



Cookham Nursery School

December 2023 Newsletter

The Children's Learning

It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the Christmas break—this term has flown by. The children have been fully engaged in our Term Two Curriculum and seasonal changes have enabled a great deal of focus on learning about the natural world. We have collected fallen leaves and admired their intricate patterns and textures. We are now starting to experience the crisp Winter air and we will experiment with frost and ice. Of course, there is a magic to December and we look forward to preparing for Christmastime, decorating the Nursery and roasting marshmallows around the fire.



Everyone at Cookham Nursery School wishes all our families a very Happy Christmas and New Year!





Christmas at Nursery



The children have been practising singing their Christmas songs ready to share with the parents and carers.

The performance will be on **Wednesday 13th December at 11.15am.**
Children can wear a Christmas jumper or colour if they would like to.



Speech Technique of the Month

Have conversations

Making comments instead of asking questions will encourage your child to respond. Try to make four comments about what your child is doing or saying before asking them a question.

Pause between sentences to give your child time to process what you are saying. Give them 10 seconds at least to respond.

Young children find it easier to talk about something they are looking at or doing.





Dates for Your Diary



Wednesday 13th December 11:15am - Christmas singing to parents/carers. All welcome.

Friday 15th December - Last day of the term. Break up for Christmas holidays. Nursery closes at 11.45am. A reminder that there is no lunch club today.

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th January - Home and Nursery visits for children just starting at Cookham Nursery School.

Friday 5th January - Term starts - Children return to Nursery today



Please could we ask that all books belonging to Cookham Nursery School are returned by Wednesday 13th December. This will give us an opportunity to gather them all in and audit our stock.

Thank you

School Applications



Online admissions is now open for children eligible to start school next September 2024.

Closing date - 15th January 2024

National Offer Day - Monday 16th April 2024

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

In order to have more chance of getting the school at the top of your list, make sure that you do not miss the application deadline.

It is also important that parents/carers complete all the choices when completing the form as this has an impact on whether you are able to join a waiting list should you not be given your preferred choice.

BAD WEATHER CLOSURES

Please be advised that we always endeavour to open Cookham Nursery School. However if the weather is extreme and staff are unable to get to school, or the school site is considered unsafe we may need to close for health and safety reasons. In the event of bad weather, parents should check the RBWM website - www.rbwm.gov.uk, our website - nurseryfederation.co.uk, Nursery Instagram page and/or listen to Heart Thames Valley or BBC Radio Berkshire for school closure announcements.



A couple of reminders...

- ♦ If your child is unwell please don't bring them into Nursery. Colds and stomach bugs circulate quickly and this does then affect the children and staff team considerably. Please remember to call and let us know why your child is absent on the first day. Any child suffering from a stomach bug should not come into Nursery for 48 hours from their last symptom.
- ♦ Please park considerably around the Nursery at drop off and collection.

Raffle Tickets

We are selling raffle tickets in the office to win our lovely Christmas hamper. The money raised will go towards re-stocking the Children's Creative Area with a variety of Art and Craft materials. We would also like to buy more picture books for the children to access during free flow time.



Silent Auction

We are lucky enough to be able to hold a silent auction for a night away at the beautiful Devere Beaumont Estate, Old Windsor! Please see the information in the foyer or send an email to the office to submit your hidden bid (above £50). All funds raised will go towards Nursery resources.



Thank you as always for your support.