

Welcome,

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

We hope everyone has been enjoying the sun! We have been keeping cool with lots of exciting indoor activities. The children have had a great time taking part in lots of messy play, engaging in activities based on their favourite stories, listening to their favourite stories, and singing lots of songs together.

What's to come...

This month, we will be focusing on helping the children settle back into nursery after the holidays.

We will also be supporting children as they settle into their new rooms if they are moving up, taking time to introduce them to their new surroundings and go through their new routines.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs

This month in Hedgehogs, we have enjoyed going out on lots of lovely walks, especially to the Winnersh Garden Centre, the children had the opportunity to choose some herbs for the preschool to plant. Whilst there, we enjoyed looking at the fish and exploring everything the garden centre had to offer.

Back at nursery, we've been getting creative with lots of arts and crafts as we worked together to create our new 'Favourite Nursery Rhymes' board!

Little Toads

Little Toads have been keeping nice and cool by playing with and exploring ice! We have also enjoyed lots of themed painting, sensory activities and playdough, exploring themes such as sea life, dinosaurs and nature. We have loved getting outside for walks and have had lots of fun challenging ourselves with exciting obstacle courses! It has been a fun-filled month of exploring, creating, learning and staying cool!

Owls

Owls have been exploring some exciting science activities and lots of messy play! The children have been exploring and learning through hands-on experiences inspired by some of their favourite books. We have also enjoyed spending time outside, playing and exploring in the garden.

As we come to the end of the year, we have been saying a special goodbye to some of our Owls friends who are getting ready to start school. We will certainly miss them, but we are so proud of how much they have grown and all they have achieved during their time with us!

Parent Notices

Reminders

Please remember the front door must always be closed, and to not let anybody else in even if you know them. Please make sure you use the intercom system to enter the building, so we can keep everyone safe.

If someone other than a parent or usual collector is picking up your child from nursery, please email us on the day of collection to let us know. Please include the full name of the person collecting your child and a recent photo of them.

If they have not collected your child before, they will be required to present a form of ID. They will also need to provide your child's collection password before your child can be released into their care.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
7-11th September	International Charity Week! We will be holding, PJ day, cake sale and dress up day.

Please remember to sign your child in and out using the registers provided. At pick-up time, please ensure that there are no more than two parents in the room at any one time. If you are in a rush and are unable to wait for a handover, please let a member of staff know. Please do not take your child without informing a staff member first.

Recipe of the Month

Frozen Banana Yoghurt Lollies

Ingredients

- Bananas
- Natural or Greek yoghurt

Optional toppings:

- Desiccated coconut
- Cinnamon

Method

1. Peel bananas and cut them in half.
2. Insert a lolly stick or child-safe skewer.
3. Allow children to dip the bananas into yoghurt.
4. Roll in chosen toppings.
5. Place on a lined tray and freeze for 2-3 hours.
6. Enjoy as a refreshing summer snack.

Learning Opportunities

- Exploring different textures and temperatures
- Developing fine motor skills through dipping and rolling
- Encouraging independence and food confidence
- Talking about healthy foods that help keep our bodies cool and hydrated
- Introducing new flavours in a fun and pressure-free way

