



# Nursery Life

## December 2025

### What we've been up to this month...

This month, we have been enjoying all the excitement of our Christmas celebrations! The children have taken part in so many fun and inspirational activities, from festive crafts and songs to sensory play. A very cheeky elf even came to visit the nursery - the children loved finding him each day and discovering the mischievous things he had been up to. We were also delighted to welcome special visits from Santa, which made the season even more magical.

Through all of these activities, the children have been exploring kindness, sharing, and celebrating special moments together. They have also continued to notice signs of winter, including colder days, frost, and shorter daylight hours, connecting seasonal changes with the festive celebrations around them.

### Christmas Closing Dates:

Please note that the nursery will close for Christmas on Tuesday 23rd December and will reopen on Friday 2nd January.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and hearing all the brilliant Christmas stories the children will have to share! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### What's happening next month...

Next month, we will begin our new topic: "Winter Wonders."

The children will explore the winter season, noticing changes in the weather such as frost, ice, snow, and colder temperatures. They will learn how people, animals, and nature adapt during this time - from wearing warm clothing to how animals hibernate or find shelter.

Through stories, songs, creative play, and hands-on activities, the children will develop curiosity and imagination as they discover the magic of winter. This topic will encourage observation, thinking skills, and an appreciation of seasonal change, helping the children connect with the natural world in meaningful ways.

### Activities we will do at nursery:

- Create winter-themed crafts, including snowflakes, animal hibernation projects, and frosty collage art
- Explore sensory trays with ice, frost, pinecones, and other natural textures
- Enjoy story times with winter and seasonal tales to inspire imagination and support literacy
- Sing and create winter songs
- Write simple words or letters linked to winter themes
- Cut and create snowflakes to strengthen scissor skills
- Count and sort winter objects such as pinecones, ice cubes, and natural materials
- Take part in outdoor play, noticing frost, ice, and other seasonal changes
- Play gross motor games like obstacle courses, ice cube relays, and winter-themed movement challenges
- Practise kindness and cooperation through group activities and caring for animals or nature





## January's Preschool focus:

This month, we will continue to support our pre-school children in their development while exploring the winter season. Children will enjoy winter-themed stories, retelling them with props, puppets, and role play, and exploring new vocabulary. They will begin to discuss the beginning, middle, and end of stories to support comprehension.

Early maths skills will be encouraged through counting, sorting, and simple addition games, while curiosity about the world will grow through exploring ice, snow, and winter animals.

Creative and physical development will be supported through painting, collage, role play, and fine motor activities such as cutting snowflakes, threading, and writing winter-themed words.

Personal, social, and emotional development will be encouraged through turn-taking, sharing, and collaborative projects, helping children express themselves, build confidence, and work together.

### Some ideas to do at home:

- Families can join in by:
- Going on winter walks to spot frost, ice, and seasonal changes
- Making simple crafts such as paper snowflakes, pinecone decorations, or glittery ice ornaments
- Reading winter stories and encouraging children to retell the tales
- Singing winter songs and experimenting with words, tunes, and rhythms
- Practising writing simple winter words or letters
- Discussing seasonal changes and practising putting on coats, hats, gloves, and scarves
- Observing animals outside and talking about how they stay warm or hibernate

**We would love to see any photos of activities & experiences from home via the Interactive Learning Diary!**

