



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter March 2026

## Making Countryside Safer.

As you can see Kinahan Contracting have been working intensively to increase Countryside's security.

I appreciate that there has been some disruptions whilst this work was being completed but as you can see Phase 1 of the work is finished. Can I just say a huge thank you to Nick and his team as they have been so patient when allowing the children to watch the diggers, dumpers and power tools during operations- this has been a great source of entertainment for all of our Countryside children- they have absolutely loved watching this.

Phase 2 will be beginning soon and this is where the electrical keypad locks and monitors will be installed.

Thank you also to our parents and staff for your patience during this time.

I hope you enjoy the photos of before, during and after



# Trainmaster Event- Thursday 27th February

On Thursday 27th Grace booked the village hall and we enjoyed a private Trainmasters event.

This event was just for our Countryside children (there was no general public) and Big, Little Squirrels and Hedgehogs all enjoyed this session.

We had a wonderful time playing with all of the trains, and as a staff team, it was joyful to watch the children having such fun at this event.

Thank you to Trainmasters for accommodating us and we look forward to booking another event in the not such distant future.

For further information, please visit their website

[www.gloucestershire.trainmaster.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.trainmaster.co.uk)



# Ladybirds Learning Activities in February 2026



Getting creative with stickers.



Pushing and rolling the cars over the soft play blocks.



Parachute fun.



Lentil sensory tray fun.



Enjoying the lift-the-flap book.



Creating some colourful Easter Pictures.



Enjoying Fabulous Box Play



Using shaving foam, for sensory play with mirrors



Busy Washing the babies



Enjoying the sensory light

# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in February 2026



Transferring the pasta with the scoop.



Exploring the Busy Boards.



Mark making together.



Creating patterns with the large Mosaics.



Enjoying song time.



Creating a Valentines themed picture.



Mark making with rollers and brushes.



Amazing looking at books and turning the pages



Excellent fine motor skills- threading pasta

# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in February 2026



Sharing Tapestry news from home.



Independent book time.



Mixing Ginger Bread dough.



Practising our football skills



An exciting "What's in the Box" game



Enjoying indoor tennis



Enjoying some water painting.



A fabulous trip to Apperley Park- what fun we had

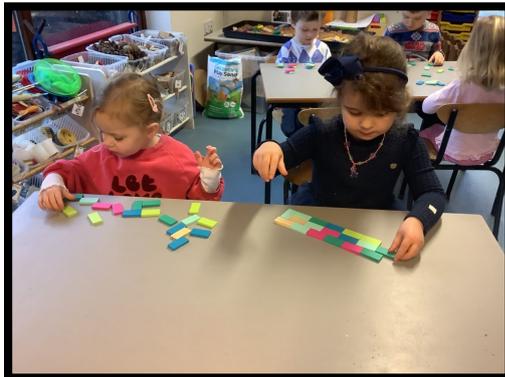


Lovely ice play as we celebrated the Winter Olympics

# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in February 2026



Completing building block challenges.



Making patterns with the Wooden Dominoes.



Having fun in the sand tray.



Playing Tennis.



Feeding Tiddler, our pet lamb from last year- hasn't she grown?!



Creating Ice-creams in the sensory tray.



Chalking with friends



Off into the meadow



Parachute fun



Feeding Baby Chinese Noodles

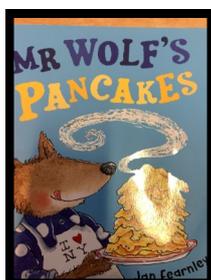
## Big Squirrels Trip to Soft Play

On Tuesday 3rd February in the afternoon Big Squirrels enjoyed going on the Nursery minibus a trip to Roses Country Fayre Soft play.

The children had a great time and spotted lots of 3D shapes too.



## Shrove Tuesday Celebrations



On Tuesday 17th February we celebrated Shrove Tuesday at Countryside with a wide range of activities. As you can see from the Photographs the children had lots of fun.



## People who help us week- w/c 16th March

We are starting to fill our slots- if any parent/ relative or friend has any skills, please do share with us.

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Possible visit to Printing Facto-	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Hedgehogs Flower arranging	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March		
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Little City Party booked for Hedgehogs, Little Squirrels and	Visit from an Ambulance
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Squirrels Visit from Angus' Dad, the goat farmer with Visit from Police Man/Lady (But	

# Celebrating Chinese New Year- the Year of the Horse



On Tuesday 17th February we all celebrated Chinese New Year and completed different activities throughout our classes. What great fun we had and we especially enjoyed trying to eat our Chinese lunch with chop sticks.

## A Fabulous Melody Makers session



On Thursday 12th February Big, Little Squirrels and Hedgehogs enjoyed a fabulous music session delivered by Kathryn from Melody Makers. We all had great fun using Kathryn's resources and singing and dancing to some new songs. Thank you to Kathryn for returning back to Countryside, it was fabulous to see you again.

## A lovely Valentine's Day



We all enjoyed a wonderful Valentine's day with plenty of celebrations—well done to all rooms for making this day special for the children and our families.



# Thank you to....

## Gabriella's Family

We would like to thank Gabriella's family for very kindly donating this wonderful Fisher-price farm and zoo buildings with animals set for the other children to play with at Nursery.

This was very kind of you and I am sure the children will have so much fun with this lovely resource.  
Thank you so much.



## Hunter's Family

We would like to thank Hunter's family for donating this lovely book shelf for us to use at Nursery.  
This was very kind of you to think of us.  
Thank you so much.



## Little Squirrels trip to Apperley Park

On Friday 6th February in the morning Little Squirrels headed onto the mini bus to visit the park, they had lots of fun playing on the swings and going down the slide. They practiced their balancing on the balance beams.



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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-** Well done to **Samuel** for showing us your fantastic hand and eye co-ordination with the balls- amazing, well done. Also, well done to **James** for practising your super walking- go **James** go!!! Also a huge well done to **Jesse** for sleeping on a snooze mat- well done **Jesse**. Also, well done to **Finn** for practising to use your spoon at meal-times, this is a great skill to learn- well done **Finn**. And finally a huge well done to **Ollie, Pippa, William** and **Darcie** for settling so well into Ladybirds- we are super proud of you all.

**Hedgehogs-** Congratulations to **Billie, Elsie J, Gigi** and **Eddie** for settling so well into Hedgehogs- we are super proud of you. A huge well done to **Emilia** for using more words at Nursery. Well done to **Vienna** and **Gabriella** for starting to use the potty- that is amazing. A big well done to **Theo** for being so kind and helping his friends at Nursery and finally a big well done to **Chloe** for gaining more confidence in all areas of development in the Hedgehog class.

**Little Squirrels-** Congratulations to **Ronan** for sleeping in your own bed all night. A huge well done to **Darcie** for being a new kind and caring big sister. Also a great big well done to **Edith** for transitioning into big girl pants- well done.

**Big Squirrels-** Well done to **Arlo** for getting dressed and undressed all by yourself.

Well done to **Congratulations to all of you superstars!**

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**Thank you to Erin**

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Thank you so much to Erin for kindly donating some of your lovely clothes for us to use as spare clothes. It was very kind and thoughtful of you.



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## Easter Closing Dates

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**Easter Closing Dates**  
**Nursery closes 6pm Thursday 2nd April 2026**  
**Nursery re-opens 8am Tuesday 7th April 2026**

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