



Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our January newsletter! We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year, we are looking forward to what 2026 has to bring. We would like to take this opportunity again to thank everyone for all your support with The 12 Days Of Giving, making such a difference in our local community.

What's to come...

January welcomes new families into our setting, we look forward to meeting you all and sharing exciting experiences together.

We would love for families to share some photos from your Christmas break via the parent app. Sharing moments from home helps spark conversations and supports children as they transition back into nursery life.



What we have been up to...

In December, **Hedgehogs** had a festive month singing songs, making cards, and exploring festive tuff trays, all while developing sensory exploration and fine motor skills.

Butterflies enjoyed introducing new words into the room in December, themed around the festive time and the cold weather. They explored melting ice and feeling cold textures.

Little Toads explored a variety of playdough focusing on speech and language, fine motor skills and peer on peer communication. They thoroughly enjoyed their winter garden experience providing new opportunities with the children through outdoor play.

Young and Wise Owls had a magical time singing their Christmas Carols this month. They particularly enjoyed their visit to the Care Home visiting people in our local community and learning about different environments. They have been looking at the change in weather and enjoyed an experiment of leaving different liquids outside at night and seeing at how they changed due to the cold weather conditions.



Parent Notices

Reminder – to please label all items of clothing, this does include winter hats, gloves etc.

Reminder- Christmas Closure

A friendly reminder that we close on Christmas Day and do not return until Friday 2nd January.

Reminder- absences

A friendly reminder to please log any absences on your parent app. If your child is unwell, please do ensure you state a reason so we can adhere to any policies surrounding this.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
02/12	Nursery re-opens
03/02	Parent Forum coffee morning
09/02	Storytelling Week



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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