



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter November 2025

Dingley's Promise Training

I am so pleased to announce that Countryside Day Nursery has achieved the Dingley's promise Mark of Achievement award.

So as a setting we have been able to access this training through Gloucestershire Local Authority. This has meant that every single one of our staff team has accessed a range of courses to support all the children's, needs, development and abilities within our setting.

Consequently we have now been able to gain our very own Mark of Achievement and this reflects our passion and commitment to inclusive practice in the early years. With this Mark of Achievement, our setting is now recognised for embracing the training within our team and as such, it reflects the dedication to transforming the lives of children.

I would like to thank our staff team as this has been quite an undertaking for the staff to complete extra training at home or here at work. However, I have the most fantastic staff team who are completely dedicated to all of the children here at Countryside. Therefore I would personally like to thank them all for helping Countryside to gain the Mark of Achievement Award.



Halloween Fun at Countryside!

As you can see we had so much fun celebrating Halloween at Countryside.

We enjoyed dressing up, hammering golf tees into pumpkins, decorating pumpkins, listening to spooky stories and of course we also went Trick or Treating!



Big Squirrels Trip to the Climbing Centre

On Tuesday 21st October we had a pirate day and we took our Big Squirrel friends climbing at the 270 climbing centre. We practised climbing like pirates "up the rigging" and Big Squirrels were so confident, it amazed even the instructors!! I hope you enjoy looking at the photos as we tried to get as many as we could and have added them all for you to enjoy.



Little Squirrels Trip to Newent Lake

On Tuesday 21st October in the morning Little Squirrels went on the Nursery Mini bus to Newent Lake. Whilst there we enjoyed taking part in our very own Bear Hunt where we had a splash in the stream and found the Bear in the forest.



Trip to Apperley Park

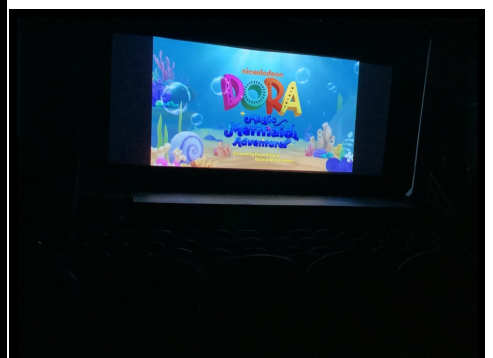
On Tuesday 7th October the Big Squirrels went to Apperley Park to explore the play equipment, they all had such an amazing time as you can see from the photographs.



Trip to the Theatre

On Monday 27th October in the morning Big Squirrels went to the Roses theatre in Tewkesbury, we walked around the theatre and talked about the audience and the big stage.

We all enjoyed watching the movie Dora and after we watched the movie we had some biscuits before we got back on the mini bus. What a fun morning we had!



Big Squirrels trip to Newent Library

We then went to the library on Wednesday 1st October where we chose some lovely new books to come back to nursery, we worked hard holding hands with our friends, well done big squirrels. In the afternoon, we looked at all the Library books we had chosen this morning.



Trip to Tesco's



On Monday 20th October the Big Squirrels went on the Nursery mini bus to Tesco's car spotting following on from their car themed day.

The children demonstrated excellent listing skills and were able to spot the car makes from their clip boards.



Thank you to Isabella

We would like to thank Isabella's family for very kindly donating this lovely baby gym to us.

The Ladybird children will have a so much enjoyment from this.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.



Thank you to Angus

Thank you to Angus's family for this wonderful donation of these resources.

The younger children in the setting will enjoy these lovely new resources.

Thank you so much, this was very kind of you.



Thank you to Vienna

We would like to thank Vienna's family for very kindly donating these lovely resources to us.

The children are having so much fun playing with these.

Thank you so much.



Thank you to Aura

We would like to thank Aura's family for very kindly donating this generous gift of a Yoto for all the children to enjoy at Nursery.

This was so very kind and thoughtful of you and the children are really enjoying this new resource.

Thank you so much.



Ladybirds Learning Activities in October 2025



Enjoying looking at books.



Exploring the sensory stacking rings.



Mark making with dabbers.



Creating witches hats.



Having fun on the slide.



Circle time.



Washing the babies.



Enjoying a story together.



Filling and emptying the pots.



Exploring the musical table.

Rolling and squashing the play dough.



Making marks with foam and revealing our reflections.



Hedgehogs Learning Activities in October 2025



Exploring the Halloween sensory tray.



Halloween Jelly fun.



Threading pasta.



Mud kitchen fun.



Mark making to create spiders.



Saying hello to the Nursery Chickens.



Scooping and digging in the sand.



Painting using rollers and brushes.



Having fun with the autumn leaves.



Rolling and squashing the play dough.



Looking at the Gruffalo story characters.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in October 2025



Sharing Tapestry news from home.



Creating our Autumn Tree.



Creating balancing beams.



Exploring the spider web sensory tray.



Completing puzzles together



Creating our Ghost pictures.



Painting our animal masks.



Practising our cutting skills.



Having fun in the rain and splashing in puddles.



Saying hello to the Nursery chickens.



Wedding celebrations.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in October 2025



Practicing turn taking playing a board game.



Muddy puddle fun.



Singing our favourite songs .



Mark making in the orange gloop.



Creating our Dinosaur sticker scene.



Having fun on our Pirate ship.



Sorting and counting the Dinosaurs.



Completing a Bear Hunt sequence.



Matching up the shapes.



Bike week.



Climbing tree fun.



Making sandwiches for our snack.

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 8th 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:-

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

If it is your child's session on Monday 8th 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 to ensure that the children have a memorable and 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 .

Thank you to Rory

We would like to thank Rory's family for very kindly donating this picnic table and bench for the children to use in the garden, and also puzzle and magazine.

I am sure the children will enjoy using this resources.

Thank you so much.



Thank you to Erin

We would like to thank Erin's family for very kindly donating these resources that Erin no longer needs.

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

Thank you so much.



Little Squirrels Bowling trip

On Friday 10th October Little Squirrels went on the Nursery Mini Bus to go bowling. They had lots of fun knocking down all the pins, having a little treat and a play on one or two of the arcade machines.



Thank you from Alex and Anne

Alex and Anne would like to say thank you so much to the staff and parents who very kindly donated for their wedding.

They both had an amazing day celebrating their marriage with family and friends and enjoyed a mini moon away in Wales. On behalf of us all here at Nursery, we would like to wish Alex and Anne every happiness for their future together.



Magic Moments

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 **Seb** for doing fabulous walking. Well done to **Samuel** for settling into Nursery so well and well done to **Eddie** for coming into Nursery so happily.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Callie** and **Dulcie** for settling so well into Hedgehogs. Congratulations to **Oscar** for sitting and engaging at circle time. Well done to **Sandy** for showing more confidence joining in with phrases at circle time.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations **Emmeline** for doing so well wearing pants.

Big Squirrels:- Congratulations to **Sidney H** for completing all your floor puzzles at home. Well done to **Arlo** for being so brave at the Dentist. A huge well done to **Kit**, for riding your bike without stabilizers, we are very proud of you,

Christmas Closing Dates

Dates for Christmas Break 2025

Friday 19th December 2025-Nursery closes @ 6pm
Monday 5th January 2026-Nursery re-opens @ 8am