

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our July newsletter! We have enjoyed using our senses to explore a variety of fun filled activities.

Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for July.

What's to come...

We will be celebrating many different events this month including the Big Butterfly Count, World Friendship Day as well as our Pre-school Graduation!

We will also be hosting our Summer Fair/ Open Day on Saturday 4th July. We hope to see many of you there joining us for a fun filled morning.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been busy exploring their interest of animals as they used their senses to explore the different materials in the farm tuff tray. This supported the children's fine and gross motor skills, linking to physical development. The children have also been developing their vocabulary as they identified the different animals and the sounds they make.

In **Butterflies**, the children have been getting creative, participating in a variety of activities, using their senses to explore different textures as well as developing their communication skills and physical development. The children have been identifying colours, supporting their vocabulary as well as colour recognition skills.

Little Toads have been developing their self care skills, from learning to use the toilet, to washing their hands effectively throughout the day. The children have enjoyed different activities supporting this learning including washing the baby dolls as well as brushing the role play teeth.

In **Owls**, the children have been continuing to focus on school readiness as we are now only a couple of months away from the start of school! The children have also been developing their fine motor skills and pencil grasp as they mark make and practise writing their names.

Parent Notices

Forest School is on Monday afternoons, please bring in appropriate clothing, including all in one wet suit as well as wellies to ensure your child can go (this is for over 2's).

Reminder – the weather is changing so please ensure you bring weather appropriate clothing with you, including a sunhat, as well as spare clothing just in case needed!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Saturday 4 th July	Summer Fair/ Open Day
Thursday 16 th July	Pre-School Graduation
Friday 17 th July	Big Butterfly Count
Thursday 30 th July	World Friendship Day



Recipe of the Month

Salmon, butterbean and potato gratin

Ingredients

- 500g boneless, skinless salmon fillets (fresh or frozen)
- 400g potatoes cooked and mashed
- 800g tinned butterbeans
- 200g frozen peas
- 200g sweetcorn
- 400g spinach
- 150g grated cheese
- 250 ml milk

Method

1. Cook salmon and thoroughly check for bones whilst flaking the fish.
2. In a saucepan, gently heat the milk, then add frozen peas, sweetcorn, spinach.
3. Simmer gently for 5-7 minutes until the veg is soft and heated through.
4. Let cool slightly, then blend until smooth using a hand blender or jug blender to create a creamy, bright green sauce.
5. In a large mixing bowl or dish, combine the cooked potatoes (lightly mashed), carefully flaked salmon and the beans.
6. Pour over the blended veg sauce and gently mix until everything is well coated.
7. Transfer the mixture into a large ovenproof baking dish, sprinkle the grated cheese evenly over the top.
8. Bake in a preheated oven at 180°C / 350°F for 20-25 minutes, or until the top is golden and bubbling.

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