



The Lawns Nursery School

December 2024 Newsletter

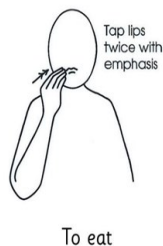


The Children's Learning

It's hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the Christmas break - this term has flown by. The classrooms are decorated and the children have begun sharing and singing Christmas songs and stories. The celebrations began with our visit from the Shooting Stars Entertainment Company who performed their 'Search For Santa' production. A fairy, Duke and Old Mother Hubbard took the children on a journey through a nursery rhyme world! The children loved joining in with the familiar rhymes and we thrilled to find Santa at the end!

We have worked on our Goal 'To write' by supporting the children's confidence and modelling how to make marks. The children have been keen to mark make using a range of materials and enjoyed telling us about the messages they have written, especially in their Christmas cards!

We have continued with our Goal, 'To follow a recipe.' The children have had the opportunity to use simple steps to make Barfi. Following this they have begun exploring the ingredients used to make gingerbread. Next week we will be making our own Gingerbread, following a recipe and cutting out the dough. To support the children's communication and language the team have introduced the Makaton signs 'eat' and 'help.' Here they are in action!



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from all at The Lawns Nursery School!**





Children's Christmas Party and Santa's Grotto

This will take place on Wednesday 18th December during the normal session times. The children will play party games, dance and share some crisps, fruit and biscuits. There will be a suitable Christmassy video for those who would like to watch it. Santa will be dropping in on the day and we're hoping that he might leave us a little gift in the grotto if we are very good! If your child has specific dietary needs you are welcome to bring in a special snack for them on this day, thank you.



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.



Please watch and listen to this inspirational 7 year old speaker called Molly Wright. She demonstrates brilliantly the importance of early interactions for brain development in her Ted Talk- 'How every child can thrive by five.'

Please click [HERE](#) to watch the video clip.

Staff News

We welcome some new additions to our staff team over the coming weeks. Mrs Sammy Baxter and Mrs Joanne Woodforth join us to work across both Pre-Nursery and The Lawns Nursery. Mrs Woodforth worked at The Lawns a few years ago and we are excited to welcome her back.

Mrs Owers will begin her maternity leave at the end of January and we have recruited Mrs Smith to be the key person in red group alongside Miss Flavell. Mrs Smith will start with us at the beginning of January and will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We also welcome Miss Eliza Bean in January who joins us from a local Nursery and will also split her time between the Pre-Nursery and The Lawns Nursery. Miss Bean came to The Lawns herself as a child and we are delighted she is continuing to pursue her love of early years education with us! Mrs Sara Spires joins us from a local school in Windsor to complement the amazing team.

Dates for Your Diary

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

Monday 6th January to Wednesday 8th January - Home visits and new entrants day for new children.

Thursday 9th January - Term starts for all children.

Friday 14th February - Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February - February half term

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.



Christmas Hamper Raffle!

Each year we hold an adults and child's Christmas Hamper Raffle for a bit of festive fun! The staff team donate the contents of the hampers and if you'd like to buy tickets the money raised goes towards exciting new resources for the children to enjoy in the New Year. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 17th December.



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. We raised an amazing **£ 176.33**

Thank you for the donations to our school fund. We use this money to buy extras that our budget does not cover like ingredients for playdough and plants for our growing areas.



Bad Weather closure

Please be advised that we always endeavour to open The Lawns Nursery School and The Lawns Pre-Nursery however if the weather is extreme and staff are unable to get to school or the school site is considered slippery and unsafe we may need to close for health and safety reasons. In the event of bad weather we will send an email to advise of a nursery closure. Or please check our website - [here](#) which will show up to date information.

Reminder

- * 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. Any child suffering from a stomach bug should not come into Nursery for 48 hours from their last symptom.