

Newsletter December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We entered the season of Advent last Sunday, the 30th of November. Advent is a special time of preparation and joyful anticipation as we celebrate the upcoming birth of Baby Jesus.



Over the coming weeks, the children will be involved in a variety of festive activities. They will help decorate the Christmas tree, create a crib scene, experiment with colours, and take part in many other creative projects. Throughout this period, the children will also be learning and singing Christmas songs.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful and joyful season with the children.

Christmas Photoshoot

A huge thank you to the parents who purchased Christmas photos, and for your lovely comments on this project. We will provide an update in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Guess the Name of the Snowman – Fundraising Event

Monday 8th – Wednesday 17th December

We invite all families to take part in our fun fundraising activity, *Guess the Name of the Snowman!* To join in, simply choose a snowman and write your child's name on it. All entries will be placed into one pot for the prize draw.

The lucky winner will receive a festive hamper filled with children's goodies. The draw will take place on Wednesday, the 17th of December.

Thank you for supporting our preschool—good luck to all participants!

Christmas Jumpers & Festive Colours

Monday 15th – Thursday 18th December

During the last few days of term, we invite all children to come dressed in festive colours and Christmas-themed clothing. This can include Christmas jumpers, red and green outfits, or any fun and seasonal attire.

Let's fill the preschool with festive cheer as we celebrate the lead-up to Christmas!

Christmas Party – Last Day of Term

We are excited to announce that our children's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, the 19th of December, from 9:00 am to 11:45 am.

Parents are warmly invited to join us for this special event, where the children will perform Christmas songs and receive a present from Father Christmas.

Important Information:

- Doors open: 11:55 am
 - Children's performance begins: 12:00 pm
- Please arrive on time so you don't miss this lovely celebration.

We kindly encourage all parents to attend and share in the festive joy with the children.

Please note that there will be no afternoon session on this day, as the preschool will close for the Christmas holidays.

We look forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion with you!

Parents and Carers Questionnaire

An anonymous questionnaire will be sent to your email before the Christmas break. Please take a moment to complete the form, as we would really appreciate hearing your thoughts about your child's journey at preschool and your own experience as a parent. Your feedback is very important to us.

Staff Update

Welcome to Our New Team Member -We are delighted to welcome **Natalie Jewell** to our team. Natalie brings many years of childcare experience and will be a wonderful addition to Friary Preschool. She is due to start before Christmas, provided all the necessary steps are completed in time.

Goodbyes and Best Wishes

Our Practitioner **Darlene** will be leaving on the 5th of December as she begins her maternity leave. We are all so excited for her as she prepares to welcome her new little one. We wish her a safe, smooth, and joyful arrival, and send our warmest love and best wishes to Darlene and her family during this special time.

We will also be bidding a very fond farewell to Practitioner **Gaelle**, who will be leaving Friary Preschool on the 5th of December after four wonderful years with us. Gaelle has brought so much kindness, warmth, and dedication to our preschool. She will be deeply missed by the children, the staff, and the wider community. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed to Friary Preschool and wish her love, happiness, and success as she begins her next adventure.

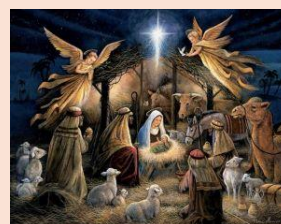
Parents Meeting - A Big Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended the recent parent consultation. It was a pleasure to celebrate your child's progress and milestones at preschool alongside their key practitioner. Your involvement and support are truly appreciated and play an important role in inspiring our practitioners as they continue to nurture and guide your child's learning journey.

Thank you for being part of this special experience!

Reminders

• **Last day of Autumn Term** – Friday, the 19th of December. **Preschool will be closed for Christmas break.** The first day back after Christmas holidays is Monday, the 5th of January 2026.



Funding – 2-Year-Old Funding and 30 Hours Extended Free Entitlement

Parents and carers are reminded that it is their responsibility to apply for and obtain the necessary funding codes (if eligible) to cover the cost of childcare sessions. Please ensure that you apply for your code in good time and reconfirm your eligibility every three months.

If a valid code is not obtained or reconfirmed on time (before 31st of December), Friary Preschool may be unable to claim the funding for your child's place. In such cases, we will need to charge you for any sessions where funding cannot be claimed.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring a smooth funding process.



SNACK donation. Thank you so much to everyone remembering to bring a piece of fruit for snack time and to those donating money towards our healthy snacks. Please can we continue to encourage this from as many as possible.

Friary Preschool Contact Details:

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