

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our March's newsletter! February was an amazing 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 this month.

What's to come...

On Thursday 5th March, we would like you to join us in dressing up as your favorite book character in celebrations of World Book Day.

This month Hedgehogs would like to invite all their wonderful mummies and grandmothers to join them for an afternoon of fun and crafts on Thursday 12th March.

Wear Red on Friday 20th March for Comic Relief.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been talking about the people they love the most this Valentine's Day. The children made a beautiful bouquet filled with heart shape flowers decorated with paint. We hope all our parents enjoyed our delicious Valentine's breakfast! Hedgehogs made gold and red hanging lanterns as part of the Lunar New Year celebrations.

Owls have been exploring the story *Bumpus Jumpus Dinsoaur Rumpus* by Tony Mitton and Guy Parker-Rees. The children thoroughly enjoyed re-creating the story, especially the part where the dinosaurs dressed up in tutus!

Butterflies celebrated Lunar New Year with painting hoof pictures of horses.

Badgers Book of the Month is the *Tiger who came to Tea*. They have been busy collecting items to donate to a local food bank. The children are excited to go for a little walk on Monday 2nd March to drop these items off.

Ladybirds helped Mr Wolf make his pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. The children put on their chefs' hats and aprons and got baking!



Parent Notices

Outdoor play

As the weather is constantly changing, please can we remind you to bring in appropriate clothing and footwear for you child to enjoy the garden in.

Car Park

Can all parents please ensure the do no park in any parking spaces allocated to the surrounding businesses. Thank you.

Apprentice appreciation

Please join us in congratulating our amazing Apprentices Amelia, Tiah, Megan and Ella who have all qualified in the last couple of months.

Abi has received her long service award. She has been with us at Toad Hall for an incredible 10 years!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
1 st March 2026	St. David's Day
5 th March 2026	World Book Day (dress up as your favorite book character)
12 th March 2026	Hedgehogs Mothers Day Stay and Play
19 th - 20 th March 2026	Eid Al-Fitr
20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day (wear something red)



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

