

Dear parents, I wanted to update you regarding the forthcoming changes in the nursery and also to give you some end of term information.

In the new year, we will be expanding our provision and taking children under the age of 2. We are doing this to adapt to current external demands and remain sustainable.

The impact of the changes have been carefully considered and firstly, I'd like to reassure you that we are continuing with the Montessori principles that we are all passionate about. Our goal continues to be for nursery to be as engaging and enjoyable as possible for our little learners.

Plans are underway for the caterpillar room (currently the 2 year olds room) to be repainted, have new blinds fitted and have a new floor as well as new flooring. Insulation has already been added to the ceiling. This room will become the new under 2's room.

Our 2 year olds will therefore be moving to a new room. In the mornings the room that we currently use as a sleep room in the afternoons will become their new classroom. In addition the children will have free flow into the main classroom with an area cordoned off for them. This will allow for messy play and further space. The cordoned off area will be opened up every lunchtime to mix within the room as we currently do. This room has been recently repainted, has had new carpet fitted and we will be fitting new curtains in the next few weeks. To help with the acoustics, the curtains for the main classroom have been ordered and should be fitted in January. All children (except for under 2's when they start) will use the main entrance nearest to the car park for drop off and collection, from the first day back after Christmas. The 2 year olds will hang their belongings on their peg and enter the new classroom to the left of the pegs. The 3 year olds will continue as now and enter through into the main classroom through the double doors. Please ask if I haven't explained that very clearly!

The proposed layout in all of the rooms is designed to promote exploration and independence and we remain dedicated to providing a positive environment that supports learning. As we proceed with the changes, we appreciate your understanding. To ensure a seamless transition, we have carefully planned each aspect of the new environment. Every detail has been considered to optimise the children's comfort and engagement with their surroundings.

The team are committed to maintaining a supportive atmosphere and we will be monitoring its impact as we move forward. Please be assured that we will make the transition as smooth as possible. If you have any concerns or questions or need further details, feel free to reach out. Your support is invaluable as we embark on this exciting new chapter! Please do get in touch if you would like to see the rooms in the new year.

In the coming weeks, I will be adding all of our policies to Tapestry. We will no longer be keeping them in printed format in nursery. Should you have a particular policy that you wish to read and cannot access it, please get in touch.

Thank you to those of you who donated to our Bags For Schools collection and donated to and/or bought raffle tickets at the Nativity. Along with the Festive market sales, we have raised £182. This money has already been put towards a multi module climbing set for the garden that can be moved to the large classroom on rainier days.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Nativity, I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. During the performance, I heard a little one say "I love doing this sooooo much!". The children enjoyed learning the songs and actions, they chose their costumes and there was no pressure on them to 'perform'. It was an enjoyable experience for all.

We are looking forward to seeing those of you that have signed up for the Christmas crafts morning and lunch next Wednesday. There will also be a party for the children on Tuesday 16th at 12.30pm. Children that are not usually in on a Tuesday are most welcome, please collect them at 1.45pm.

Sadly, there is a funeral in the Church on Friday 19th December. This will be a burial so there will be a hole dug in the cemetery prior to the 19th. Please take care when coming and leaving nursery. Please can we ask that you do not use the car park if you are collecting your child at 12.45pm on the 19th. Thank you for your understanding.

In case we don't see you and on behalf of all the staff, Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all. We look forward to seeing you back on the 5th January 2026.

Hayley