Thank you to all our wonderful families as always for your continued support, your children bring so much joy to Toad Hall every single day.

Here's to a fun sunny August together.

What have we been up to...

Hedgehogs

You may have noticed a little room change in Hedgehogs this month! We've rearranged the space to better support the children's learning and development. This month we've been following the children's interests and have focused on sensory self-exploration and musical movement. The children have loved exploring different textures, sounds, and materials with their hands and bodies, and we've had lots of dancing, singing, and instrument play too. It's been wonderful to see their confidence, curiosity, and creativity grow through play.

Butterflies

Butterflies have been very busy this month! Following the children's interests, we've been learning all about different modes of transportation from cars and buses to trains, boats, and aeroplanes. The children have enjoyed role play, built tracks and roads, and talked about where we travel to.

We've also been exploring feelings together. Through stories, circle times, and activities, the children have been learning to name and understand their emotions and how to support their friends. It's been lovely to see them using new words to talk about how they feel and showing such kindness to one another.

Little Toads

The children in Little Toads have been really enjoying all the new garden equipment and making the most of the lovely weather with lots of outdoor play, climbing, and exploring.

Inside we've been exploring the cycle of life through our sensory lily pad and frog activities. The children have loved getting hands-on with sensory play, learning about tadpoles, frogs, and how they grow. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement as they discover and explore.

Owls

It's been a big and busy month for Owls! We've been celebrating as some of our children have graduated and are getting ready for school, we're so proud of them and all they've achieved.

Inspired by the children during the World Cup we've been exploring different cultures and countries through lots of fun activities. From trying foods, music, and flags to stories, crafts, and games from around the world, the children have loved learning about new places and traditions. It's been amazing to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they discover the world.



Parent Notices

A few gentle reminders for August. With the warm weather continuing, please ensure your child comes to nursery with a sun hat and sunscreen applied. We will reapply sunscreen throughout the day. As we're making the most of the new garden equipment and lots of water and sensory play, please also pack a full set of spare clothes and suitable footwear. A warm welcome to all our new families joining us this month, and a huge congratulations to our Owls who are getting ready to start school, we are so proud of you all. Thank you as always for your continued support.



Nursery Events

Date	Event
05/08/2026	World Teddy Bear Day
12/08/2026	World Elephant Day
26/8/2026	National Dog Day



Recipe of the Month

Pea & Paneer Curry

Ingredients

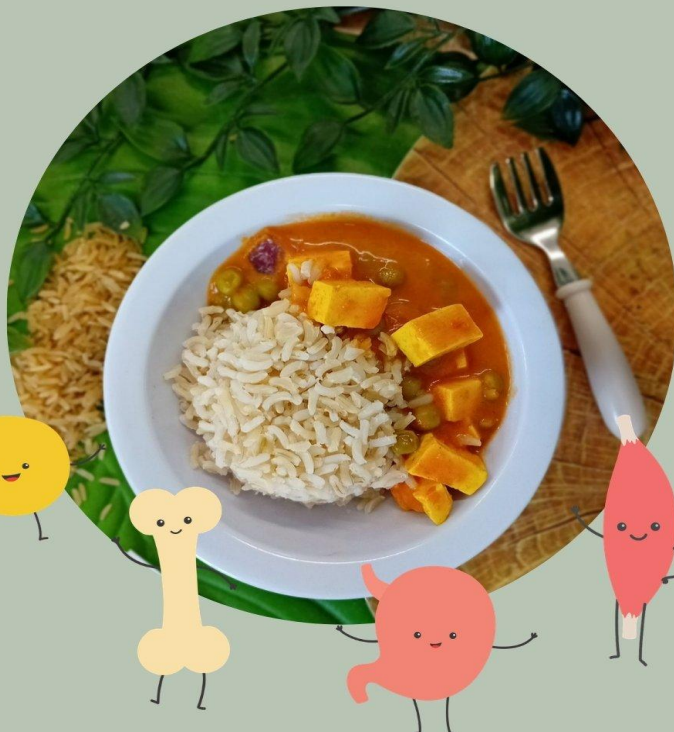
- 300g paneer, cubed
- 500g peas (frozen)
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 200g tinned tomatoes
- 1.5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp mild curry powder
- 200ml coconut milk
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

Method

1. Heat oil in a large pot, sauté onions and garlic until soft.
2. Stir in curry powder and tomatoes; cook for 5 minutes.
3. Add coconut milk and bring to a gentle simmer.
4. Stir in peas and paneer, simmer for 10-15 minutes until heated through.
5. Serve with rice or naan.

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