



Hopefully, we are very much looking forward to an exciting Christmas term.

This term our art theme is "Christmas & special occasions."

Monday

4th November 2024

through to Wednesday

18th December 2024

We are really please to see how well these children have settled in and they are such a lovely group.

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Skills</u>
Monday & Tuesday – Fireworks	1	Cooking breadstick fireworks.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Remembrance day		Sticking on a poppy.
Children in Need / Pudsey and Peppa Pig	2	Various activities.
Monday – Birth of Guru Nanak		Colourings
2024 Calendar	3	Sticking.
Making their own decorations for the hall.	4	Various activities.
Decorations		Sticking.
Making a Christmas wreath.	5	Gluing and sticking.
Making a Christmas card.	6	Sticking and writing name.
Decorating Christmas cakes.	7	Cooking.

Bike days



Suspended due to bad weather but will restart spring 2025.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 4 th November	<i>Return to nursery,</i>
Monday / Tuesday 4 th / 5 th November.	<i>Fireworks.</i>
Wednesday / Thursday & Friday 6 th to 8 th November.	<i>Remembrance day activities.</i>
Thursday & Friday 14/15 th November.	<i>Children in Need</i>
Week beginning Monday 25 th November	<i>Children decorating hall for Xmas.</i>
Monday 2 nd December	<i>Elf on the Shelf arrives at nursery & Post box out.</i>
Thursday 5 th December.	<i>Open day.</i>
Tuesday 17 th December.	<i>Party day.</i>
Wednesday 18 th December.	<i>Last day of term</i>
Return to Nursery Monday 6 th January 2025	<i>Return to nursery.</i>

Little Urchins

The photos have been delivered too my home address, if you would like to collect them please let me know. Otherwise these will be handed out after half-term.

If you still wish to order, it is still possible with a postage cost.

WellComm

All children have started this and it is working well. We are now commencing some of the activities to enhance their levels.

Outside of nursery

There will be a table outside nursery, on which we will put some cutting and sticking worksheets, if you would like to help your child at home please take one.

Also too the left of the main doors you can help yourself to our surplus books, toys bikes etc.

Road closure

I have just received advanced notice that Parkside Avenue / Cross will be closed from the 4th November for approximately 10 weeks for gas works.

Please bear in mind this will add to the parking issues around nursery.

Homework / Book work.

This will start for the older children this term who will be going to school next September.

The homework will come out on a Monday and returned whenever as we are preparing them for transition into mainstream schooling. This is not compulsory, but we believe this will be of benefit to all.

Activities we will be covering this term are "Jumping in coloured hoop" 1-2-3 worksheets, threading pasta PlayDoh, straws and many others.

Open day – Thursday 5th December

This provides the opportunity for parents to talk to their child's key person to see how they are progressing and to look around the nursery. The time the children will be singing Christmas songs for a short while is 9:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to stay until 11:00 a.m. The afternoon starts from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. this will include Christmas Art activities and time to enjoy a cup of tea and cakes as well as having the opportunity to talk to their child's keyperson.

If it is not your child's session you are more than welcome to attend either one, so all parents can choose either morning or afternoon regardless of sessions. It would be helpful on managing numbers if you could let me have your preference, please? A board will be placed outside nursery nearer the time. Only two people per child can attend.

For a donation, tea, coffee, cakes will be available. Raffle tickets at a cost of 50p a strip will also be on sale with the draw to take place on Tuesday 10th December.

It would be nice if your child could wear Christmas jumpers or other forms of themed clothing.

Toileting rucksacks.

Please can your child only bring in a rucksack (MUST BE NAMED) if they need changing or are in nappies / pull-ups – please ensure you put spare ones in their bags.

Please could your child come into nursery in a clean nappy as although we are more than happy to change them once they are settled.

If your child is currently out of nappies, to help them go more independently can you please put them in clothing that they can easily undo themselves.

Please note we will always have spare clothes in the event of an accident, can these please be returned to nursery once you have washed them?

Can you also please ensure both lunch boxes and drink bottles also be named.

Children in Need Fundraising. –

All day Thursday & Friday 14th/15th November

Children are invited to and can dress up in pyjamas if they wish to. If they do we would appreciate a donation of £1.00 per child please.

Children will also be icing Pudsey biscuits for you to buy if you wish at cost of £1.00 each.

Lost property.

We always display lost property items and any property that has not been claimed at the end of the term will either be given to charity or destroyed.

To reduce these please ensure you're children's clothing have labels with their name clearly shown on them.

School places

If you are applying for a school place for your child, this must be in by 15th January 2025. If you feel you need to discuss this further, please come to see me. Schools have now announced their Open days and we encourage you to look around your choices as they are all so different.

January sessions.

If you would like to increase or decrease your sessions from January and you have not already told me can you please let me know asap?

We only have afternoon sessions available.

There will no room to change after January, as I will be full until September 2025 unless a child moves out of the area.

Christmas Party Tuesday 17th December.

This will be held in normal session times. This will consist of party games, with visits from Father Christmas and a snack.

Father Christmas will be giving out presents to all the children and photos will be taken at a cost of 50p which you can purchase in the new year.

Letters have been sent out in your child's book bag, can you let us know by Friday 15th November if they will be able to attend and the payment to please.

If it is not your child's session you are more than welcome to swap your session or pay £21 for the session.

Christmas card – Post Box

This will out from Monday 2nd December, if you would like a list of your child's friend's please ask a staff member

Elf on the shelf.

We will be commencing this in nursery from 2nd December to make it fun for your child.

Contact Numbers. / Email addresses

Please let us know if you change any of your contact numbers or email address. It is vital that these numbers are kept up to date in case we need to contact you while your child is in our care.

In the event that we have to close nursery, or you suspect we might be (normally due to adverse weather conditions) please refer to my emails.

Questionnaires

These will be sent out and can we have these returned to help us with your child's development Any ideas will be very welcome to help us going forwards

We are interested in finding out more about your child and their families. If your child can bring in a picture of themselves with their family, we will use it to help drawing and talking about the family

Collecting.

We would appreciate donations of any old toys or jigsaws.

Any old, recycled food boxes or cartons to go in our shop. We would also like any small sizes of spare clothes for both boys and girls, that your child has grown out of.

Should we receive duplicated items we will be passing these onto charity or in our outside area.

GT Football & Fitness

This will commence 1st week back after half term for 5 weeks at a cost of £20.00.

This takes place on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Indoors if weather permits.

If your child is interested, can you please bring in your money in an envelope.

A form has already gone out from GT sports.

Car park

Please always be alert when you are in or around the nursery. Also be very wary of cars and others when playing in the car park.

We understand the frustrations of parking around the nursery, but please be polite to other parents by not double park in our car park. We understand the newly installed yellow lines have compounded the parking situation.

Funding codes

Please can parents please refresh their government funding codes ready for next term. Can all claiming forms also be returned please.