

Berkhamsted Newsletter



Toad Hall
Children's Nursery

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our January newsletter! December was a magical 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 the New Year.

What's to come...

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed precious time with family and friends. We wish you all the best for 2026!

In January we focus on the settling back in of the children as they return to nursery after the Christmas break. There will be a focus on their emotional development to support them back into the nursery routine after having lots of fun with family. The children will enjoy different activities to help them talk about their feelings and explore what makes them feel the way they do.

A lot of children are moving to their new room, and we have new children starting so building bonds with their new key workers is so important. This means getting to know them through their interests, putting them to sleep, changing their nappies and comforting them.

We will be doing a stay and play session for both the baby room and our Butterflies room. This will be on Monday 12th for babies and Monday 19th for Butterflies. This is a lovely opportunity for new parents to get to know the team, meet new and current parents, and engage with their children through various activities.

What we have been up to...

We had busy and wonderful December in the nursery.

We did our *12 days of giving* throughout December. This included our Forest School children giving their teachers some lovely homemade mince pies, while our younger children went out into the community to deliver some.



Owls children performed their Christmas play for their parents to enjoy, while Kevin did a lovely breakfast for our parents to take away and kick start their day!

Little Toads went and delivered a Christmas book into the community for another family to find and enjoy. On the first day we received some lovely advent calendars from our Co-Managing Directors.



Parent Notices

Review us!

Please take the time to give us a review on Google as well as Facebook and Day Nurseries.

Please like our Facebook page to see the lovely activities the rooms are doing – www.facebook.co.uk/gossomsend

Reminder – bring in warm clothes!

With winter well and truly here, please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child.

Door Safety

Just a polite reminder please don't let other parents into the setting. Everyone needs to buzz the door please to come in

We would love to see what you have done over the Christmas period so please upload any pictures and/or observations to share with your child's key worker.

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 nd January | Nursery back open |
| 5 th January | Term time/funded children return |
| 12 th January | Babies stay and play 10-11 |
| 19 th January | Butterflies stay and play 10-11 |



Recipe of the Month - Carrot and Date Slice



(Serves 6-8)

Ingredients

Self Raising Flour – 250g
Oil – 70 ml
Carrots (grated) – 200g
Apple – 1
Egg – 3
Butter (melted) – 50g
Dates – 150g
Raisins - 75g
Baking Powder- 1 tsp
Cinnamon – 1 tsp

Method

1. Set oven to 180 C and line a baking tray.
2. Pour boiling water over the dates and leave to soak while you measure out the ingredients and grate the carrot and apple.
3. Drain and finely chop the dates
4. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs together with the butter and oil. Add the grated carrots, apple, dates, raisins and mix well.
5. Pour in the flour, baking powder and cinnamon and fold in.
6. Scrape into the lined tray and bake for 40-45 mins.

Kind Regards
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