

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our December newsletter!

We had a lovely November, taking part in lots of autumn activities.

We also learnt about Remembrance Day, creating poppy pictures to take home to our families.

What's to come...

We are looking forward having fun at our Christmas parties in the different rooms. Please see the poster on each room's door for details and the dates on the following page.

Term Dates:

For our Term Time only children, Term ends on 19th December 2025. Term begins again on 5th January 2026.

Christmas Closure:

For our children that attend all year round, the nursery will be closed from 25th December and will open again on 2nd January 2026.

What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been exploring lots of autumn sensory play, the children are especially loving the crunchy leaves. We've explored these both in the garden, as well as bringing some back inside to explore in our tuff trays.

Little Toads have been exploring lots of sensory play. We even had a morning we experienced some snow! We collected a small amount to bring inside and talked all about what 'snow' was. It was some of the Little Toads first time seeing snow and everyone was very excited!

Owls did lots of lovely activities for Children in Need. We created our own Pudsey Bears out of playdough. As a nursery, we raised £62. Thank you to everyone who helped us with their kind donations.



Parent Notices

Reminders

Now the weather is getting colder, please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child as well as hats and gloves.

Labelling clothes

Please help us reduce our lost property by labelling all clothing items.

No mobile phones

Due to safeguarding, no mobile phones are to be used within the nursery.

Staff updates

We are pleased to let you know that Jen, who joined us in our Little Toads room, is now our Room Leader. Jen has lots of lovely plans for the room and we look forward to seeing the room continue to flourish.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 8 th December	Hedgehogs Christmas Party
Tuesday 9 th December	Little Toads Christmas Party
Wednesday 10 th December	Owls Christmas sing along

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Recipe of the Month – Parsnip, Butterbean & Apple Soup

(Serves 4-6)



Ingredients

Parsnips - (peeled & diced) - 500g
Potatoes (chopped) - 3
Onion - (roughly diced) - 1 whole
Carrot - (roughly diced) - 2 whole
Garlic clove - (chopped) - 4 cloves
Butterbeans - 1 can
Apples (cored and chopped) - 2 whole
Veg Stock - 1 cube
Rosemary - 1 tsp

Method

1. In a large pan, sweat the onions and garlic until cooked (but with no colour) in a bit of butter.
2. Add the carrots, potatoes and parsnips and apples.
3. Fill the pan with water to a level just above the vegetables.
4. Add butterbeans.
5. Bring back to the boil and then allow to simmer until all the ingredients are soft.
6. Blend to a smooth consistency.
7. Serve with half a baguette.