

# Woking Newsletter



Toad Hall  
Children's Nursery

## Welcome

Happy New Year to all our wonderful families!

As we step into a brand-new year, we look forward to more little steps and large leaps together.

Here's to creating magical memories, inspiring children each day, supporting parents with trust and nurturing a place our team is proud of.

May 2026 bring joy, growth and new adventures for us all.

We're excited to share some lovely news from our team! Two of our wonderful staff members are expecting babies, double the excitement, double the celebrations!

Hazelle is expecting a little boy, and we couldn't be happier for her and her husband as they prepare to welcome their new bundle of joy.

The excitement continues as Anisha is expecting a baby girl! We're thrilled to celebrate this special journey with them. Please join us in sending both families all our love, support and warm wishes as they get ready for the new arrivals. What a lovely way to wrap up the year, with double happy news!

We would also like to congratulate Laibah, our Modern Apprentice in our Hedgehogs room for winning the *Talented Trainee* award at our annual Christmas party. We're so lucky to have you.

★ We Are So  
Proud Of You



## What's to come...

On Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, we would love to offer our parents a nice treat to take away in the morning, with a cup of tea or coffee to beat the Monday blues on *Blue Monday*.

## What we have been up to...

### Hedgehogs

The Hedgehogs have been busy getting into the festive spirit, we finished the year by sending them home with all their Christmas crafts for your family to enjoy. The children have worked incredibly hard, using their creativity, imagination and LOTS of sparkles. We loved seeing the children in their Christmas jumpers, it brought so much cheer to the room. In December, we said a fond farewell to a couple of our Hedgehog friends who have moved onto their new adventures in the Butterflies room. We'll miss them lots but are looking forward to welcoming our new babies in the new year.

### Butterflies

The Butterflies have been fully embracing the Christmas season with lots of exciting activities! The children loved decorating our Christmas tree and exploring festive treasure baskets, filled with red and white items to spark their curiosity. We used gingerbread scented playdough, which encouraged the children to use all their senses, touching, smelling, talking and exploring together. Alongside this, Butterflies also enjoyed Christmas painting and sticking, creating some beautiful festive artwork. One of their favourite activities has been building a chimney for Santa and knocking it down again, a fun way to support their physical development, coordination and problem-solving skills.

### Little Toads

The Little Toads have enjoyed a range of Christmas activities, including decorating their room with lots of seasonal cheer. They loved creating their own advent calendar to explore together each day. The children also demonstrated great teamwork by working together to build Santa's sleigh, sparking lots of imagination and excitement.

### Preschool

The Preschool rooms have been exploring the magic of winter! The children created Christmas cards and practiced writing their names with growing confidence. In the garden, they've been spotting signs of winter, like frost, ice, snow, and bare trees. They've also enjoyed finger painting snowy scenes and exploring a melted snowman gloop tray, encouraging sensory play, language skills, and imaginative thinking.

# Parent Notices

## Respectful Communication

We value positive and respectful partnerships with all parents and carers. Our staff team should always be treated with courtesy and respect, and we do not accept verbal abuse or aggressive behaviour. Any such incidents may affect a parent's right to remain on the premises and their ongoing involvement within the setting. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

## Door security

For the safety of the children and the staff within the setting, we kindly ask that families do not let anyone else into the building when entering or leaving. If someone different is collecting your child, please make sure they are aware of this procedure too. All parents, carers and visitors must be buzzed in by a member of staff. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure environment.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Treats to take away for parents

## Extend learning at home

Get creative together – provide the children with simple craft materials like paper, stickers and crayons. Let your child make their own Christmas pictures or decorations, following their interest and using their imagination.



Create a treasure basket – a basket filled with a variety of safe, everyday household items for the children to explore. Include a range of materials for the children to feel and introduce new descriptive words as you explore together.



Encourage name writing at home by exploring a variety of writing tools. Try using fingers in sand or flour to help develop fine motor skills in a fun, hands-on way.



## 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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