

Welcome

Happy New Year and thank you for taking the time to read our January newsletter! December was a wonderful 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.



What's to come...

January will be full of creativity and fun as we welcome every back from the Christmas break.

This month we will be celebrating Australia Day and Winnie the Pooh Day with lots of fun filled activities.

What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs spent December celebrating Christmas. They made salt dough creations for their loved ones, explored hot chocolate sensory gloop and enjoyed painting with baubles. They enjoyed their Christmas lunch and their Christmas party.

Butterflies have been celebrating Christmas through December. They painted snowflakes and Christmas decorations. They enjoyed their Christmas lunch and had lots of fun at their Christmas party where they had a visit from Father Christmas. They have been planting garlic in the allotment and looking after it.

Little Toads had lots of fun in December, with lots of Christmas tuff trays and Christmas crafts, making lovely bits for their families. They really enjoyed their Christmas lunch and Christmas party with a visit from Father Christmas and an elf!

Owls have been enjoying lots of Christmas crafts. They visited a local care home and sang the Christmas carols that they had been practicing to the residents. They also enjoyed singing the carols to all their families. They children enjoyed getting into the festive spirit by decorating their own Christmas tree in the garden.



Parent Notices

EYLOG

Please ensure your child has at least two emergency contacts (additional to the main parents/carers) on their Eylog. Can we please also ask you to check all the permissions on your child's profile.

Reminder – bring in warm clothes!

Now winter has arrived , please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child. Please make sure your child has a warm coat for the garden and suitable shoes for all weathers. Please also remember to name your all your children's clothing.

Immunisations

Please be reminded that we cannot accept children into nursery after they have had any immunisations, including the flu nasal spray as per Toad Hall policy. Children can return the next day.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2 nd January	Nursery opens
26 th January	Australia Day - wear green, yellow and gold
13 th February	Valentine's Day Tea party, 3-5pm
5 th March	World Book Day dress up
13 th March	Mother's Day Tea Party, 3-5pm
2 nd April	Easter Party, 3-5pm
23 rd April	St. Georges Day tea party, 3-5pm



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.