



Newsletter Friday 5th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you had the most wonderful Christmas break with your families. Thank you again for all your kind messages, cards and gifts before we broke up.

It's been a short week to ease us into the new term. On Wednesday we enjoyed hearing all about the children's Christmas', the presents they received, the food they ate and the people they saw. James told us "My favourite present was a big truck with lots of wheels!" and Yolanda said "My favourite was an inflatable unicorn.....this big" (she held her arms wide!)

Wednesday's focus was being thankful, reflecting on Christmas and how we can show appreciation. The children "wrote" thank you letters to Father Christmas or a chosen family member. Key words 'Thank you,' 'From' and 'Love' were displayed, and some children were encouraged to have a go at writing the words.

Our short theme this week has been Stickman. The children have loved the story, exploring emotions, adventures and characters. Using playdoh and pipe cleaners the children made super stickmen, they've used sticks to mark make, paint, size order and count, as well as written post cards and draw stickmen. Just like the story, the children made rafts and investigated floating and sinking like "pooh stick."

Next week our theme is 'All About Me' where we'll look at our baby photo book of the children.

Invoice Payment

Your Spring 1 invoice is due to be paid by
Friday 12th January 2024 please.

Applying for a school place for September 2024

The national deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2024 is **15 January 2024**. Information about how to apply for a school place can be found on the [Surrey County Council website](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/childcare).

Important Dates

Spring 1

Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

HALF TERM

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Spring 2

Monday 19th February - Tuesday 26th March
Finish for Easter



Parents of 2 Year Olds

Eligible working parents of 2-year-olds can now apply for their 15 hours funding code for 1st April 2024. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code. To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the Childcare Choices website, where you can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.edium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

To apply for the funding, you will need to set up a Government gateway account. If you already have an account, you will be notified when to apply as it will coincide with your reconfirmation window date, which is every 3 months and can apply up to 4 weeks before the date.

Surrey County Council are yet to notify childcare settings of the 2-year-old hourly funding rate. When we have this information, we will let you know whether there will be any consumable charges.