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Newsletter Dec 2025

Parents this will be the final newsletter of 2025! How quickly has the first term gone?

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual wreath making classes this year, we managed to raise a fantastic £974 for Pre-School which will pay for the children's Christmas party and entertainer. Particular thanks to the staff, committee members and our lovely florist Daphne who collectively made the class possible.

All children will be bringing home an invitation to the Pre-School Christmas Party which will be held on Thursday 18th December. The children will be entertained by "Susie Sparkles", Santas chief elf, and we will be getting a visit from the big man himself. Children who usually attend on Thursday please bring your child as normal, with their packed lunch. Children who don't usually attend on Thursday please arrive no sooner than 10.30am for the party and patiently wait to be let in by a member of staff. The party finishes at 12pm when children (who don't usually attend on this day) can be collected. In order to maintain ratios in the setting, unfortunately we will not be able to offer extra sessions or swaps on party day. Parents are not expected to stay.

We have a student currently on placement in Pre-School until February 2026. Aamina is in her final year at university and studying psychology, she is working alongside staff to gain valuable experience at working with children.

The Pre-School Christmas post-box will be positioned in the entrance until Tuesday 16th December if children would like to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. Class lists are available if needed, please speak to a member of staff if you would like a copy.

Whilst we seem to have gotten over the Chicken Pox outbreak in Pre-School another nasty virus seems to be circulating. Children are experiencing symptoms such as high temperature, cough, sore throat, aching joints, conjunctivitis, loss of appetite and tiredness. If your child needs medication to control his or her temperature then they probably are not well enough to be attending Pre-School, sending children when they are unwell only spreads the virus further, be mindful that some families may have relatives with weakened immune systems or if several members of staff become too unwell to work, we would need to close the setting. In order to combat the spread of germs, staff have increased cleaning and hygiene procedures and we have temporarily removed the playdough. If we all work together then hopefully this virus will disappear before the "Elf on the Shelf" heads back to the North Pole.

We seem to have an increase in children bringing their own toys to Pre-School. Pre-School is very well resourced and we ask that parents encourage their children to refrain from bringing their own toys. We appreciate that some children may need a comfort teddy or blanket which we are happy for them to keep in their bags until needed.

Finally, Pre-School will close for Christmas on Thursday 18th December, Friday 19th is a training day and we are **CLOSED** to all children. We reopen on Monday 5th January 2026.

The staff and Committee from Pool Pre-School Group wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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