

January 2025 Newsletter



Tiddly Winks Nursery



Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our January newsletter!

We are thrilled to share with you the festive opportunities that were accessible for your little ones throughout December, and what's to come as we enter 2025

*All the best,
Louise & Georgia*

Christmas Party Week was a great opportunity to enhance the children's holistic development as they honed in on their creative, imaginative, fine motor and emergent literacy skills through engaging in the activities set up by the staff teams;

Acorns

Acorns made their very own Santa Sleigh, decorating it with red paint and different materials. They also transformed part of their room into a reindeer farm, where the children enjoyed being imaginative and feeding the reindeers the food. The imaginative play didn't stop there - Acorns also engaged in making their own Christmas dinner with real vegetables and potatoes!

Little Oaks

Baking day was a firm favourite for the children in the Little Oaks room as they honed in on their independence, and were keen to foster new mathematical concepts around quantities as they helped to measure out ingredients. They particularly enjoyed getting creative when decorating their baked shortbread biscuits.

Junipers

Games day was filled with exciting opportunities, where the children used their problem-solving skills to achieve knocking down the snowmen bowling pins. The children also engaged in imaginative play based around an 'ice kingdom' with opportunities to enhance their sensory experiences through exploring 'snow'.

Pre-School

The children in pre-school have developed their mark-making skills throughout the month by writing their own Christmas cards for their friends and families. They also had an afternoon of singing to Christmas songs with a special visitor who played the trumpet!

Dates for the diary:

Sunday 19th January -
World Religion Day

Friday 24th January -
International Day of Education

Wednesday 29th January -
**Lunar New Year
Year of the snake**

Policy of the month:

Our policy folder is available in the front entrance for all parents and visitors to look through.

In addition, this month we will be refreshing ourselves with our **Mobile phone & electronic devices** policy.

Makaton sign of the month:



Events & Celebrations in January

The staff team will be promoting learning opportunities that teach children about New Year celebrations around the world in an age appropriate way. Incorporating their interests to teach them about different religions and the Lunar New Year is a great way to build upon their knowledge and understanding.

Please don't hesitate to share with the setting how you celebrate and teach your children about different celebrations and events.

Staff Updates:

We are very excited to share with you that **Sara**, from Pre-School, is expecting her first baby, due in June 2025.

We are very pleased to inform you that **Charlotte** has accepted a more senior position as Team Leader. Alongside running the Little Oaks room, **Charlotte** will also be supporting the management team from time to time.

Dish of the month

Winter vegetable and lentil soup



Ingredients:

- 85g dried red lentils
- 2 carrots
- 3 sticks celery
- 2 small leeks
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme
- 3 large garlic cloves
- 1 tbsp vegetable bouillon powder
- 1 heaped tsp ground coriander

Method:

1. Tip all the ingredients into a large pan. Pour over 1½ litres boiling water, then stir well.
2. Cover and leave to simmer for 30 mins until the vegetables and lentils are tender.
3. Ladle into bowls and eat straightaway, or if you like a really thick texture, blitz a third of the soup with a hand blender or in a food processor.