

July 2025

# 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 wonderful June and have all been very busy. Take a look at what they have been up to and will be doing in July.

## What have we been up to...

We have introduced our new compost bin to support our ECO Plan for 2025!



**Hedgehogs** have been looking at the people who help us and have enjoyed a fireman treasure basket with fire engines. The children also took part in some body painting and a stop-and-go activity using recycled materials. The children enjoyed having their daddies come and play for Father's Day. Next month is Artist Month, and the children will be taking part in some bubble wrap painting and doing some self-portraits. There will be some sensory activities for American Independence Day, and the children will be exploring a beach and ocean tuff tray.

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**Butterflies** have been looking at people who help us, focusing on different jobs and people, such as dentists, nurses, etc. Along with this, we also celebrated EID as we love celebrating all cultures. We also had some dads visit us for our Father's Day tea party. Next month we will be focusing on being artists, creating lots of different pieces and art activities. Also, we have our fabulous Summer Fair!

**Little Toads** have been enjoying lots of fun tuff tray activities this month. They have explored different textures, made marks with cars for Road Safety Week. They enjoyed washing both the cars and the babies in the water tray. The children enjoyed making some wonderful surprises for their dads for Father's Day and spending time with them during the Father's Day stay and play. As part of Healthy Eating Week, the children enjoyed a *Supertato* themed activity. The children have enjoyed being outside in the garden and have been practicing their throwing and catching skills. Next month, as part of the theme of artists, the children will be taking part in lots of artist-inspired activities. They will be taking part in some big art outside and exploring nature, doing some natural art.

**Badgers** have been practising copying and recognising their names. We have also been talking about people who help us; e.g. Police, Firemen, doctors, etc. We would also like to thank all of the dads who came to our Father's Day tea party! We are really looking forward to our Graduation Event and have been practicing lots whilst talking about the transition to school.

**Owls** have been talking about people who help us and used dressing up to look like them and act out who we are to the other children and talk about why they are Important. They have also been practicing their fine motor skills by using tweezers to pick up small bears. They have also been looking at different habitats, including the ocean, land, forest, and safari. The children created the surroundings for the animals. The children celebrated Father's Day with a stay and play with their dads. Next month, the children will be learning about famous artists and trying to recreate their artwork using different media. We will also be holding our Graduation Event, the children have been practicing lots to make this a special occasion for all.

# Parent Notices

# Dates for your diary

## Summer Fair

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our summer fair again this year. We will be holding some fun games for the children to take part in, have local independent stall holders coming along as well as an ice cream van and barbeque. We will be selling tickets for our raffle from the 1<sup>st</sup> July and have some wonderful prizes on offer, including a £20 Garson's voucher and free entry for 2 people at Bocketts Farm. We are collecting donations for our bottle and children's tombola's, and you can put your donations in the boxes in the entrance. All the money raised at the event will be going to Wellchild, our chosen charity.



Date	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> July	USA Independence Day Party 3-5pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents breakfast
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair 10am to 2pm
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Preschool Graduation 3-5pm
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Parent forum

## Reminders

Can we please ask parents to ensure that children are not running ahead of them to the door. During the busier times of the day, if children have run ahead to the door, there is a risk that they may be able to get out and into the car park unattended, which could result in an accident. We have noticed that more children are using the gardens after they have been collected for the evening. Can we please ask that children are not using the gardens at their times as we have seen an increase in accidents happening and staff have also spent time clearing the garden ready for the next day.

## Recipe of the Month - Pork Ragu with crushed new potatoes and broccoli



(Serves 5)

### Ingredients

Minced Pork – 300 g  
Carrot Large – 1 diced  
Celery Stick- 1 diced  
Diced onions- 1  
Crushed garlic – 1 clove  
Tinned tomatoes – 800 g  
Tomato Puree – 1 tbsp  
Thyme – 2 tsp  
Potatoes – 800 g  
Dairy-free spread – 30 g  
Chives- 1 tbsp  
Broccoli- 200 g

### Method

- 1.Heat a pan with oil, add pork mince and brown.
- 2.Remove from heat and drain.
- 3.Dice the onions and mince the garlic.
- 4.Heat a pan with oil and fry the onions, carrots, celery and garlic until soft and then add the mixed herbs.
- 5.Return the browned mince back to the pan and mix.
- 6.Add the tinned tomatoes, tomato puree and approximately a quarter tin of water (from the tinned tomatoes).
- 7.Bring to the boil and allow to simmer for approximately 45 minutes.
- 8.In the meantime, cook the potatoes until soft enough to pierce with a knife. Drain and mix in the spread and chives to melt. Crush before serving
- 9.Boil the Broccoli
- 10.To finish the ragu, mix cornflour with some water and stir into the ragu to thicken it. Allow to simmer for a further 10 minutes.