

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our October Newsletter!

During the month of September, we greeted new families and children transitioning into their new rooms.

It has been lovely witnessing new relationships flourish between children and staff, and we have enjoyed getting to know our new families.

Whats to come...

We look forward to meeting with families in October for our Parents Evening and will have a Parent Breakfast Morning in aid of National Coffee Day.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been focusing on developing early language. They have been doing this through farm animals, playdough to encourage sounds and explore new language.

Butterflies have been loving building with natural resources. The children have explored the outside environment and collected natural resources to build with such as sticks. They will continue this next month bringing in an autumn theme.

Little Toads have had out of this world fun exploring space based on their book of the month / *Can Be An Astronaut*. They have encouraged language through singing songs such as *Zoom, Zoom*. This topic has really supported the children's curiosity.

Young Owls have been collecting leaves and discovering the already changing colours. They have introduced the words 'autumn' and 'season' to the children. They are curious about what the new season will bring. Maths language was incorporated too when looking at the sizes of the different leaves.

Owls enjoyed learning all about the celebration Rosh Hashanah and dipping apples in honey to wish everyone a sweet new year. They have also been exploring the changing weather and created their own rain!



Parent Notices

Parents Evening

We will be holding our last parents evening of the year on the 15th October.

Parents Evening slots are ten minutes, and these are to be booked in with your child's key person. Appointments are booked on a first come first serve basis and staff will let you know what appointments are free.

Staff will try to book appointments consecutively; this is to avoid them having large gaps between each appointment and having extended waiting times.

If you have any questions regarding parents evening, please speak to your child's key worker or pop by the office.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
01.10.2026	Black History Month
01.10.2026	Parent Breakfast 8:15am-9am
15.10.2026	Parents Evening
30.10.2026	Halloween Stay and Play 3pm-4pm



Recipe of the Month

Chicken & Veg Pie

Ingredients

- 250g diced chicken breast or thigh Quorn
- 200g mixed root veg (carrot, parsnip, beetroot & swede)
- 150ml low-sodium chicken stock
- ¼ tsp dried herbs
- 40ml semi-skimmed milk
- 20g unsalted butter
- 20g plain flour
- Ready-made puff pastry
- 1 egg, beaten (for glaze)

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (fan).
2. Boil/Roast diced root veg until just tender & mash.
3. In a large pan, cook chicken/**Quorn** until browned and cooked through.
4. Make a roux with butter and flour, whisk in milk and stock to form sauce.
5. Add veg, chicken and herbs; stir to coat.
6. Pour mixture into deep trays
7. Roll out puff pastry and cut into circles with pastry cutter, cook on a baking sheet separately to the pie mix then serve age-appropriate amounts.
8. Bake 30-35 minutes until golden and piping hot.
9. Cool before serving.

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