



# Nursery News




We were so pleased that so many of you attended our parent workshops “What does learning look like at Chatham Nursery”, our stay & play sessions and parents evening! We had such lovely feedback from you and I know the staff really appreciated this.

## OAK TREE ROOM (3-4S)

### Attendance

We are so pleased to share that 96% of Oak Tree room had good attendance this term. This just shows the determination that you have to bring you child in to access high quality education and play. As a result this is having such a big impact on the children’s learning and development. Well done!

### Learning in Oak Tree

This term we have been busy learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali as well as Christmas.

We learnt how to stay safe during Bonfire night, as well as lots of exciting new vocabulary around light and celebration. We have had lots of birthdays this term and it has been wonderful to watch the children share their special days with each other. They have shown curiosity and excitement around how birthdays are celebrated and they have recreated these experiences in their role play.

We love to learn outside in Oak Tree and we have especially enjoyed using the mud area. The children have been busy making mud soup using fallen leaves and muddy water! As the weather has gotten colder we have been trying hard to be independent in recognising our own belongings and putting our warm coats, snowsuits and hats on independently.

**PLEASE NOTE: FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER  
1PM FINISH**

## NEW STAFF

We were joined by Reesa (Oak Tree) & Evie (Little Acorns) and we will be joined by Julie in the Nest in January.



## THE NEST

We were pleased to have been categorised as a specialist SEN unit this term, which we feel reflects the quality of our provision, and the professionalism and skill of our team.

We thoroughly enjoyed sharing time2sign sessions with our families this half term. You can see the joy and excitement the children experience through music.



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## LITTLE ACORNS (2-3S)

This term, the cold weather brought us the perfect opportunity to explore the wonders of snow and ice! The children delighted in playing outside, crushing snow to make snowballs and discovering how snow changes when handled. These activities not only sparked creativity but also encouraged teamwork and gross motor skill development as we threw snowballs and moved around outdoors..

Back inside, we extended our learning by freezing water overnight and observing the melting process in our warm nursery room. This hands-on exploration allowed us to talk about the properties of water and ice, using lots of new vocabulary such as “ice,” “melt,” “cold,” “hard,” “crush,” “crunch,” and “slippy.”

Playing outdoors in winter has so many benefits! It helps children build resilience as they adapt to changing weather, enhances physical health through active play, and fosters a love for nature in all seasons.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NO AFTERNOON SESSION ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER.



## IMPORTANT DATES

7th January: Children return

23rd January (for 4 weeks): Family Maths Club Starts

17th Feb: Half Term Holiday (1 week)

3rd March: World Book Day

12th March: Parent Workshop and Stay & Play

26th March: Parents Evening

7th April: Easter Holidays (2 weeks)

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