

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our December newsletter! November 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 December.

## What's to come...

December will be full of magic and creativity as we get ready for Christmas through themed activities.

There will be lots of Christmas crafts, singing Christmas songs and enjoying a Christmas lunch and party.

We also be taking part in the 12 Days of Giving, the children will be helping to celebrate this within the local community and at the nursery.



## What we have been up to...

**Hedgehogs** have enjoyed some fun activities during November. They have been making their own fireworks with junk modeling. They designed their own poppies for Remembrance Day and made special cards and pictures for World Kindness Day.

**Butterflies** have had a creative month; they have been making paper plate poppies for Remembrance Day. They got creative with a cardboard tube to make their own pictures of fireworks. And also made special heart pictures for their parents for World Kindness Day. At the end of the month, they enjoyed all things yellow and spotty for Children in Need.

**Little Toads** have been making poppies for Remembrance Day. They have taken part in Road Safety Week, making traffic lights and doing car painting activities. They made Pudsey Bears for Children in Need.

**Owls** have been talking about Firework Night and making colourful pictures using a tube. They have also been talking about how they celebrate special events within their families. The children have been developing their fine motor skills with a variety of activities, including threading and using tweezers.



# Parent Notices

## EYLOG

Please ensure your child has at least 2 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
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Forum, 6pm to 7pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party, 3pm to 5pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve, Pyjama Day
25 <sup>th</sup> December to 1 <sup>st</sup> January	NURSERY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	Nursery re-opens



## Recipe of the Month – Parsnip, Butterbean & Apple Soup

(Serves 4-6)



### Ingredients

Parsnips - (peeled & diced) - 500g  
Potatoes (chopped) - 3  
Onion - (roughly diced) - 1 whole  
Carrot - (roughly diced) - 2 whole  
Garlic clove - (chopped) - 4 cloves  
Butterbeans - 1 can  
Apples (cored and chopped) - 2 whole  
Veg Stock - 1 cube  
Rosemary - 1 tsp

### Method

1. In a large pan, sweat the onions and garlic until cooked (but with no colour) in a bit of butter.
2. Add the carrots, potatoes and parsnips and apples.
3. Fill the pan with water to a level just above the vegetables.
4. Add butterbeans.
5. Bring back to the boil and then allow to simmer until all the ingredients are soft.
6. Blend to a smooth consistency.
7. Serve with half a baguette.