

Haslemere Newsletter



Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our October newsletter! In September, we have welcomed lots of new families and 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 October.

This month

This month, we have embraced the changing weather and welcomed the cooler days. The children have loved watching the arrival of autumn and noticing the changes around us, providing lots of wonderful opportunities for exploring and talking about the changing seasons.

The children have really enjoyed the return of our extra-curricular activities this month. For families who may not be aware, we have a wonderful range of activities taking place each week:

- **Tuesday** - Jazz Hands. Emily provides singing, dancing and movement sessions for all our under-3's.
- **Tuesday** - Forest School. Owls take a ride on the minibus and enjoy an outdoor lesson run by Laura from Little Explorers.
- **Thursday** - Ballet with Phoebe. The over-2's get to enjoy and learn the joy of ballet.

We have lots of exciting things planned for next month! We'll be embracing the autumn season and exploring all things Halloween, autumn and animals through a variety of fun and engaging activities.

Halloween

For the children who attend Friday 30th October 2026, we would love them to come dressed up for our Halloween party. We will be having lots of spooky fun all day finishing off with a party tea.

Don't worry, if your little one doesn't attend this day, we will still be having lots of spooky fun all week and the children are welcome to dressed up if they wish.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been very busy welcoming lots of new babies. This month has been all about helping them settle into the room, feeling safe and welcome, and begin to build bonds and friendships with new children and familiar adults. The babies have been getting to know their new surroundings and becoming more familiar with the daily routines.

Butterflies have had lots of fun exploring finger painting, experimenting with colours and discovering what happens when different colours are mixed. They also enjoyed exploring a variety of sensory sands, using their hands to scoop, dig and investigate the different textures. The diggers and construction materials were a particular favourite as they used them to dig and build.

Little Toads have been developing their hand-eye coordination and counting skills. The children have particularly enjoyed playing the fishing game, which has been a fantastic way to practise their hand-eye coordination, they carefully steadied their fishing rods as they focused on catching the magnetic fish, showing great concentration and determination. Once all the fish had been caught, the children counted them one by one as they placed them back, ready for the next player. This activity has also given the children lots of opportunities to practise counting to 10, as well as recognising and naming different colours.

Owls have been noticing the change in weather and examining the trees each day. They have loved collecting leaves that have fallen and using these in their play from making concoctions in the mud kitchen to using as animal habitats. They have also been exploring the autumn colours and experimenting with mixing paint. Owls have also been enjoying playdough and using their imagination creating different things with open-ended resources. We've had pizzas, aliens and rockets all going on adventures!



Parent Notices

Staff updates

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Carrie, Miriam and Sally who have joined us recently. Please wish them a warm welcome to our Team as they get to know all the little ones and creating lots of fun memories.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4 th October 2026	World Animal Day
21 st October 2026	Parents Evening
21 st October 2026	Readiness for school evening
30 th October 2026	Halloween Party (for those who attend this day)

School Readiness and Parents Evening – 21st October 2026 6pm

We are excited to invite our wonderful families whose children will be beginning their exciting journey to school in September 2027. Please do take this chance to come along and discover how the process of joining schools works and how we will support the children on their journey. This is also a fantastic opportunity for you to chat with the key workers and ask any questions you might have.

For the rest of the nursery, we will also be hosting a parents evening for the opportunity for you to come along and speak with the team and see how your little ones are doing.

If you would like to attend, please do let your child's room leader know.

Recipe of the Month

Chicken & Veg Pie

Ingredients

- 250g diced chicken breast or thigh Quorn
- 200g mixed root veg (carrot, parsnip, beetroot & swede)
- 150ml low-sodium chicken stock
- ¼ tsp dried herbs
- 40ml semi-skimmed milk
- 20g unsalted butter
- 20g plain flour
- Ready-made puff pastry
- 1 egg, beaten (for glaze)

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (fan).
2. Boil/Roast diced root veg until just tender & mash.
3. In a large pan, cook chicken/**Quorn** until browned and cooked through.
4. Make a roux with butter and flour, whisk in milk and stock to form sauce.
5. Add veg, chicken and herbs; stir to coat.
6. Pour mixture into deep trays
7. Roll out puff pastry and cut into circles with pastry cutter, cook on a baking sheet separately to the pie mix then serve age-appropriate amounts.
8. Bake 30-35 minutes until golden and piping hot.
9. Cool before serving.

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