



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Advent 2 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery Team

Welcome back to the final part of the Advent term. It sounds like lots of you had fun over the half term break. The children have returned to Nursery full of energy and eager to learn. We are really looking forward to the exciting learning we have planned.

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It is lovely to hear that lots of children have been sharing their prayers with you at home. Our next topic is 'Prophecy and Promise' – how we can prepare for Christmas. We will start with birthdays, leading on to getting ready for Jesus' birthday during Advent. We will be learning a special song to sing at our whole school carol service on the last day of term.

Personal and social skills

We had a really special half term becoming 'Team Nursery.' We have connected as a group and have built our own wonderful little community. It is time for us to build on this even further. We are going to learn how to identify our emotions and how we can support each other. The children will also learn how to use the digital timers to help with sharing and turn taking. This has already been a hit!

We will also be encouraging the children to become independent and put their own coat on and shoes.

Please can children wear shoes that ensures they can have a go themselves – please avoid laces and buckles, Velcro shoes are perfect!

Writing for a purpose

This half term, we will be focusing on a good pencil grip for writing, the letters in our names, how we write from left to right and how to add a kiss and a hug at the end of our letters! Barnaby and Barbara are our little fairies that live in our Nursery. We are going to be writing special letters to them! And of course lots of Christmas cards!

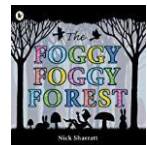
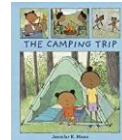
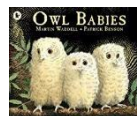


We love reading

This half term we are learning about the author Julia Donaldson. We will be looking at lots of her books and how to spot them. If you have any at home that you would like to share for a story time, that would be wonderful! We will also be sharing seasonal poems illustrated by Mrs Dickson's favourite illustrator Mark Hearld.



Our key texts are:



We will be learning to:

- How to locate the title, front cover, back cover, title and blurb
- Look at the difference between the text and illustrations
- We always read from left to right and from the top of the page to the bottom
- Answer questions about the characters, what they did and what happened in the story

Super scientists!

This half term, we will be learning all about the animals that live around us, during the nighttime in our gardens, local parks and woodlands. We will be using information books to learn about the animals. We will also be talking to some teachers from big school who are experts on this topic. We will consider how we can keep our environments safe and investigate around school to help keep them safe. We hope we won't find any litter!



Being creative

We are going to get our creative juices running and learn about an artist called Yayoi Kusama. We will create stripes with lots of colour and polka dots. We will learn and appreciate the delights of autumn by looking at beautiful leaves and explore their colours and form. The children will also be introduced to scissors... the possibilities are endless! We will also challenge the children to make enclosures (owl homes and tents) in our construction areas.

On Monday mornings, the children are always excited for music sessions. We are now going to form our own Nursery band! We will look at different ways to play the instruments and change the volume and tempo.



We have noticed how proud the children are when they go on the star for following our school values. Each time your child is on the star, they will receive a star sticker so they can show you when they go home.

Maths

This half term, we are learning the song 5 fat sausages sizzling in a pan:
We will learn the following skills and knowledge:

- Subitise to 1. This is where you do not need to count small amounts. You can visually just see the amount.
- Careful counting by pointing to one sausage at a time
- We will be creating and extending repeating patterns e.g. stick, leaf, stick, leaf
- Exploring 3D bricks by stacking vertically, horizontally and making enclosures for woodland animals.



Nursery Christmas Stay and Play



We will be holding a lovely festive afternoon for you and your child on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 2pm. We will be making Christmas crafts, singing Christmas songs, retelling the story of the first Christmas and enjoying festive treats.

Staffing

We were so sad to say goodbye to Nanny Knowles a couple of weeks ago. She has been the at the heart of our Nursery since it started in 2021!

We are excited to welcome Mrs Rowntree to our Nursery team.

Important dates for your diary:

Friday 28th November Non uniform day and bring a bottle for the Church Bazaar

Sunday 30th November 9.45am Advent Mass in Church

Wednesday 3rd December Christmas stay and play 2pm

Wednesday 10th December Christmas party day – party clothes needed! Please sign up to bring some party food nearer the time

Friday 19th December Christmas jumper day and carols at church (If this is not your usual day, you are welcome to meet us at church).

Monday 5th January 2026 Return to Nursery