Newsletter November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a lovely October half-term break and enjoyed some quality time together away from the usual daily routine. We are delighted to welcome everyone back and look forward to another exciting term full of fun, learning, new experiences and special moments with the children!

Upcoming Events

Forest School – We're thrilled to offer our children the opportunity to take part in Forest School sessions.

Please make sure your child brings a waterproof all-in-one suit, so they're ready for any weather!

6th, 9th - 11th November, Christmas Photoshoot & Fundraiser – It's that magical time of year again! We're delighted to announce our annual Christmas Photoshoot, where we'll capture those special festive smiles in front of a beautiful holiday backdrop. Each photo costs just £5 — perfect for Christmas gifts or a cherished keepsake of your child's preschool years.

Please send your child's festive or smart outfit on the 4th & 5th, clearly labelled, in a bag.

5th November, Bonfire Night – To celebrate Bonfire Night, the children will: create colourful firework art using paint and glitter, listen to stories about fireworks, talk about the sounds, colours, and safety of bonfire celebrations.

9th – 13th November, World Nursery Rhyme Week - This special week is all about celebrating the magic of nursery rhymes and how they help children learn and grow.

11th November, Remembrance Day - We'll be introducing the children to the theme of Remembrance through simple discussions about kindness, peace, and helping others.

13th November, World Kindness Day - To celebrate World Kindness Day, we'll be focusing on showing kindness in our classroom. Together, we'll create a beautiful "Kindness Tree" – each time a child performs a kind act, they will add a leaf to the tree with their name and what they did. This helps children see how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

16th – 20th November, "People Who Help Us Week" - We're very excited to welcome a variety of visitors who will come and talk to the children about how they help our community and look after others. Visitors will include a train driver, a postman, a paramedic, and police officer.

If any parents would like to come into the setting to talk about your job and how you help others, please speak to a member of staff — we'd love to include you!

26th & 27th November, **Pyjama Days -** Snuggle up for our Pyjama Fun Days! We are raising money towards the children's Christmas party. A £1 donation is greatly appreciated. Children and staff can come to preschool in their cosiest pyjamas! We'll enjoy bedtime stories, toothbrushing and morning routines, and a short movie in our cosy reading corner with blankets and pillows.

Dance Sessions – 9th & 18th November – Hayley from Cheneler School of Dance will be joining us for our regular dance sessions on 9th and 18th November.

Parent Consultation – 1st, 2nd and 3rd December.

We warmly invite you to meet with your child's key practitioner to discuss their progress, development, and achievements so far. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's learning journey and talk about ways we can continue supporting them at preschool and home. **Please book your appointment with your child's key worker.**

Starting School in September 2027

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, it's time to apply for their reception school place.
If St Francis is your first choice, please make sure you complete and return the school's supplementary form along with your online application.
The next available school visit/tour dates are Wednesday 4th November at 9.15am, or Wednesday 2nd December at 9.15am.

🎄 Children's Christmas Party & Meeting Father Christmas – 15th December 🎅

All children are welcome to join us for our festive Christmas party, where there will be lots of fun, games and Christmas cheer!

Parents are also warmly invited to join us at 12:00 pm to watch the children's special Nativity performance. We look forward to celebrating this magical time of year together!

Staff Update

We would like to let you know that Anoja will be leaving us at the end of this month to take up a new position at another school. Anoja has been a valued member of our team for the past six years, and during this time she has made a wonderful contribution to our setting and the children's learning and development.

We are very sad to see her go, but we wish her every success and happiness in her new role. She will certainly be missed by us all!