



Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our January newsletter! December was a festive month, the children have been busy learning, exploring, and having lots of fun. Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for January.

This month

Happy New Year! We are very excited to welcome all the children back after the festive holiday. However, we know that time away can cause slight disruptions, especially in sleeping and eating. This month, our main aim is to help the children transition back in nursery life. Our focus will be a smooth reintroduction into daily routines, making sure all the children feel safe, secure and happy as we embark on a fun-filled January.

If you have any photos or videos you wish to share with us from your festive break, please upload these on your child's EY profile. I am sure the children would love to talk and share their own experiences and show their friends all the fun they've had.



We will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Monday 19th January in aid of Blue Monday. Make sure you grab yourself a hot drink and a breakfast bar to start your week off the right way.

What we have been up to...

The whole nursery loved meeting Snowball the Elf when she came to visit us, everyone joined in with the festivities she brought with her.

Hedgehogs enjoyed getting messy and have been painting, glueing and sticking and making lots of festive artwork. The babies have been making snowman and Santa pictures.

Butterflies have been making, creating and exploring Christmas milk. The children used cups and ladles to scoop up and create cups of milk that had been infused with cinnamon and orange slices. The children used their gross motor skills to gather water in ladles and pour it steadily into cups.



Little Toads have been becoming their own version of little elves and been hard at work wrapping their own gifts. The children have been developing their hand eye co-ordination, as well as their fine motor skills to carefully wrap up toys from around the room and then use sellotape to create little presents.



Owls have been exploring a range of different coloured and scented playdough everyday. They even made Grinch inspired playdough! The children had to make their own Grinch's face from green playdough and chose his facial features from cut out card. The children added a nose, eyes, ears and his hat from a variety of cut out shapes.

Parent Notices

We are delighted to say the Forest School and Ballet will be returning in January 2026.

Forest School will take place on Wednesdays. We are pleased to announce we will be doing a morning and an afternoon session.



Ballet will take place on Thursday mornings.



Staff updates

We would like to welcome Becca to Team Haslemere. She will be joining us as our new Modern Apprentice.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 2nd January	Nursery opens
Thursday 8th January	Ballet starts
Wednesday 14th January	Forest School starts
Monday 19th January	Blue Monday Coffee Morning



Recipe of the Month - Carrot and Date Slice



(Serves 6-8)

Ingredients

Self Raising Flour – 250g
Oil – 70 ml
Carrots (grated) – 200g
Apple – 1
Egg - 3
Butter (melted) – 50g
Dates – 150g
Raisins - 75g
Baking Powder- 1 tsp
Cinnamon – 1 tsp

Method

1. Set oven to 180 C and line a baking tray.
2. Pour boiling water over the dates and leave to soak while you measure out the ingredients and grate the carrot and apple.
3. Drain and finely chop the dates
4. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs together with the butter and oil. Add the grated carrots, apple, dates, raisins and mix well.
5. Pour in the flour, baking powder and cinnamon and fold in.
6. Scrape into the lined tray and bake for 40-45 mins.

Kind Regards
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