



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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YEAR

Lent 1 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery Team

We hope you all had a wonderful family Christmas time and would like to wish you and your family a very happy new year. It sounds like Santa was very busy visiting our Nursery children! We are looking forward to a fun half term continuing with our great learning together!

Understanding and helping others

This half term, we are going to learn how to spot how others might be feeling and how we can look after each other if we see someone who might be feeling sad, worried or angry. We will link this to the Bible story 'The Good Samaritan'.



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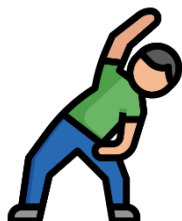
Our RE topic this half term starts off with The Epiphany, when the Wise Men visited Jesus. We will be making special crowns and learning how to wrap gifts! During this topic, we will also learn that Jesus welcomes and loves everyone and that He encourages us to share what we have with others. We will be making flowers to share with the Church community.



Amazing Gymnasts

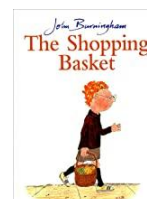
During our PE sessions, we are going to make our bodies super strong and have a go at balancing and taking weight on different body parts. We will be working hard making different shapes with our bodies and seeing if we can stay really still!

We will be having a go at jumping and landing safely too.



We love reading

This half term we will be reading books that link to our local community. They include:



We will be learning about our local community: what is within it, all the places and people we might see. If any lovely parents out there would like to come and talk to Nursery about their jobs for 5 minutes at the end of the day, we would be incredibly grateful. We would love to hear about many different professions. We want to inspire the children to think about what jobs they would like in the future so we are going to have a 'When I grow up, I want to be... day' The children can come dressed as them in the future on



Wednesday 4th February 2026.

Please no fairies, princesses or superheroes!



Locations and maps link

This half term is a perfect opportunity to explore maps and locations around our school and homes. We will follow a map of our school to find the school chapel, a map of our community, to locate the cake shop, the helicopter park and The Good Shepherd Church. We will be building our local community at the construction area with mini me's and the children's roads signs and shop names.

Magical Maths

We are going to learn some super skills this half term. We are going to get our thinking caps on to construct people and places in our community. We will also build buses, trams and trains with the large crates outside. We will select shapes appropriately: flat surfaces for building, a triangular prism for a roof etc.



Our key rhyme for this half term is:

5 current buns in a bakers shop

We will learn the rhyme really well and explore lots of counting skills including subitising and careful counting up to 5. We will spend time exploring numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numerals up to 5. At the end of the half term we will visit the school cake shop on **Wednesday 11th February**. The children will be earning some pocket money to pay for their cake.

Writing

The children have been exploring lots of tools for writing and are starting to give meaning to their marks. On a daily basis, our writing basket is full of letters, messages, cards and lists. It's superb! To build on this, we are looking at the marks we are making in greater depth. We will focus on getting a strong pencil grip and how to correctly write the letters in our names – please have a go at the first letter of their name at home this half term. We will also be spending time drawing with increasingly complexity and detail. Such as representing the characters from our stories.

Painting

The children have already learned a lot about paint brushes and different strokes. We are now moving on to different painting techniques including: bubble painting, marble painting, printing and scraping. We will also be looking at joining materials at the workshop, making telescopes.



Reminders

Please send a named water bottle and lunch box each day – remember, no nuts please.

Send your child in a warm coat, hat and gloves, especially during this cold weather – we love spending time outside!



A huge thank-you for your cards, gifts and wishes over the Christmas period, it is very much appreciated.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th February 2026 Come dressed as what you would like to be when you are older!

Friday 13th Feb INSET DAY

Monday 23rd Feb INSET DAY

Tuesday 24th Feb return to Nursery