

Welcome,

What a fantastic and love-filled February we've had here at Crawley! Our practitioners created rich learning opportunities for all the little ones, supporting them to further develop their understanding of love and what it means to them. Through thoughtful activities and meaningful discussions, the children explored kindness, friendships, caring for others, and expressing their feelings in their own unique ways.

What's to come...

In March we have lots of wonderful celebrations coming up like Mother's Day, World Book Day and Eid al-Fitr.



What have we been up to...

Hedgehogs have been busy exploring a wonderful variety of textures, from scented playdough and corn flour to sensory balls with different indentations. The children have been engaging all five senses through these hands-on activities, supporting their sensory development, curiosity, and exploration skills.

The room had a calm and nurturing atmosphere during our Valentine's Day theme activities - the babies created beautiful child led decorative hearts and enjoyed exploring with curiosity the tuft tray that featured lots of pink and red coloured paper.

Butterflies have been looking at Lunar New Year with their children, finding out all about the different animals that are linked to this celebration.

The children have been loving fantastic small world set ups to reflect this.



Little Toads

Have been enriching their outdoor learning experiences with Kick start coaching, this is football-based activities with coach Beau. Throughout the sessions the children demonstrated great listening and independence skills by following instructions.

They have been very busy exploring Valentine's Day textured tuft trays and sensory activities to scaffold their fine and gross motor skills.

Owls have been extremely busy enhancing their exploration of the world around them. Practitioners have been promoting critical thinking by offering children choices in their activities and involving them in the set-ups. This approach has supported the children in developing a strong sense of self-worth, independence, and accomplishment, helping them to feel proud of their contributions and achievements.

Owls had a wonderful time at their Valentine's Day banquet where the children got to create lovely memories with peers whilst enjoy lots of yummy food.

Owls have also taken the time to learn all about the Lunar New Year, talking about the celebration and what it means focusing on 2026, the year of the horse. The children have had lots of fun exploring traditional Chinese objects and talking about what they might be used for.



Parent Notices

Please can we kindly remind parents not to park on the drive. Parking is available along the bays outside the nursery, and these are free between 8-9am and 5-6pm.

We hope you have had the chance to meet the new Chef Adam and Emma, our kitchen assistant. You'll be seeing lots of them over the upcoming weeks.

We have introduced some new staff team members so wanted to give you an update. Aimee from Little Toads will sadly be leaving us at the end of March. We will be welcoming Shannon and Kyann to the team. TJ who is currently in hedgehogs has taken a fantastic opportunity to personally develop working with a new age group and will now be based in little toads as the Room Leader.

Nursery Events

Date	Event
02/03/2026	Dr. Seuss Day - Read your favourite Dr Seuss book or discover his work for the first time.
03/03/2026	Lantern festival Chinese traditional festival celebrated on the fifteenth day of the first month of the lunar year.
05/03/2026	World Book Day - Come dressed as your favourite book character
18/03/2026	Global Recycling day
15/03/2026	Mother's Day
19-20/03/2026	Eid al-Fitr an Islamic celebration which marks the end of Ramadan

Recipe of the Month Cauliflower, Chickpea and Butternut Curry with Rice

(Serves 6)

Ingredients

Tomatoes (tinned) – 400 g
Chickpeas – 100 g
Butternut Squash – ½ whole
Curry powder – 1 tbsp
Cauliflower – small head
Peas – 100 g
Onion (chopped) – 1 whole
Garlic (minced) – 1 clove
Carrot (diced) – 2

Method

1. Dice the onions and mince the garlic.
2. Peel and dice the butternut into ½ cm squares and roast in the oven until part cooked.
3. In a large saucepan fry the onions and garlic until they are almost cooked, then add curry powder and cook for a further minute.
4. Add the carrots, chickpeas and cauliflower and stir well until everything is coated in curry powder.
5. Add the tomatoes and quarter tin of water (using the tinned tomatoes empty tin).
6. Add the butternut squash.
7. Bring to the boil and reduce to simmer and add the peas.
8. Serve with rice



Kind Regards
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