



We have had a very busy start to the Autumn term and welcomed lots of new families into the setting in the last month. The children are all settling well and finding their feet.

As always Autumn term is always one in which is full of exciting activities and celebrations!

This term will also see us celebrate Halloween, Diwali, Fireworks, Harvest and of course our favourite time of year Christmas. Our next event will be Children in Need which we will be having a Pyjama Day on Friday 17th November.



Garden Developments

We have been working hard to develop the nursery garden over the last couple of months and now have designated areas for the children to enjoy.

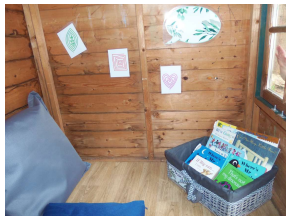
Our small work area has some dinosaurs that have been a big hit.



The role play area has a lovely new café and play food kindly bought for us by some of our departing parents in the summer.



The Wendy House has been turned into a calm corner with pillows and blankets for the children to chill out on and books to read.



We have a lovely big construction area with milk crates, logs and different types of construction materials for the children to use. We are looking for additional equipment for this area; if you have any guttering or decking boards to donate please let us know.



Weather

Please can we ask all parents to ensure your children have appropriate outdoor clothing. We do take the children out in all weather conditions and like to get fresh air at least once a day.

The weather is getting colder so please ensure you are supplying warm coats, gloves, hats and scarves all **clearly labelled with your child's name.**



COST OF LIVING

We fully appreciate the cost of living is going up for us all and many families are finding it hard to afford basics.

Remember we have our Basics Bank available in the main porch for parents to use.

Car Park

Our car park is for nursery pick up and drop off only; it does get very busy around 9am and 3pm so we do ask parents to find alternative parking for school drop off and pick ups.

It is also prohibited for people to smoke or vape on nursery premises so we kindly ask parents to refrain from doing this in our car park or on any nursery property.

Jo has been planting up the growing area with some new herbs and the children have helped grow some tomatoes and cucumbers which then have then been able to try at mealtimes.





School Admissions

Is your child going to be 4 before 1st September 2024? If so you can start your application for a school place.

Applications are open from 1st November and will close 14th January 2024.

For more information go to:
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

New Staff

We have welcomed some new staff members over the last few weeks; Laura is working in our baby room as their new room leader and AJ has moved up to the preschool room.

Lauren has started with our 2-3s and Amy has joined the preschool team. We also have Emma working in our breakfast club each morning.

We have 4 new apprentices starting their childcare careers with us; Emily C, Caitlin F, Morgan and Grace B, have been working around the different departments getting to know the children.

Please remember that mobile phones are not allowed to be used within the nursery buildings.



Parental Involvement



We are looking for any parents who work in the forces to come in and talk to the children about their job around Remembrance Day.

If you are in any other line of work and would like to come and talk to the children about what you do then please let a member of the management team know and we can book a time for you to come and see us.

Breakfast



If you would like your child to have breakfast here at nursery please make sure they have arrived by 8am. We do ask for nursery parents to provide this - please remember that we are a nut free nursery so cannot accept any foods that contain nuts.

We do also ask that children bring water in their drink bottles rather than juice to be in line with our healthy eating policy.

Spare Clothes

Our PB Club are looking for any spare clothes that you may have to donate; preferable any trousers, socks and pants for children aged 5 and up. Please drop any donations to the main office. Thank you

Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14th December

If your child doesn't attend on this day and you would like them to join in the fun, please email
p1management@pixies.co.uk to book in for an extra session.

Christmas Time

We are already preparing for the festive season; the preschools are starting to get ready for their annual Christmastime performance; this will be held on the afternoon of Monday 18th December at Brookfield School. Letters with more information and parts will be sent out soon.

We will be opening the Christmas Secret Shop again this year - this is where the children aged 2 and up will be able to choose presents for friends and family, wrap them and label them so they can give presents on Christmas Day - letters to follow.

The children will also be making calendars again this year which make great gifts for friends and family - letters to follow.

