



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

## January 2026

### Countryside's Nativity Play



Nativity Days.....

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

All of our parents, grandparents and relatives came to watch.

We were very proud of you all!!



# Christmas Party Day

On Monday 8th 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 Monday 1st December we had a special treat as we were invited to Sidney's stable to see baby Jesus, we looked at a real life stable and imagined what it was like for Mary. We also met Frank the Shetland pony, we enjoyed singing some of our Nativity songs and we then finished off our trip with a story and a hot chocolate, thank you to Sidney's parents for organising this amazing trip for us.



## Little Squirrels trip to watch the Nativity Play

On Tuesday 9th December Little Squirrels went in the Nursery mini bus to the village hall to watch the Big Squirrel nativity Play.

We had so much fun watching them sing, act and celebrate Christmas.

Well done Big Squirrels you were all amazing!



## Big Squirrels trip to Tewkesbury Fields

We had a busy start to the morning on Tuesday 16th December as we were getting ready to perform our Nativity show at Tewkesbury Fields Care Home.

We all had a fabulous time and all the residents thought the children were wonderful.

Thank you to all parents who donated gifts for the residents. The children distributed these gifts to the residents and wished them all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# Ladybirds Learning Activities in December 2025



Admiring the Christmas tree.



Christmas craft time.



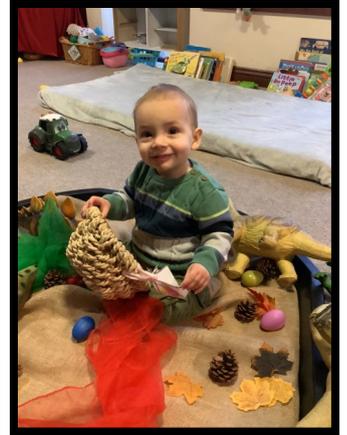
Exploring the ICT toys.



Fun with paint and Christmas shape sponges.



Creating some sparkly star pictures.



Enjoying the Dinosaur sensory tray.



Looking at books together.



Having fun popping the



Filling and emptying pots.

# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in December 2025



Opening our Advent Calendar.



Exploring the mud kitchen.



Sharing our Tapestry news.



Enjoying the foam sensory tray.



Playing with the small world animals together.



Building relationships with good friends!!!



Mark making.



Tapping in the pegs.



Completing the peg board puzzle



Christmas craft time.



Enjoying a Tea Party together.

# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in December 2025



Having fun splashing in the puddles.



Looking for bugs



Creating our Rudolph pictures.



Music time.



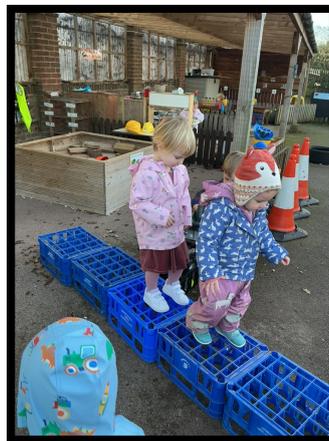
Talia and Alex, stepping in for Mary and Joseph



Opening our Advent Calendar.



Christmas craft time.



Practicing our balancing skills.



Building structures together.

# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in December 2025



Painting our Santa pictures.



Muddy puddle fun.



Playing a game together.



Fun in the climbing tree together.



Practicing our Nativity play in front of all our Nursery friends.



Completing our Christmas craft.



Singing some favourite Christmas songs.



Decorating our Christmas wreaths.



Having fun mark making.



Enjoying some Christmas Craft.

# 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.. Thank you so much to the three schools for inviting us to watch their Nativities- it was wonderful to see some "Ex"-Countryside Children being so happy and joyful at their schools. Well done to all of our current Big Squirrels friends for sitting so well and watching these fun Nativities. .

## Eldersfield Performance.



## Waiting for Staunton Schools Nativity to start.



Unfortunately we didn't manage to get any photos of this Nativity as this was on our Christmas party day, but we thank Staunton and Corse so much for inviting us, the children had a wonderful time

## Pendock Schools Nativity



# Christmas Lunch at Nursery

On Friday 19th December Doreen 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!

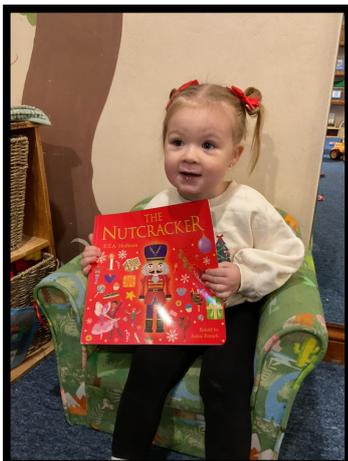


## Thank you to Vienna

We would like to thank Vienna's family for very kindly donating the story book of the Nutcracker for all her Hedgehog friends to enjoy looking and listening to at Nursery.

This was so kind of you, and I am sure the children will enjoy this Christmasy story.

Thank you so much.



## Thank you to Fred

We would like to thank Fred's family who very kindly donated the spare party bags from Fred's birthday to give to share with some of his Big Squirrel friends.

Thank you so much the children were very excited to receive these and Fred enjoyed giving them out.



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## Tractor Run

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On Wednesday 17th December we had a real treat as the Tractors came straight past the Nursery. Thank you to all our parents for being so careful in the car park and for being conscious about their arrival times. We had a wonderful time watching all the tractors come past and there was so many!!!



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## New Cot Mattress's for Ladybirds

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At Countryside we are always so aware to safeguard the children and we follow the "Lullaby Trust" for safer sleep advice for babies as well as keeping up-to-date with all the latest guidelines through our Local Authority, Ofsted and NHS. UK.

We also work alongside our parent to promote safer sleeping for infants and as an example we recommend that cot mattresses at home are to be changed at least every 2 years. The guidance is every 2-5 years or sooner if there are signs of wear and tear. Therefore, we continuously check our cot mattresses and as a standard procedure, we replace our every two years.

Please see a photo as we have just replaced our cot mattresses ready for the New Year.



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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 **Elsie. J** for being a fantastic big sister.

**Hedgehogs:** Congratulations to **Chloe, Logan and Elsie V**, for all settling so well in the Hedgehog room.

We are so proud of you all  
A very big congratulations to all you superstars!

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## Staff Christmas Meal

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On Thursday 19th 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. Thank to all the staff as they kindly donated funds towards some wonderful gifts to me- it was a very kind and thoughtful gesture and I was very touched- thank you to my fabulous Countryside team- Grace xxx

