

## Welcome

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

We have been saying goodbye to our school leavers and wishing them all the best at their new schools. We had lots of fun at our Fun Day and enjoying the end of the summer before autumn begins.

## What have we been up to...

### Fun Day:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Summer Fun Day - we hope you all enjoyed it! We especially enjoyed meeting our special guests Bluey and Bingo, of course, along with Tilly the Toad. We raised over £700 which is amazing! Thank you to everyone who made donations towards our Fun Day and to everyone who brought in and made cakes and biscuits. We couldn't hold these events without your help.



## Last month...

**Hedgehogs** have been enjoying holistic sensory play in the mud kitchen, using all their senses and practising their motor skills and using different describing words such as wet, dry and sticky. They have also been enjoying one of their favourite stories, Owl Babies; exploring through touch and exploring textures whilst listening to the story

**Little Toads** have been exploring different habitats around the world through messy play and by exploring different textures. This has helped the children develop a better understanding of the world we live in. They have also shown increased interest in the plants we are growing, which led to experimenting with cutting up strawberries, drying them, and planting the seeds in an attempt to grow our very own strawberry plants.

In **Butterflies**, they have been enjoying the water play in the garden. They have been busy practising their fine motor skills pouring into different containers, adding in mathematical language such as full and empty. Butterflies have also been learning about self-care, helping to wipe their own faces after mealtimes and helping to take care of the baby dolls.

This month **Pre-School** have been taking turns to help the staff with different tasks to build their independence. They love to help set up the mealtime tables and helping to set up the garden. They have been exploring messy tuff trays linked with stories, which has led to the children role playing their own versions of the story.



## Parent Notices

### School readiness:

We will be hosting a cheese and wine evening for parents of the children going to school in 2026. During the evening, we will be explaining how the process of applying for schools works and can answer all your questions. Please email to office to confirm your attendance.

Thank you ☺

### Parents Evening:

We will be holding a Parents Evening on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please speak to your child's key worker to book in a slot.

### Halloween party:

We will be holding a Halloween party for all the children and parents on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. If this is not your child's usual day you are welcome to bring them along and attend with them. Please look out for more information closer to the time.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents forum - school readiness
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween party



## 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