

Welcome

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

What's to come...

November will be full of sparkle and creativity as we mark Fireworks Night through themed activities.

This month we will be looking at **Child Safety Week**, using this as an opportunity to talk to staff and children about how we can be safe. The children will also be celebrating **World Kindness Day** and **Children in Need** with lots of fun activities.

We also have **Remembrance Day**, and the children will be marking this with various activities and a 2-minute silence.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have enjoyed some fun activities during Space Week with a sensory tray full of metallic materials and rice. They celebrated Diwali by creating lamps and explored autumn with a touch and feel acorn tray.

Butterflies have been looking at diversity and celebrated Diwali with some themed activities.

Little Toads have been taking part in Space Week and getting ready for Halloween with orange slime, spooky black playdough, making planets and masks. They also talked about Black History Month.

Owls have been focusing on emotions, recognising and understanding them and talking about how others might feel. We have encouraged mark making using different materials such as coloured sand.

To mark Halloween, all rooms have enjoyed spooky themed activities and a party to celebrate. We've also discussed with the children in Owls, how they celebrate at home.



Parent Notices

EYLOG

Please ensure your child has at least 2 emergency contacts (additional to the main parents/carers) on their EYlog.

Reminder – bring in warm clothes!

Now the weather is cooling down, please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child and name the items. Can we please also remind you that we ask that children do not wear crocs.

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.

Staff updates

We would like to welcome Alisha, our new Room Leader to the team! Alisha will be working along side Clare while she settles in.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4 th November	Coffee Meet 9am-10am
11 th November	Remembrance Day
13 th November	World Kindness Day
18 th November	School Readiness evening



Recipe of the Month – Smoky Courgette & Chickpea Muffins



(Serves 5)

Ingredients

Courgettes – 65 g
Chickpeas – 50 g
Self-Raising Flour – 100 g
Baking powder – ½ tsp
Smoked paprika – 1 tsp
Grated cheddar – 50 g
Milk – 45 ml
Cold butter – 10 g

Method

1. Heat the oven to 200c.
2. Mix flour, baking powder and paprika.
3. Rub in cold butter until you get fine crumbs.
4. Grate the courgettes and squeeze as much water out as possible.
5. Add cheese, chickpeas and courgettes.
6. Combine with milk until you have a slightly sticky dough.
7. Knead the dough on a floured service until smooth.
8. Make 20 balls and place on a baking tray with grease proof paper.
9. Brush with milk and bake approx. 10-12 mins until golden.