



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the close of December, we want to say thank you for a wonderful year together.

We have had lots of fun and joy in all that we have done in 2025.

This month, we have been learning about various religious festivals (Hanukkah) with a focus on Christmas and the nativity story. Please note that **Little Ellies is closed from 25th December to 1st January 2026.**

**Little Ellies is also closed on Monday 5th January 2026 for a closedown training day.**

It is time to also update our records **for ALL children** - Please complete the form

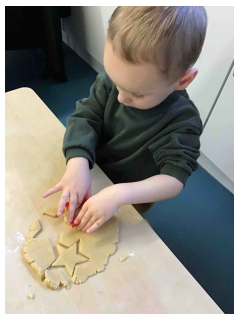
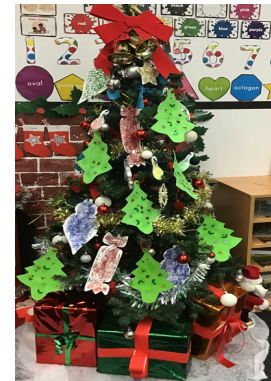
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**Teaching and Learning for this month**

**December's Books of the Month**

Babies	Toddlers	Pre School
<b>Babies First Christmas</b>	<b>The First Christmas</b>	<b>Mouse's Christmas Wish</b>

Just have a look at the fun we have had...



**We wish you all a very merry Christmas to those celebrating and Happy New Year to all and we shall see you in 2026!**

## January Events

### Events next month

In the month of January we will be looking to push Communication and Language with a focus on oracy. We will be retelling stories in the run up to World Book Day this year and looking at different ways to enjoy talking and mark making about our stories.



We will be introducing Early Talk Boost for class 3, an intervention to support and promote proficiency in English, understanding and articulating their thoughts and ideas. We will be doing story maps and acting out our stories.

### Guidance on Toilet Training



#### The Potty Training Guide

The new, Government-backed guide to when and how to potty train your child

↓ View the guide

📄 Download the guide

Potty training is an important milestone in your child's development. We understand that all children develop at their own pace, but research shows it's best for your child's bowel and bladder health to stop using nappies, including reusable nappies, pull-ups and training pants, between 18 and 30 months.

It's really important that children are out of all nappies well in advance of starting Reception year in school. The only exception should be children with a diagnosed medical need, such as a bladder or bowel condition.

Being out of nappies not only helps children to feel confident, healthy and part of the group, it also means teachers can spend more time teaching and supporting children's development in other ways.

#### Did you know?

**83%**

of children were out of nappies by 18 months in the 1970s and 1980s.

Today

**1 in 4**

children aren't toilet trained when they start Reception.

The government has backed new guidance around toilet training and we hope to facilitate a workshop at the end of January to support parents with toilet training. We look to provide parents with a freebie reward chart and stickers that will enable you to make this a positive experience. <https://startingreception.co.uk/potty-training/#introduction>

## Nursery Diary Dates

December 2025							January 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	

December 2025	
3rd	Christmas Stay & Play 9.30am - 10.30am (AM) & 2pm to 3pm (PM) <b>(Parent Event)</b>
17th	Hanukkah Celebration
10th	Christmas or Winter Jumper Day
12th	Christmas nativity and Songs <b>to parents @ 9.30am</b>
19th	Last day (term time/FEE only Children)
22nd Dec - 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
25th - 1st Jan	<b>Little Ellies Ellies CLOSED for annual Christmas Break to ALL children</b>
January 2026	
2nd	Start date full time children
5th	<b>CLOSEDOWN DAY (2) Nursery closed to all children. (EYFS Conference)</b>
6th	Start day for all term time/FEE children and new children

If you have any questions, please note that you can call the setting on **0207 511 1276** and an appointment will be arranged for you to discuss any questions or concerns with the Room leaders or a member of the Management team. Thank you for taking the time to read over our newsletter. Thank you for choosing us as your daycare provider!

***Kind Regards,  
Management***