

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our monthly newsletter.

The children have had a wonderful August and have all been very busy. Take a look at what they have been up to and will be doing this month.

## What have we been up to...

August has been a very productive month. The children's visits to their new rooms have gone very well. We understand that the transition can be challenging for both children and parents—being parents ourselves, Natalie and I truly appreciate how difficult it can be when children feel unsettled. However, once the children are in their new rooms, they quickly begin to feel comfortable, engaging in play with their peers. We have been really focusing on personal, social and emotional development and the children have really settled and built relationships with their new key carers.

Graduation was at the end of July, which was a lovely ceremony! We had the event at the church, and all the children did Owls and Badgers staff proud, singing all the songs they had practised. We want to wish all our children going off to school a huge good luck – we know you will all be amazing and are more than ready for your big adventures. Thank you for being part of the Toad Hall Langley family, and please make sure you come in a say hello from time to time!



## This month

September is here and we are looking forward to seeing what fun it brings us. We would like to start by welcoming all our new families to the nursery.

Please bring a book into nursery on the 6<sup>th</sup> September as it is Read a Book Day – the more books the better!

9<sup>th</sup> September is Teddy Bear Day, so please bring your teddies in! Please make sure that anything you are bringing into nursery is labelled with your child's name on.

Term begins on the 8<sup>th</sup> September for all children who are term time only – we look forward to having everybody back after a lovely summer break. Please upload any photos of the exciting things you have been doing over the summer onto EY.

Thank you for all you have done so already but please could we ask all parents who have not done so to log onto [Review a Nursery](#) and kindly give the nursery a review, we love to hear you feedback!



*"From drop offs to pick up in the evening, you can clearly tell all staff are engaged in creating a fun learning environment, our son loves his days at preschool and always fills our ears of the fun stuff he did."*

## Parent Notices

### Parking

Please could we ask all parents NOT to park in front of the cars next to the nursery. This is becoming a health and safety concern, sometimes cars are parked there which are not Natalie and Sharon's Car and we have been receiving complaints. We understand that the parking can be limited at times, but could we please wait for a space to become available or park across the road. Thank you.

### Nursery fees

Please can we remind all parents that all fees need to be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. If you are paying via tax-free childcare or standing order, all fees need to be in the account on the 1<sup>st</sup> or a 5% late charge will be charged for all late payments. If you need any help with this, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the senior team.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Term begins
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Mindfulness Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Rash Hashanah
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	International Day of Sign Language

## Recipe of the Month – Cherry Sponge

(Serves 6)



### Ingredients

Eggs – 3  
Dairy free butter – 160g  
Caster Sugar -160g  
Flour – 160g  
Self-raising flour – 160g  
Cherries (glazed) – 100g  
Vanilla essence – 1 tsp

### Method

1. Pre heat oven to 180°C.
2. Line tin with greaseproof paper.
3. Mix butter and sugar together until creamed.
4. Add egg gradually with the vanilla essence (to taste).
5. Sieve in flour and combine.
6. Dice the cherries and stir through the mixture.
7. Spoon mixture into tin.
8. Bake until cooked through and allow to cool - then portion.

GF Option: Use Gluten free flour