



# weekly news

21ST  
NOVEMBER  
2025

AUTUMN 2 - WEEK 3

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

This week our theme was Transport and Maths, and we had lots of fun engaging in transport-inspired learning across the week. The children explored maths through a range of activities — from train set-ups to drawing tracks, using cars to create marks, and talking about size, colour and shape. We also practised number recognition and counted passengers onto loose parts bus!

We have been discussing the importance of staying safe on and near the roads too, and the children shared some excellent ideas such as “hold a grown-up’s hand” and “no running off.” The children also loved creating their own junk-model vehicles.

On Wednesday, Lisa visited for our usual Little All Sports session. The children really enjoyed taking part, and their ball skills are getting better and better each week — we are seeing brilliant progress.

It has been a wonderful week full of creativity, learning and transport-themed fun!  
maths week



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## OUTDOOR LEARNING

This week, as part of our Transport and Maths theme, we took our maths learning outdoors. The children explored number recognition and counting through activities such as hunting for numbers in the garden, making tracks in sand with cars and tyres, and using coins to "buy tickets" for our loose-parts bus. They investigated shapes by creating squares and triangles with sticks and spotting shapes hidden around the garden. Through imaginative transport play—building dens, designing a bus, and taking turns on bikes—they applied maths in real, meaningful ways while developing teamwork, problem-solving and physical skills.

## HOME LEARNING IDEAS

1. **Vehicle Number Hunt** – Look for numbers on buses, number plates, road signs or houses and practise recognising them.
2. **Shape Garage Sorting** – Sort toy vehicles or household objects into boxes labelled with different shapes.
3. **Car Wash Counting** – Wash a set number of toy vehicles and count how many have been cleaned altogether.
4. **DIY Traffic Light Craft** – Make a traffic light and use it to play "stop, slow, go," counting steps as you move.
5. **Journey Maps** – Draw a simple map of a familiar journey and count features such as roads, buildings and vehicles.

## IMPORTANT DATES

School Applications Opened - 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
 Mince Pies and Mingle - 11<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30-11  
 Christmas Party (For all children) - 16<sup>th</sup> December  
 Christmas Holidays - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 26  
 Spring 1 Starts - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
 School Applications Close - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

- Please provide a tote bag or carrier bag for wellies, as they cannot go back into children's backpacks once they've been worn.
- Ensure all bags (including carrier bags with wellies or waterproofs) are clearly named. These can be tricky to identify when unlabelled.
- A gentle reminder to name all items, including hats, gloves, lunch boxes and water bottles.
- Another little plea for children to bring in their waterproofs.
- If your child is unwell, please keep them at home where possible. There are lots of colds and bugs circulating at the moment.
- Please ensure water bottles are taken out of bags and placed in the trays when children arrive each morning.

Thank you for your continued support!

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE 4 BEFORE 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2026!**

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# MINCE PIES AND MINGLE

JOINUSFORCRAFTS, SONGS DANCING  
& DELICIOUS TREATS

DECEMBER 11, 9:30-11AM

JOINUSFOROURANNUALFESTIVEEVENT — A FUN ALTERNATIVE TO OUR  
CHRISTMAS SHOW!

🎄 ENJOY A MINCE PIE AND A DRINK

🎨 TAKE PART IN CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR CHILD

🎵 FINISH WITH A CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

TIMES:

- IF IT'S YOUR CHILD'S USUAL DAY: ARRIVE AT 9:00 AM WITH THEM
- IF NOT: JOIN US FROM 9:30 AM
- WE'LL FINISH BY 11:00 AM.

COME MINGLE WITH TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND CELEBRATE THE SEASON  
TOGETHER!



# term dates



## Term Time Pre-School dates 2025/2026

### **Autumn Term (14 weeks)**

Monday 8th September 9.30 - 11.00: *Stay and Play session (New Children)*

Tuesday 9th September – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

*Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October*

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

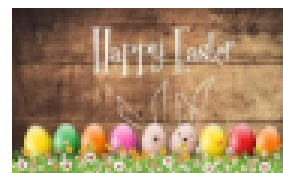


### **Spring Term (11 weeks)**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

*Half Term - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February*

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March



### **Summer Term (13 weeks)**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

*Half term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May*

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

*Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 - 11.00:

*Stay and Play Session (New Children)*

