

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our January newsletter.

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break, and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Please do share with us on EY what you got up to over the holidays. This will help keyworkers settle children back into nursery as we can talk about the lovely things they have been doing over the break.

What's to come...

We welcome our all-year-round children back on 2nd January 2026. For our Term Time only children, term begins again on Monday 5th January.

We have the Big Garden Birdwatch coming up from 23rd – 25th January 2026. We will be out in the gardens, observing and recording which birds visit us at nursery.

Please feel free to join us by letting us know which birds your little one has spotted when you have been at home or out on walks!

What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been loving posting! We've created lots of different activities such as posting shapes and objects through different holes and posting letters.

Little Toads have loved their messy play trays. Every day we have been exploring new textures, colours and ways of exploring.

In December, **Owls** were enjoying baking for Christmas. We enjoyed mixing the ingredients, learning which ingredients go in the bowl to create biscuits.

We all had a very special trip from Father Christmas and enjoyed each room's Christmas parties.



Parent Notices

Staff updates

We would like to welcome Amy, who has joined us in our Owls room, she is very much looking forward to meeting you all.

We are pleased to let you all know that Jade is expecting and is due at the end of Spring. Congratulations to Jade!

Reminders

Please remember the front door must be closed at all times, and to not let anybody else in. Please use the intercom system to enter the building, so we can keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Please ensure that your EY emergency contacts are up to date.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2 nd January 2026	Nursery opens for all year-round children.
5 th January 2026	Term begins for our Term Time only children.
23 rd – 25 th January 2026	Big Garden Birdwatch

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.