

Ottershaw Newsletter



Toad Hall
Children's Nursery

Welcome

Happy New Year to all our wonderful families!

As we step into a brand-new year, we look forward to more little steps and large leaps together.

Here's to creating magical memories, inspiring children each day, supporting parents with trust and nurturing a place our team is proud of.

May 2026 bring joy, growth and new adventures for us all.

We would like to take a moment to thank Robyn for all her hard work, support and love through 2025. We wish her and her family all the best whilst welcoming their new arrival.



What's to come...

On Monday the 19th of January we would love to offer our parents a nice treat to take away in the morning, with a cup off tea or coffee to beat the Monday blues on *Blue Monday*.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs

In December, the babies enjoyed getting festive! They have made Santa's beards using a range of materials, strengthening their fine motor skills and creativity. To extend on these skills they have also decorated Christmas trees with pom-poms. The children made biscuits supporting their physical development. They also enjoyed making marks in cornflour, providing them with a sensory experience. It's been lovely to see all the children so engaged and excited as they learn through festive, hands-on experiences.

Little Toads and Preschool

This month our Little Toads and Preschool children have been enjoying a range of festive activities.

The children took part in music and movement activities, developing their gross motor skills, balance and coordination.

They also developed their fine motor skills with pasta threading. The children demonstrated beautiful concentration and problem solving.

The children that attended Forest School made lovely natural tree decorations. They have also been enjoying lots of Christmas songs and stories.



Parent Notices

Respectful Communication

We value positive and respectful partnerships with all parents and carers. Our staff team should always be treated with courtesy and respect, and we do not accept verbal abuse or aggressive behaviour. Any such incidents may affect a parent's right to remain on the premises and their ongoing involvement within the setting. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

Door security

For the safety of the children and the staff within the setting, we kindly ask that families do not let anyone else into the building when entering or leaving. If someone different is collecting your child, please make sure they are aware of this procedure too. All parents, carers and visitors must be buzzed in by a member of staff. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure environment.

Photos from home

Please feel free to share any photos from over the Christmas period with us, so that the children can show their friends and discuss their experiences together.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
19 th January 2026	Treats to take away for parents



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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