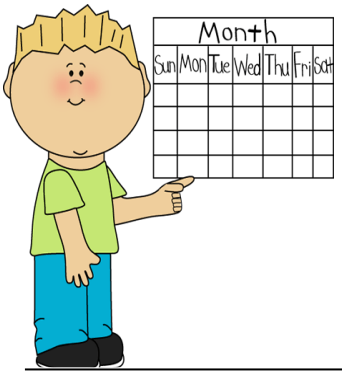
Newsletter
Autumn Term (2) 2026





Term Dates:

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Return for Spring Term: Tues 5th Jan 2027

Upcoming Dates:

Monday afternoons: Hartbeeps

Wednesday afternoons: Earth Club with Sky (rotating small groups)

Friday afternoons: Cooking with Amanda (rotating small groups)

Friday 13th November: Children in Need – all day

Thursday 10th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – all day

Thursday 17th December: Nativity (pm – more information to follow)

Friday 18th December: Father Christmas visits us (am and pm)

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas

Friday 13th November – Children in Need



This year, we are supporting this worthy cause once again. We are having a Pyjama Day. For those children who wish to take part, they may come in comfy PJs. We suggest a T-shirt underneath for warmth and definitely pants (if not in nappies!).

Dressing gowns are optional, but please bring a coat and sensible shoes for outdoor play. Alternatively, if you have Pudsey Bear outfits or clothes, these could be worn.

We would love donations on the day if you can manage them. We will have money pots on both doors, both in the morning and at the end of the day, for voluntary contributions.

Thursday 10th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Another great cause, as a charity ourselves, we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We will all be wearing ours and invite your children to join us. Once again, donations can be made at both doors at drop-off or pick-up.

Thursday 17th December – Nativity (pm)

Our older children will be performing the Nativity and singing some Christmas songs.

If your older child attends, we will be sending another letter to you with details soon. You will be invited to come and watch the performance.

We hold a raffle as a charity every year after the performance and would be very grateful for any prizes.

It is particularly nice to have some children's prizes, as they are always keen to help collect a prize and are often

not impressed with a bath bomb!
All prizes are very welcome though, and we are taking donations any time from now. Tickets will be sold at the performance.



Friday 18th December – Father Christmas

Father Christmas will be visiting twice today, both morning and afternoon. He brings gifts for all of our children.
If your child does not usually attend on a Friday but you would like to bring them in for his visit, please fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return it. Likewise, if they can't attend on that Friday, we can make sure they receive their gift at their last session.

Other News

You may have seen on our social media posts that we recently had climbing nets installed in our outdoor 'Pirate Area'. They have the look of a ship's rigging and are proving very popular in that space.

We also had two new interactive play panels installed in our 'Fun House' and a 'Bubble Wall' in the Sensory Room.

As a charity, all funds go directly back into making your child's time with us a magical learning experience.

We have some new projects lined up for the future, including a themed 'Snack Shack' opposite our Ice Cream Van.

Social Media

The above projects are always publicised on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

These are closed groups, and you give permission in your Welcome Pack for your child to be part of this or not. Sometimes families change their preference. Please let me know at any time if you wish to make changes.

Also, if you are not part of these groups and would like to join, please email Lucy to let her know (stating your relationship to one of our children), and she can then join you once verified.

If you already follow us on these platforms, please 'like' or 'love' us or leave a comment. It's really useful for us to see which families are seeing our posts, as for those who don't, we need to find other ways to show and let you know what's going on.

A few reminders

Please wait 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea before returning your child to Playgroup. If your child is not coming in for their usual session, then please email or phone in with the reason why. Although it's your choice at this age, Ofsted treats a lack of information on absences as a safeguarding issue, so it's really important for us to have a reason for absence in our registers, which they will check on inspection.

It's rare that we don't operate free-flow play, the weather has to be exceptionally unruly or wet. Please provide your child with a coat, shoes such as Velcro trainers, a named hat and mittens rather than gloves in cold weather. Practicing putting on coats and doing them up is also really helpful to us when trying to get a large group of children ready for the elements at the same time.

Looking forward to a fun lead up to Christmas!

Sue & the Team