

Nursery

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th January 2026

PROUD TO BE, PROUD TO BELONG



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Nursery! The Nursery Staff would like to wish all of our families a Happy New Year. We hope that you have all had a happy and restful Christmas break.

It was lovely to see most of the children confidently coming in to the Nursery on the 5th January. We have had new children starting in all three of our Nursery classes this week. The staff have been very proud to see that the children who started in the Autumn term have been very friendly and included the new children in their play. Well done to all of the Nursery children!



Next week, we will be starting our topic of 'The Senses'. We will be reading the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children will be learning size language such as big, medium and small. We will also be sorting objects by size.



This half term, we will be focusing on name recognition and writing. Please encourage your child to learn to recognise their name at home. If your child can recognise their name independently, please encourage them to begin to form some of the letters. You could use a highlighter pen to write your child's name and then encourage them to trace over the letters.



Reminder

Please bring in your child's book bag **every Monday**. We set aside time for the children to choose a new book and talk to an adult about the book that they have chosen. If children don't bring in their book bag on Mondays, they will not be able to change their book until the following Monday, unless they have been absent.

Box of Tissue Request

We would be very grateful if all of our families could provide a box of tissues for use in the Nursery.

Next week, we will be learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- To happily come in to the Nursery each day.

Communication & Language:

- To use a wider range of vocabulary. We will be using story book language such as 'once upon a time' and 'happily ever after'. At the end of the week, please encourage your child to retell the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' in their own words.

Literacy:

- We will be reading the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. If you have this story at home, please read it with your child. You could borrow this book from your local library or share this story on YouTube. Here is a link: [Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Oxbridge Baby - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyfzvXWV0jU)
- The letter names and sounds **c/k** e.g. **c**at, **c**ake, **k**ite, **k**angaroo. Please bring in something from home beginning with these letter names and sounds to share with the class.

Mathematics:

- To count up to 10 and beyond.
- We will be using size language in the Nursery over the next few weeks. Play the 3 Bears size sorting game with your child on Topmarks. Here is the link for this game: [3 Bears - 3-5 year olds - Topmarks](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/3-bears-size-sorting-game)

Physical Development:

- To be able to hold a pencil with comfortable grip. Please help your child to practise this skill at home.
- We will also be practising making downward strokes with paint to help the children with their name writing.

Expressive Arts & Design:

- We will be painting the 3 bears and describing them using size language such as big, medium and small.

Reminder:

Please label all of your child's clothing, including coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

Reception school place applications – Please ensure that you have applied for a school place if your child is eligible to go to Reception in September 2026. The deadline for applications is **Thursday 15th January 2025**.

Full Time Parents

If your child is having school lunches, please ensure that you **pay £11.25 per week in advance to the school office. Thank you.**