

Woking Newsletter



Welcome

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

This month we are excited to introduce our new Team Leader, Laura, who is going to be based in our Little Toads room.



"Hello, my name is Laura, I am so excited to join the Little Toads team! I have worked in early years for 11 years now. My favourite thing about my job is seeing the children achieve new things for the first time. A fun fact about me, I wrote a children's book which I'm hoping to get published one day!"

What we have been up to...

Butterflies

The Butterflies have been enjoying exploring colours through a variety of hands-on activities. They have had fun mixing colours and chopping their own colourful vegetables before using them to create marks and patterns. The children have enjoyed exploring different coloured sands and experimenting with mixing them together to see what new colours they could create. More recently, they have begun exploring posting activities, creating their own Colour Monster and posting through it.

Hedgehogs

The Hedgehogs have been enjoying exploring cars through creative painting activities. This has supported the children's fine and gross motor skills, while encouraging creative expression, colour exploration and imaginative play. The children have also been exploring different animals through a variety of experiences, including books, tuff trays and puppets. Their interest then developed into a fascination with sea life, inspiring a range of activities to help them learn more about different sea creatures and their habitats. More recently, the Hedgehogs have begun exploring autumn. They have enjoyed collecting leaves from the garden and using them in creative activities, as well as experimenting with beautiful autumnal colours through painting.

Little Toads

The Little Toads have been exploring lots of leafy activities, they particularly enjoyed investigating leaves in a sensory tuff tray, as well as using them for gluing and sticking activities. These experiences have encouraged sensory exploration, fine motor skills and creative expression. Lots of them have also been exploring different vehicles like cars, trains and lorries, from this they created a crazy foam car wash!

Owls

The Owls have also enjoyed exploring the season change, into autumn, they have completed leaf printing, making autumnal trees, handprint trees and exploring different autumn playdough by adding different scents, colours and materials such as pinecones. They have also enjoyed reading *Granny Gruffalo* and having calming yoga sessions.

Badgers

This month the Badgers have welcomed lots of new friends into the room and said goodbye to our final Badgers leaving for school. They have spent lots of time settling into the room, getting to know the routine and exploring the new resources. They are all enjoying having their daily jobs and exploring the responsibility of taking care of a specific area for the day. The Badgers have also shown a huge interest in the seasonal change after finding fallen leaves around the garden, they have created their own autumn wreaths.

What's to come
Halloween Party
30th October
3pm - 5pm.

Parent Notices

Parents evening

This will take place on Thursday the 22nd of October, 6pm-8pm. Booking slots will go up on room doors for you to put your name down on. This is a ten-minute slot to have a catch up with your child's key person. Please note, this is a child free event.

Happy learners

At nursery, learning can sometimes get a little messy! Throughout the day, our children have plenty of opportunities to explore messy and sensory play, get creative with paint and other art materials, enjoy water play and investigate the world around them. We also encourage children to develop their independence and confidence through everyday experiences, including learning to feed themselves. All of these experiences play an important role in children's learning and development, so please bear this in mind when choosing nursery outfits. We recommend sending your child in comfortable clothes that you're happy for them to get a little messy in! After all, a little mess is often a sign of BIG fun and even bigger learning!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
22/10/2026	Parents Evening 6pm-8pm
30/10/2026	Halloween Party 3pm-5pm

Review us!

Please would you be able to spare 5 minutes to leave us a review on our beautiful nursery and all we offer.

<https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/review-submit/65432123673>

Thank you for those who have already done this!

 [daynurseries.co.uk](https://www.daynurseries.co.uk)

Recipe of the Month

Chicken & Veg Pie

Ingredients

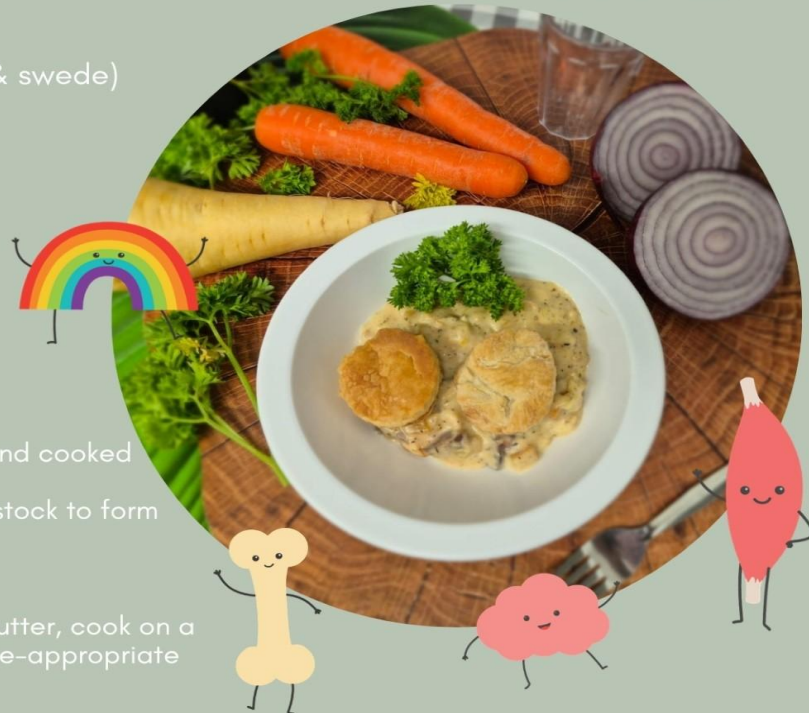
- 250g diced chicken breast or thigh Quorn
- 200g mixed root veg (carrot, parsnip, beetroot & swede)
- 150ml low-sodium chicken stock
- ¼ tsp dried herbs
- 40ml semi-skimmed milk
- 20g unsalted butter
- 20g plain flour
- Ready-made puff pastry
- 1 egg, beaten (for glaze)

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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