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# Walton-on-Thames Newsletter



Toad Hall  
Children's Nursery

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

The children have had a busy June with lots going on! Take a look at what they have been up to and what we have planned for July.

## What have we been up to...



This month in Hedgehogs we created a volcano themed tuff tray with scarves for Dinosaur Day. We explored instruments from around the world, we tried different cheeses at snack time on National Cheese Day. We did activities for safety week and enjoyed meeting some new babies during the Stay & Play sessions we have been running on Fridays.

In July we will be Making cocoa sensory gloop and scented sensory bags for World Chocolate Day, we are making a summer obstacle course in the garden, we are going to make some snakes and tigers with junk modelling and create some masks too.

In **Butterflies** this month we have made jellyfish to hang up and sand pictures to mark the start of the summer and we have enjoyed making Father's Day cards! In July we will be planting winter vegetables in the allotment, we have a new play dough station, and we are going to be making different colour play dough and practicing our fine motor skills.

In **Little Toads** during June, we have had fun making special keyrings for Father's Day gifts. We have been exploring sensory activities and really enjoying all the puzzles, especially the shapes. In July we are going to extend the children's interest in shapes and colours, we will explore holidays and different modes of transport, and we will spend time on our allotment, planting, watering and looking after the environment.

During June **Owls** have loved all the school uniform, PE kits and lunch boxes and bottles that appeared in the home corner, we have practiced dressing in these items and role playing 'Big School'. We really enjoyed our Sports Day and are looking forward to our Graduation party in July!

In **Badgers** we have loved playing with all the baby dolls and having Sports Day and Stay & Play with Daddy's and Grandads!





## Dates for your diary

Saturday 4th	Open Day Stay & Play, 9.30-11.30
Tuesday 7th	World Chocolate Day
Monday 8th	Green Week
Friday 17th	Pre-School Graduation (Parents invited)

### Reminders

Please always ensure that the front door is closed behind you and do not allow anyone else access- Thank you.

### Children's clothing

If you have any unwanted school uniform items, such as plimsoles, uniform, book bags, etc. we'd love some for Owls.

### Car Park

Please can we ask that you make sure the gate to the car park is closed behind you and that you are keeping your little ones close to you when walking in the car park.

### Food Items

Please do not allow children to bring food items in with them/arrive eating food from home. Due to severe allergies we must be very careful, thank you.



## 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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