



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

October 2026

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 14th 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 14th December, we will have the staff to look after your child, however, if you would like to attend too, you would be more than welcome. 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, Issy and Immy will be organising some extra special Christmas activities for the babies during this week at Nursery .

Children in Need- Friday 13th November

This year we will be completing a Children in Need day on Friday 13th November to raise funds for this very important charity. We very rarely ask parents for fund raising, but this event is once a year and it is a worthwhile charity to raise funds for,

Therefore, there is a sponsor form attached with this email and we are very excited as we are taking the Big and Little Squirrels for a Supastrikers session on Friday 13th November at Hartpury Village Hall to gather sponsors. For the Ladybirds and Hedgehogs they are organising a sponsored pyjama day. Therefore, we will be planning these activities on the Friday, so please feel free to print off a sponsor form and join in.

It will be an exciting day as we enjoy some fun activities to celebrate Children in Need 2026



Countryside Nativity Play for Big Squirrels and their families

This year we will be completing a Nativity play which will involve all of the children in Big Squirrels. As it is their final year here at Nursery we try to give the children as many experiences as we can. A Nativity is one experience which we know will be highly likely that the children will experience at school and it is also a fun and enjoyable activity.

So the date for the Nativities will be Tuesday 15th December at Corse and Staunton Village Hall and the timings will be as follows:-

8-00am All Big Squirrels arrive at the hall, even if it is not your child's day, please could they attend, there will be no extra charges for this session. If your child can't complete all day on Tuesday 15th December, please let me know asap. We will then be completing a dress rehearsal

11-00am- Nativity show for all grandparents/ godparents/ Aunties/Uncles

Lunch will be provided for all the children at the hall.

1-45pm Nativity show for all parents

Please do email to let me know who will be attending- exciting times ahead!!!

Ladybirds Learning Activities in September 2026



Using the Dabbers to add colour to our pictures.



Exploring the Toot Toot vehicles and track.



Enjoying the Under the Sea sensory tray.



Practising our walking.



Swing time fun.



Playing with the sensory rings together.



Exploring the sensory blocks.



Exploring the bug sensory tray.



Enjoying some songs at circle time.



Exploring the Gruffalo themed sensory tray.



Playing alongside one another with the play kitchen.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in September 2026



Visiting the Nursery Chickens.



Bubble popping fun.



Singing some familiar songs together.



Mark making using the large chalks.



Exploring the Handa's Surprise Basket.



Mark making alongside each other.



Having fun in the mud kitchen.



Making marks in the paint with the tractors.



Exploring the Autumn themed sensory tray.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in September 2026



Getting creative with the magnetic tiles.



Water play fun together.



Practising our scissor control.



Having fun together.



Feeding the Nursery chickens.



Enjoying colouring in our pictures.



Enjoying the Paw Patrol sensory tray.



Independent book time.



Creating our Whale collages.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in September 2026



Completing shape puzzles.



Creating our square collage.



Decorating our Gold crowns.



Playing with the Marble Run together.



Constructing together.



Having great fun in the climbing tree.



Creating a tree picture with the leaves we collected in the meadow.



Exploring The Little Red Hen sensory tray.

Making crumble.



Creating Robot pictures.



Enjoying a story.

Christmas Closing Dates

Dates for Christmas Break 2026

Tuesday 22nd December 2026-Nursery closes @ 6pm

Monday 4th January 2027-Nursery re-opens @ 8am

Grandparent's afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you to all of our grandparents who supported our afternoon on Thursday 24th September aid of Macmillan Cancer support. We raised a total of £114-50 which was a fabulous amount, but we so enjoyed welcoming all of our grandparents into Nursery too. Thank you to all who attended



Thank you to Angus

We would like to thank Angus's family for very kindly donating these resources to us.
The children always enjoy playing shops so they are going to have a lot of fun playing with this.
The step for toilet will be very useful too.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.



Thank you to Jesse

We would like to thank Jesse's family for kindly donating these nappies to us.
This was very kind of you to think of us and they will be soon be used.

Thank you so much.



Big Squirrels trip to St. Georges Bakery

On Friday 25th September for our adult led activity we went on the Nursery mini bus to the bakery to see bread and collect a loaf.

We had a lovely tour behind the scenes with Alan and even got to taste some cake! Then we left the bakery to feed Archie the donkey before collecting our bread to take back to Nursery.



Big Squirrels trip to Ashleworth Park

On Monday 21st September Big Squirrels went on the mini bus to a trip to Ashleworth Park to collect conkers and have a play on the equipment in the park.

The children collected enough conkers to share with all their friends at Nursery and had a super time on the play equipment.



Little Squirrels trip to Ashleworth Park



On Wednesday 23rd September in the morning Little Squirrels also went on a trip to Ashleworth Park on the Nursery minibus to collect conkers and have a play in the park.

They all had a wonderful time and gathered lots of conkers to take back to Nursery.



Trip to Court Farm

On Wednesday 23rd September Big Squirrels were all excited to be going on the mini bus to the Farm shop to explore the produce. All children were given a card with a picture of fruit or vegetable and it was everyone's job to find the produce in the shop. Well done everyone! We also added a lot of produce to our basket including 5 carrots, some bananas and a sweet treat from Grace.



Little Squirrels trip to St. Georges Bakery

On Tuesday 29th September Little Squirrels went on the Nursery mini bus to the bakery where they met Alan the Baker who kindly showed the children how bread is made.

The children were able to see lots of different bread and delicious cakes being made.

At the end of the trip Grace very kindly bought a Cottage Loaf for each child to take home to enjoy with their families.



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 **Theo** and **Bonnie** for doing such amazing walking. Well done to **Orson** and **George** for settling into Nursery so well. Congratulations to **William** for practicing and learning new words.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Finn, Oliver, Pippa, Darcie, Imogen, Thomas, Noah** and **William** for all settling so well into the Hedgehogs. Congratulations to **Seb** for doing so well using the potty. Congratulations to **Jesse** for being so kind to your friends at Nursery. Well done to **Eva** for being very helpful at tidy up time.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Alba, Ava, Callie, Chloe, Dulcie, Eddie, Emilia, Elsa, Elana, Elsie J, Elsie V, Finley, Gabriella, Gigi, Ivy, Logan, Lottie, Oscar, Patrick, Peter, Rocky, Sandy, Theo, Vienna, Xander** and **Zachary** for all settling so well into Little Squirrels. Well done to **Elsa** for doing so well wearing pants.

Big Squirrels: Well done to **Alfie, Angus, Astrid, Cianan, Darcie, Edith, Emmeline, Felix, Florence, Fred, Hanna, Hazel, Henry, Isaac, Isabella, Maeve, Milo, Polly, Ronan, Sienna, Stella, Wilfred C and Wilfred C-J** for all settling so well into Big Squirrels. Congratulations to **Henry** for riding your bike so well. Well done to **Astrid** for being so confident at the skate park. Well done to **Cianan** for being a super big helper to Daddy whilst building your new bed. Congratulations to **Edith, Emmeline** and **Maeve** for being super brave having your vaccinations. Well done to **Isabella** for achieving your level 3 swimming award.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Thank you to Theo

We would like to thank Theo's family for very kindly donating these wellies to us.

These will be very useful and well used I am sure.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.



Little Squirrels Parent Days

This month will be Little Squirrels Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with your child's key worker how they are getting along, please email me at info@country-sidedaynursery.co.uk and I will ask a member of the Little Squirrel team to arrange a telephone consultation with you.

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