



# weekly news

5TH  
DECEMBER  
2025

AUTUMN 2 - WEEK 5

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

This week we've embraced all things chilly and wintery as we explored our winter books theme.

Our focus stories, *The Big Freeze* and *Ridiculous*, inspired lots of discussion about winter weather, changes outside, and the clothing we wear to stay warm. The children shared their ideas confidently and enjoyed building new vocabulary.

We also explored the sensory side of winter. The children felt the chill of real ice cubes before painting them in beautiful bright colours, and many took on the tricky challenge of putting on gloves independently—something they were very proud of! Messy play was a big hit too, with shaving foam shaped like a snowman and a hungry penguin to feed with the correct number of pompoms.

Alongside our winter activities, the children enjoyed getting creative with playdough and were especially excited about our newly refreshed home corner, complete with a brand-new kitchen setup. It quickly became a favourite space for role-play and imaginative cooking.

Next week we begin our Christmas theme... so prepare for glitter, sparkle, and very excited children!



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START INSTAGRAM  
FOR DAILY UPDATES

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## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day is coming up next week! The official celebration is on Thursday 11th, but we're stretching the fun all week long. Children are invited to wear their festive jumpers on whichever day(s) they're in—get ready for a week of colourful knits and festive activities!

## HOME LEARNING IDEAS

1. Make a Winter Sensory Bottle - Fill an empty plastic bottle with water, a little glitter, and some small items (buttons, sequins, beads). Children can shake it and watch the "snow" swirl.
2. Build a Cosy Reading Den - Use blankets, cushions, or a bed sheet to create a small reading nook. Add torches or fairy lights and enjoy winter or Christmas stories together.
3. Salt Dough Decorations - Mix 1 cup flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup salt, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water to make salt dough. Cut out shapes with cookie cutters, bake on a low heat, and paint once cool.



## 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) - 18<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



## NOTICES

- Please can I send out a request for ALL children to have waterproof trousers.
- Reminder about cutting up fruit in children's lunch boxes.
- We can't wait to see you all at Mince Pies & Mingle on Thursday!
- As you know, I will be finishing at the end of this term as I return to teaching. It has been a joy getting to know your children and being a small part of their Flying Start journey. Thank you for the warm welcome during my time here. My final day at Flying Start will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 1pm.



# 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!





20th December

**Movie Magic:  
A Momentum  
Christmas Special**

**momentum**  
children's charity

*The Muppet  
Christmas Carol*

Book your tickets here

**Movie Magic: A Momentum  
Christmas Special**

Sat 20 Dec 2025 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM

The banner is for a movie event. It features a green background with a red border. On the left, there's a red box with white text that says "Movie Magic: A Momentum Christmas Special". To the right of this box, the Momentum children's charity logo is displayed, followed by the text "The Muppet Christmas Carol". Below the logo, there's a photo of four children sitting in a cinema, holding popcorn. A film strip graphic runs along the right side of the banner. At the bottom left, the date and time "Sat 20 Dec 2025 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM" are listed. At the bottom right, there's a green button with white text that says "Book your tickets here".

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

Please book through this link -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/momentumchildrenscharity/1921641>



# term dates



Flying Start Preschool

## 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*

**INSET DAY: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</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)*

