



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

## October 2024

### Children's Christmas Party Day

As Christmas is approaching, as a staff team we have been thinking about organising a Christmas party day for the children here at Countryside.

So the parties will all be on one day- Monday 9th December and at one venue- Corse and Staunton Village Hall, Gloucester Road, Staunton, Gloucester Rd, Corse, Gloucester GL19 3RQ . The timings will be as follows:-

<b>Hedgehog Party</b>	<b>9-30am-11-00am—Children will travel in the Nursery bus,</b>
<b>Big Squirrel Party</b>	<b>11-30pm- 1-00pm- Children will travel in the Nursery bus.</b>
<b>Little Squirrel Party</b>	<b>2-00pm- 3-30pm- Children will travel in the Nursery bus.</b>

If it is your child's session on Monday 9th December, we will have the staff to look after your child, however, if it is not your child's session, please make arrangements to bring your child and stay with them at the hall. Each room will have further information nearer the time, with permission forms and food lists, to ensure that the children have a memorable a fabulous time

I am sure that you will all realise that the Ladybird Room isn't on the list for a party at the hall- this is because these children are so little and transport is so tricky, however, Nicole and Issy will be organising some extra special Christmas activities for the babies during this week at Nursery.

### Children in Need- Friday 15th November

This year we will be completing a Children in Need day on Friday 15th November to raise funds for this very important charity, We very rarely ask parents for fund raising, but this event is once a year and it is a worthwhile charity to raise funds for,

Therefore, there is a sponsor form attached with this email and we are very excited as we are taking the Big Squirrels for a Supastrikers session on Friday 15th November at Hartpury Village Hall to gather sponsors. For the Little Squirrels, Ladybirds and Hedgehogs they are organising a sponsored pyjama day. Therefore, we will be planning these activities on the Friday, so please feel free to print off a sponsor form and join in.

It will be an exciting day as we enjoy some fun activities to celebrate Children in Need 2024.



**BBC**  
**Children in Need**

### Visit from a John Deere Tractor

Thank you so much to Henry's parents for bringing in a tractor for all of the Nursery children to see, what a lovely time we had



## Ladybirds Learning Activities in September 2024



Exploring the playdough.



Mark making with the vehicle's.



Practising climbing.



Building structures.



Peek-a-boo.



Fun in the tunnel.



Ready, steady, go!



Exploring the ICT toys.



Having fun with sorting pop up.



# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in September 2024



Collecting the eggs.



Having fun making marks.



Enjoying looking at the books.



Exploring the playdough.



Fun in the five little ducks sensory tray.



Completing the insert puzzle together.



Rolling the balls down the pipes.



Ukulele led music time.



Exploring shapes and colours on the light box.



Enjoying the farm sensory tray.



Using the diggers to scoop up the pasta.



# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in September 2024



Exploring the sensory tray.



Using the small world diggers to scoop the stones up.



Getting creative.



Giving our flowers a little spray of water.



Exploring mark making.



Making sand castles.



Using small brushes and paints to create our colourful pictures.

Using a variety of resources with the play dough.



Caring for our Chickens.





# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in September 2024



Preparing our sandwiches for snack.



Exploring the climbing tree.



Practising washing our hands.



Building a ladder together.



Going for a morning run in the field.



Creating patterns with the Tappa shapes.



Catching raindrops.



Printing with tomatoes.



Creating our clay Hedgehogs.



Blackberry picking.



## Christmas Closing Dates

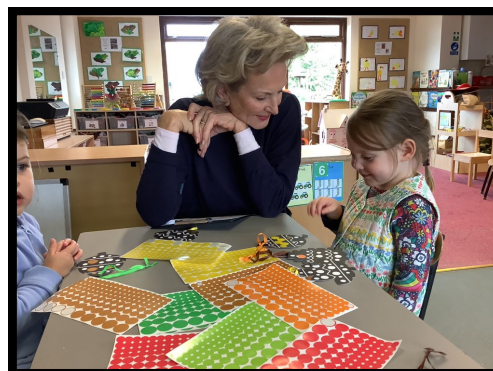
### Dates for Christmas Break 2024

Friday 20th December 2024-Nursery closes @ 6pm

Thursday 2nd January 2025-Nursery re-opens @ 8am

### Grandparent's afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you to all of our grandparents who supported our afternoon on Friday 4th October in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. We raised a total of £115-90 which was a fabulous amount, but we so enjoyed welcoming all of our grandparents into Nursery too.





## Thank you to

Thank you to Rory's family for very kindly donating some clothes for our spares and a selection of toys and puzzles.

I am sure the children will enjoy these new resources.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.



## Thank you to

Thank you to Roseanna's family for very kindly donating these lovely resources for the children at Nursery.

This was very kind of you and the younger children will have lots of fun exploring these.

Thank you so much.



## Thank you to

Thank you to Harry's family for very kindly donating some books to us.

The children are really enjoying looking at these and it was very kind of you to think of us.

Thank you so much.



## Thank you to

Thank you to Ezmae's family for very kindly donating some clothes for us to use as spares at Nursery.

These will be very useful and we are very grateful.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.





## Thank you to

Thank you to Sant's family for very kindly donating some clothes for our spares.

We are always so grateful for spare clothes, so thank you so much to Santi.



## Little Squirrels out and about

On Wednesday 25th September Little Squirrels went conker picking and on Wednesday 2nd October they visited St George Bakery for their "Little Red Hen" day. What a lovely time they have been having.



## Big Squirrels Conker picking and visiting a farm

We have had a lovely September with many fabulous learning opportunities for the Big Squirrel children.





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## Magic Moments

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Please let us know if your child has done something exciting at home and we will celebrate it here with a Wow Certificate! It is really wonderful to see our children taking steps forward in their learning and development and they also love sharing their certificates with their friends during Circle Time.

**Ladybirds:** Congratulations to **Maeve** for sleeping on a mat at Nursery. Well done to **Astrid** for sitting on a chair independently. Congratulations to **Ronan** for sleeping through the night. Well done to **Theo, Henry D, Seb, Darcie, Emilia** and **Finley** for settling so well into Ladybirds. Congratulations to **Seb** for walking independently. And a huge congratulations to **Darcie** for coming into Nursery so happily.

**Hedgehogs:** Well done to **Arthur, Tomos, Edith, Hazel, Isabella, Ronan, Maeve, Felix, Stella, Florence** and **Hanna** for all settling so well in the Hedgehog room.

**Little Squirrels:** Congratulations to **Aura** for being very brave having a blood test. Well done to all the new Little Squirrels for settling in so well. Congratulations to **Penelope** for doing so well wearing pants.

**Big Squirrels:** Well done to **Henry** for rescuing a bird and looking after it. Congratulations to **Roseanna** for giving up your dummy, Mummy and Daddy are very proud of you. Well done to all the new Big Squirrels for settling in so well. Congratulations to **Harry** for getting dressed and loading the dishwasher at home. Well done to **Wyatt** for dressing and undressing independently and well done to **Oliver** for brushing your teeth all by yourself. A huge congratulations to **Dylan** and **Santi** for being so brave with their flu jab- well done all of our Big Squirrel friends

**Congratulations to all of you superstars!**

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## Little Squirrels Parent Days

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This month will be Little Squirrels Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with your child's key worker how they are getting along, please email me at [info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk) and I will ask a member of the Little Squirrel team to arrange a telephone consultation with you.

Alternatively, please message the Little Squirrels staff through Tapestry and they will then arrange a convenient time with you via this method.

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## Environmental Health gives 5 stars to Doreen and Kay

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On 23rd September we had a routine visit from Environmental Health and Doreen and Kay received 5 stars!!

A huge thank you and well done to our wonderful cooks at Countryside- you make us all the most delicious meals and snacks. Thank you so much