

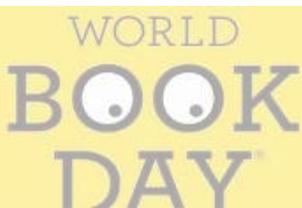
Welcome

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you all. Our Deputy Manager, Robyn, has welcomed a beautiful baby girl! Both mum and baby are doing well, and we are so pleased for her and her family as they begin this exciting new chapter together. We know many of you will want to join us in sending your warmest congratulations and best wishes. If you would like to pass on a message, please feel free to do so at the office and we will ensure they are shared with her. We wish Robyn a joyful maternity leave filled with special moments.

A very happy 21st birthday to Chloe, our wonderful Housekeeper! We would also like to wish a fantastic 21st birthday to Poppy, who regularly supports us. We hope you both have an amazing day and a year ahead filled with happiness and success!

We are proud to have celebrated Modern Apprenticeship Day, we recognised the incredible contribution our apprentice Taya makes to our nursery every single day. Thank you for your hard work!

Whats to come...



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Thursday 5th March 2026
– Please come to nursery dressed as your favourite book character for World Book Day!

Join us on Friday 20th March by wearing red and bringing your sweet treats to share! We'll be holding a cake sale to raise funds for Comic Relief 2026.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs

Our youngest children have been busy exploring and learning through playful, meaningful experiences this month. A favourite has been playing hide and seek with our toy animals. The children have shown great curiosity as they search, discover and delight in finding them, building object permanence, attention skills and shared enjoyment.

We have loved coming together for singing sessions. Songs with actions are a big hit, especially *The Wheels on the Bus*, where the children confidently join in. These experiences support early communication, listening skills and confidence in expressing themselves.

The children had lots of fun exploring footprint art this month and discovering how their movements leave marks. This activity supported sensory exploration, gross motor development and early awareness of cause and effect. We used some of these prints to make you a special Valentine's Day bouquet!

Little Toads and Preschool

Our older children have been exploring a range of exciting topics and experiences this month, supporting their understanding of the world and developing key skills across the curriculum.

We began learning about oral hygiene, discussing why it is important to brush our teeth and how we can look after our bodies. The children engaged in conversations about healthy habits and practised brushing techniques using our giant toothbrush and set of teeth, building awareness of self care and independence.

The children enjoyed baking for Valentine's Day, carefully measuring, mixing and decorating their creations. This supported early Maths skills such as counting and measuring.

Outdoor learning saw the children experimenting with streamers to observe movement and explore the direction of the wind. They also incorporated the streamers into dance activities, trying out slow and fast movements. This encouraged the development of body control, coordination, and an understanding of tempo and rhythm.

We also explored the story of the Lunar New Year, learning about traditions and engaging in creative activities, helping to broaden their understanding of different cultures and celebrations.

Parent Notices

Resources

Our team are on the hunt for toilet roll tubes, black or white t-shirts, bags, scarves and any loose parts bits. If any of our families can help with these items, please drop them to the office.

Nursery fees

A polite reminder that nursery fees are due on the first of the month, for the month ahead. Please remember there was a change in bank details at the start of the year.

Medication

Please ensure that when handing in medication to the nursery, there is a prescription on the medication, otherwise we will not be able to administer it.

Family books

As part of our curriculum, we believe that children are included and celebrated as individuals and are confident to share their home experiences. We invite families to send in photos to create a family book, which the children can enjoy looking through with their friends, supporting their social development and sense of identity.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patricks Day
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day

Recipe of the Month Cauliflower, Chickpea and Butternut Curry with Rice

(Serves 6)

Ingredients

Tomatoes (tinned) – 400 g
Chickpeas – 100 g
Butternut Squash – ½ whole
Curry powder – 1 tbsp
Cauliflower – small head
Peas – 100 g
Onion (chopped) – 1 whole
Garlic (minced) – 1 clove
Carrot (diced) – 2

Method

1. Dice the onions and mince the garlic.
2. Peel and dice the butternut into ½ cm squares and roast in the oven until part cooked.
3. In a large saucepan fry the onions and garlic until they are almost cooked, then add curry powder and cook for a further minute.
4. Add the carrots, chickpeas and cauliflower and stir well until everything is coated in curry powder.
5. Add the tomatoes and quarter tin of water (using the tinned tomatoes empty tin).
6. Add the butternut squash.
7. Bring to the boil and reduce to simmer and add the peas.
8. Serve with rice



Kind Regards

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