



Cookham Nursery School

December 2024 Newsletter

The Children's Learning

As our Christmas break approaches we can reflect back on our amazing children's learning this term. Our 10 Curriculum Goals are threaded into our Group Times and adult initiated activities during 'Free Flow time.' These Goals are broken down into their main components and end with the composite learning at the end of the academic year.

1. Children have settled in and are becoming confident learners.
2. Children are following recipes and mixing ingredients to make barfi, porridge and apple crumble.
3. Children have accessed the woodwork bench and practised using safety glasses, a hammer and nails.
4. Children have worked with the teachers to build challenging obstacle courses.
5. Children have learnt how to use and look after the Creative Area.
6. Children are learning to value and celebrate difference through Jasmine, our Persona Doll.
7. Children are learning to use the language of stories and have started to act out stories.
8. Children are using mark-making equipment independently everywhere in the Nursery.
9. Children are able to notice and talk about signs of Autumn and Winter.
10. Children are using 5 frames to subitise up to 3 counters, are noticing amounts and talking about number through number rhymes and songs.



Dates for Your Diary



Friday 20th December at 11:45am. Term ends and Nursery is closed for the Christmas. Please note there is no lunch club today.

The staff return on Monday 6th January for home visits and new children visits.

Thursday 9th January - Term starts for all children.

Friday 14th Feb - Half Term holidays.

Staffing News

We welcome some new members of staff to Cookham Nursery School. Miss Leanne Everett and Miss Ameliah Griffiths will be working in the Nursery classroom and at lunch club supporting all of the children.

Miss Tilly Clark joins us as an apprentice working towards her level 2 qualification. She will be working 3 days a week alongside her studies.

We are very excited to have them all in the team and they are looking forward to getting to know the children and their families.

Speech Technique of the Month

Have conversations

Making comments instead of asking questions will encourage your child to respond – 4 comments to every question.

Pause between sentences to give your child time to process information. Give them 10 seconds at least to respond.

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

Introducing Natasha Harding, our Community Nursery Nurse



Natasha is our link to support Parents and Carers with advice on key areas of young children's development, e.g toilet training, sleeping and eating.

If you would like any advise please look at the website

<https://rbwm.afcinfo.org.uk/>

You can also ask us at Nursery for support and with your consent we can email Natasha with your contact details.

There will be information about this service in our foyer soon.

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

School Applications

Online admissions is now open for children eligible to start school next September 2025

Closing date - 15th January 2025

Our advice is to look at the schools' websites and make contact with them to see if they are doing any visits. Looking round the schools gives you the best feel for them.

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 on the application as this has an impact on joining a waiting list should you not be given your preferred choice.



Thank you for your support
with our Raffle and Silent
Auction for funding to make
our Outdoor Area obstacle
course even better!

Please see Lisa and Jade in
the Office to purchase tickets
and/or put in a bid on our
amazing auction!