



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

## February 2025

**Freddie out and about-** In Big Squirrels we have Freddie the dog, and just look at what he has been up to with our families and young children. Thank you to all our children and parents.



Holiday to the sea side.



Making friends with the chickens.



Riding Diddy the pony.



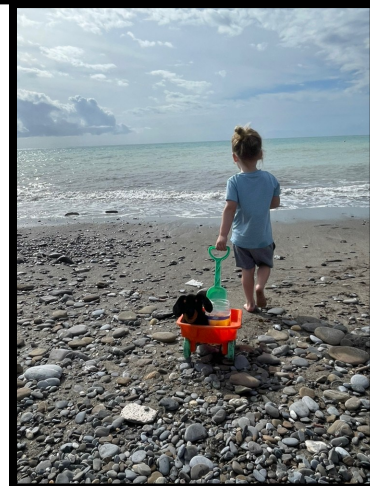
Thanks for coming to stay with us Freddie!



Trip to the bakery.



Playing a board game.



Beach trip in Italy.

Having a shoulder ride.



Going for a swimming lesson.



Helping out at Alpha Colour Printers.



Helping complete a puzzle.



# Ladybirds Learning Activities in January 2025



Exploring the sensory tray.



Having fun together in the sand tray.



Practising our fine motor skills.



Looking at books together.



Enjoying the colourful sensory toys.



Stacking the sensory rings.



Farm animal interest table.



Being creative with the colourful duplo blocks.



Exploring the paints.



# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in January 2025



Exploring the mud kitchen on a frosty morning.



Enjoying a tea party together.



Saying hello to our Big Squirrel siblings.



Building towers with the small wooden blocks.



Having fun together.



Sensory tray fun.



Practising our threading.



Going on an adventure in the Nursery boat.



Exploring with mark making.



# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in January 2025



Creating our blossom trees.



Exploring the noodle sensory tray.



Enjoying a book together.



Looking at letters.



Enjoying the DIY role play area.



Printing with paints and cutters.



Completing a number recognition activity.



Having a splashing time in the puddles.



Climbing up and over the wooden frame.



# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in January 2025



Printing with potatoes.



Completing the Cheerio challenge.



Exploring the icy puddles.



Painting our vegetable pictures.



Having fun with the vehicles.



Tracing our tractors.



Cosmic Yoga time.



Splashing about in the muddy puddles.



Getting creative with the play dough.



## Thank you to Isabella

Thank you to Isabella's family for very kindly donating this wonderful selection of toys and resources.

This was very kind of you and the children have been having lots of fun exploring and playing with these.

Thank you for thinking of us.



## Thank you to Maeve

Thank you to Maeve's family for kindly donating these resources and nappies. These will be very useful for our younger children.

Thank you so much, this was very kind.



## Thank you to Angus

Thank you to Angus's family for donating the clothes and toys. These will be well used and I'm sure the younger children will have fun exploring the new resources.

Thank you so much for thinking of us, this was very kind.



## Thank you to Henry

Thank you to Henry's family for donating these clothes for our spares.

These certainly will be well used.

Thank you so much for thinking of us, this was very kind.





## Thank you to Dylan

Thank you to Dylan's family for very kindly donating this selection of woolly hats..

This was very kind of you and the se will come in very useful for the colder days.

Thank you for thinking of us.



## Thank you to Roseanna

Thank you to Roseanna's family for very kindly donating this warm coat.

This was very kind of you and the se will come in very useful for the colder days.

Thank you for thinking of us.



## Thank you to Wyatt

Thank you to Wyatt's family for very kindly donating a variety of resources for the children at Nursery.

The children are going to have so much fun exploring these new resources throughout the Nursery.

Thank you so much for your kind donation.

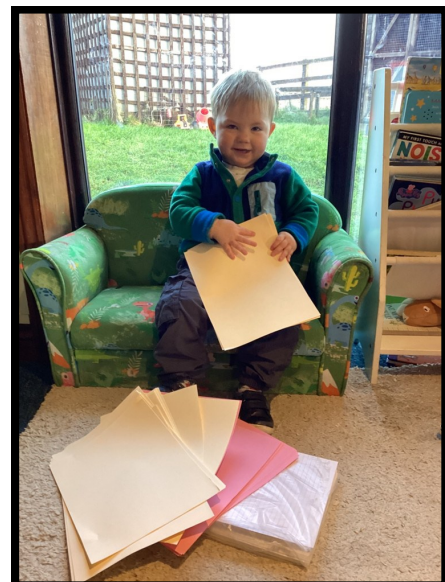


## Thank you to Wilf

Thank you to Wilf's family you have very kindly donating some paper to us for the children to use for mark making.

This was very thoughtful of you and the children will enjoy using the paper to mark make in all the rooms.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.





## Mummy's Afternoon

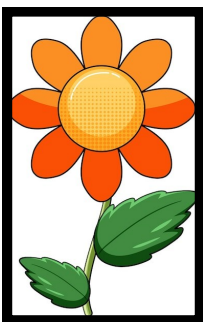
On Friday 28th March 4pm-5.30pm we are inviting our Mummy's into Nursery to enjoy some creative activities with your child and enjoy a light refreshment.

This afternoon is to celebrate Mothering Sunday which for this year will be 30th March. If Mummies aren't available, grandmothers, aunts or godmothers are more than welcome too.

Our aim is to also organise a Dad's morning in June at around the time of Father's day, so grandfather, uncles and godfathers will be welcome to attend on that day.

Therefore, throughout the year we are keen to welcome our families into the Nursery to see what we do and to support your children's learning.

This afternoon is available for the children's Mums who attend on that Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately we can't open this up to everyone as we just wouldn't have the space.



Therefore, if your child is at Nursery on Friday 28th March, and you would like to join us, please let us know via an email to me or through Tapestry by Friday 14th March.

Thank you.

## Thank you to Levi



Thank you to Levi's family for very kindly donating some pants for us to use for our spares.

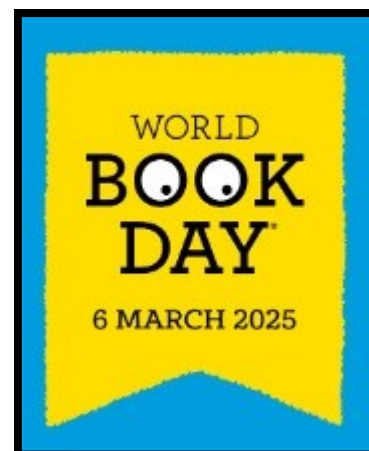
This was very kind of you and they will be very useful.

## World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

We will be dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday 6th March and if you would like to, join in please bring your child to nursery dressed as their favourite book character. If you need a little inspiration have a look at [www.bookaid.org/worldbookday](http://www.bookaid.org/worldbookday) for some ideas and step by step character costume-making guides!

Stories are such an important part of a child's Early Years experiences and we look forward to celebrating World Book Day on 6th March. Please do encourage your child to bring their favourite story this week so we can promote the children's literacy skills for the week.

If parents would like a £1 voucher which you can exchange for one of 10 exclusive £1 World Book Day books or you can use it to get £1 off any book costing more than £2.99 please ask a staff member. You can use these vouchers in supermarkets and many independent bookshops. These vouchers are valid between certain dates- I have received the vouchers and they will be available in the Nursery classes, so please do just ask us for these. If you would like any further information please do have a look at [www.worldbookday.com/books](http://www.worldbookday.com/books)





## Big Squirrels trip to Over Farm Shop

Following on from our healthy eating week on Wednesday 8th January Big squirrels went on a trip to Over Farm Shop to look at all the fruit and vegetables and choose some to bring back to Nursery to explore and taste. The children were each given a flash card with a picture and name of either an item of fruit or a vegetable and they browsed the shop to find their item.- what fun we had





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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 **Henry** for recognizing and pointing out the star shape. Well done to **Ivy** and **Gabriella** for settling so well. Congratulations to **Lottie** for practicing your walking on your walker and by holding hands. Well done to **Xander** for practicing walking using the walker and doing some excellent self-soothing at sleep time and Congratulations to **Theo** for using more speech sounds when communicating.

**Hedgehogs:** Well done to **Alfie** for giving dummies away to the babies. Congratulations to **Astrid** for helping to tidy up in Hedgehogs. Well done to **Milo** for showing good listening and kindness towards friends. Congratulations to **Polly** and **Fred** for both settling in so well.

**Little Squirrels:** Congratulations to **Edison** and **Bianca** for both doing so well wearing pants.

**Big Squirrels:** Well done **Wilbur** for cleaning your teeth all by yourself.

**Congratulations to all of you superstars!**

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## People who help us w/c 24th February 2025

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We are organising a "People who help us" week for the whole Nursery during the week commencing 24th February. Therefore, we are looking for some help with this. If any parents have any skills which they would like to share or have any workplaces which we could visit with the Nursery children, we would love you to be involved.

Please could you email me if you are able to help as we would be so grateful- partnership with us is so important to support your children's learning and this is a fabulous way to involve our parents. Thank you in advance with your help with this.

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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 your child's progress and how they are getting along, please email me at [info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk) and I will Little Squirrels to arrange a consultation with you.

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

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## School Choices for 2025

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As the deadline for applying for your child's choices for school has now passed we would like to wish all of our parents and children the very best of luck as their school choices are now being sorted by the various Local Authorities. This is always an anxious time as the wait is long and parents won't hear until April, however, if you could let us know in April which school your child has been accepted to, I would be very grateful. We will then be contacting your child's school to ensure a smooth transition by arranging a discussion with you as parents and your child's reception teacher.