



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

## January 2025

### Countryside's Nativity Play



Nativity Days.....

We had the most amazing Nativities-  
well done to all our Big Squirrel friends-  
you were fabulous.

We were very proud of you all!!





# Christmas Party Day

On Monday 9th December Hedgehogs, Little Squirrels and Big Squirrels enjoyed their Christmas parties at the village hall. As you can see from the photographs the children had a fabulous time.



## A visit to the stable



On Thursday 5th December Big Squirrels were very kindly invited to visit Bea's house to see the Nativity story come to life! When we arrived we met Mary, Joseph, an Angel and Beatrix's pony called Diddy who played the part of the donkey.

We shared the story together, we knocked on the door to the innkeeper saying we could stay in the stable. We had a lovely hot chocolate and a biscuit while listening to our nativity songs and Bea's Mummy even read us the Nativity story- what an amazing trip.





# Choosing Nursery Christmas Trees

On Monday 2nd December the Big Squirrel children went on a trip to Shaun's farm at Ashleworth to choose the Christmas trees for Nursery. The children picked out three beautiful trees for Nursery and Shaun showed the children how to tell the age of the trees by counting the rings once they were cut.



## Posting Letters to Santa

On Monday the 2nd December Big Squirrels went on a trip to Ashleworth Post Office to post their letters to Santa.

The children thought very hard of what they would like to ask Santa for and we waited eagerly for the Santa's reply, which arrived this week.



### Thank you to Angus



Thank you to Angus's family for very kindly donating these books to us.

This was very kind of you and I am sure they will be very popular. Thank you for thinking of us.

### Thank you to Isabella



Thank you to Isabella's family for donating these resources to us, this was so kind.

The children will have lots of fun exploring them. Thank you so much.



# Ladybirds Learning Activities in December 2024



Showing an interest in the ICT toys.



Enjoying looking at a book.



Exploring the Christmas interest table.



Emptying and filling the pots.



Having fun together in the tent.



Exploring what's inside the Christmas stocking.



Exploring the Aqua mat.



Having fun threading the spaghetti into the colander.



Exploring duck sensory tray.



Having fun with the baby gym.



Exploring the busy board together.



# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in December 2024



Decorating our Christmas tree.



Opening our Advent calendar.



Building towers.



Showing an interest in numbers.



Decorating our Christmas tree.



Music and movement time.



Having fun in the boat.



Enjoying playing in the meadow together.



Making gingerbread people.



# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in December 2024



Rice sensory tray fun.



Looking for bugs.



Creating pictures with Christmas stickers.



Cooking up some treats in the mud kitchen.



Decorating Christmas biscuits.



Decorating our Christmas tree.



Using the rollers to create our group painting.



Christmas craft.



Exploring the kinetic sand sensory tray with tools.



Practising cutting skills.



# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in December 2024



Opening our Advent calendar.



Delivering our Christmas cards.



Colouring in Christmas cards.



Exploring the Christmas sensory tray.



Digging and scooping.



Creating our Christmas table decorations.



Enjoying a game of Festive cards



Christmas craft.



Decorating Christmas biscuits.



Having a play at Ashleworth School.



Colouring and cutting Christmas pictures.



# School Nativity Performances

The Big Squirrels children were very kindly invited to watch the local schools nativity performances. The children really enjoyed watching these and sat so well during them.. Well done Big Squirrels.



Eldersfield Performance.



Waiting for Staunton Schools Nativity to start.



Pendock Schools Nativity



Ashleworth Schools Nativity





# Christmas Lunch at Nursery

On Friday 20th December Kay cooked us all a fantastic Christmas Lunch. We all enjoyed it and as you can see from our pictures we got into the spirit of Christmas!





## 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 **Henry** for sleeping on a mat at Nursery and coming into Nursery so well. Well done to **Xander** and **Elana** for settling in so well and Congratulations to **Ava** and **Emilia** for rolling over onto your tummies.

**Hedgehogs:** Congratulations to **Otto**, **Hazel** and **Maeve** for using new words at Nursery. Well done to **Edith** for learning your friends names at Nursery. Congratulations to **Sienna** for being very helpful tidying up at Nursery. Well done to **Ronan** for being very helpful tidying up and joining in at circle time.

**Big Squirrels:** Well done to **Ezmae** for confidently using the toilet.

We are so proud of you all

A very big congratulations to all you superstars!

## Staff Christmas Meal

On Friday 13th December we went out for a well deserved meal, as you can see from the photos we all had a fantastic time celebrating and opening our gifts.

