

Welcome

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 2026.

What's to come...

I can not believe that we are in 2026! It's the first year of the month and we are going to be very busy as we always are here at Toad Hall Langley.

Welcome to our new families who have joined us before Christmas and in this coming new year!

December has been a very busy month, filled with visitors, celebrations, and lots of excitement. As we move into January, we will be focusing on emotional development to help the children settle back into their everyday routines. The children will take part in a range of activities designed to encourage them to talk about their feelings and explore what makes them feel the way they do.

Children will be starting in their new rooms if they transitioned over December, so we will be focusing on settling children back into nursery life, and into their new rooms building relationships with their new key person.



What we have been up to...

December is always a month full of glitter, paint and much more! And I can certainly say that the children have been thoroughly engaged in all activities. Sarah has been busy throughout December, cooking everybody a lovely Christmas dinner, she also took the time to go into the all rooms and do Cooking Club with the children, the children especially enjoyed eating the cookies they made for snack!

The children have also enjoyed using their language skills to talk about what they would like for Christmas, extending this learning by creating their own Christmas lists for Santa while incorporating and developing their fine motor skills.

Throughout December, we've been putting our creative skills to good use, making Christmas cards, calendars, and more! The children have also enjoyed taking part in lots of messy tray activities, such as creating a melted snowman in Butterflies using oblique lines. We've also been building on the children's schemas by making a post box for them to post their creations. It has definitely been a fun-filled and exciting month!



Parent Notices

Parking

Please can we remind ALL parent/carers not to park in front of the cars at the side of the nursery.

Reminder – to ensure that children are bringing in the correct clothing for the season, please ensure that all clothing, hats, gloves and scarves are all labelled clearly.

Staff updates

As you know Hayley and Olivia C left us in December, we have recruited a new Nursery Nurse, Khadijat who will be joining us as soon as all the mandatory safeguarding checks have been completed.

We are still recruiting for a Room Leader and will keep you informed on this.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2 nd January 26	Nursery reopens for all year-round children
5 th January 26	Term time only children return



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.