

February 2026



Tiddly Winks Nursery

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our February newsletter!

We are thrilled to share with you the many learning opportunities that were accessible throughout January for your little ones.

Please read on to find out more.

*All the best,
Louise, Georgia, Steph & Charlotte*

Acorns

In the Acorns room we have been honing in on physical development in order to support the children's abilities and skills to take steps and foster newly acquired skills. This has been achievable through many resources and apparatus, both in the indoor and outdoor environment and encouragement from the practitioners!

Little Oaks

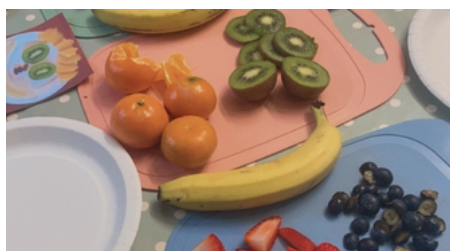
The Little Oaks children have been engaging in various small world, sensory and mathematical activities, carefully set up by the practitioners this month. They have adored honing in on these skills and having new experiences to explore and learn from.

Junipers

Junipers have been practicing their fine motor development through a range of activities! These activities have incorporated elements of mathematics, in a mark-making environment, as well as navigating how to use scissors through practicing. This approach has particularly encouraged language around numbers, mathematical concepts and patterns.

Pre-School

Pre-School have immersed themselves into the topic of 'All about me' as the New Year starts. This topic has been at the centre of activities and conversations in which they have particularly adored making their own faces using different types of fruit and vegetables, to then indulge in afterwards. This sparked many conversations around healthy eating, facial features and mathematical concepts and shapes!



Dates for the diary:

9th - 15th February-
Children's Mental Health Week

14th February-
Valentines Day

17th February-
Random Acts of Kindness Day

Policy of the month:

Our policy folder is available in the front entrance for all parents and visitors to look through.

In addition, please see our current '**Babysitting and out of hours care**' policy.

Makaton sign of the month:



'Kind'

Events and Celebrations in February

'Children's Mental Health Week' and 'Random Acts of Kindness Day' will spark conversations around different acts of 'being kind' and getting our bodies moving for the purpose of well-being! It is always valued to engage in conversations with your little ones about these topics to align with what we will be focusing on within the setting.

Staff Updates:

As you will all know from the recent Nursery in a box notice, after 14 wonderful years, our Assistant Manager, Georgia is leaving Tiddly Winks to start a new role within the Education Team at Surrey County Council. Georgia is both excited and sad to be leaving the nursery. Her son, Lennon, will continue to attend Tiddly Winks so she will remain a familiar and friendly face around the nursery. Georgia's last working days is Wednesday 18th February.

We hope you will join us in congratulating Steph who has accepted the position of Assistant Manager and Charlotte who has accepted the position of Third in Charge.

We are also saying goodbye to the lovely Holly P & Chelsea. This is an especially emotional goodbye as they have both been a part of our Tiddly family for the last decade. Since starting at Tiddly Winks, both Holly and Chelsea have grown their own families and are now starting different respective chapters outside of Early Years that will allow them a greater work/home life balance. Both Holly and Chelsea have been instrumental in the creating the Tiddly Winks family feel and ethos we are so proud of and will be truly missed.

We are very excited to share with you the news that we will soon be joined by Cheila, a fantastic Level 3 and very experienced Early Years Educator. Cheila has extensive experience in Early Years and we look forward to seeing what she brings to our team!

Dish of the month Banana Oat Pancakes



Ingredients:

- 125ml oat milk
- 2 eggs
- separated
- 1 small banana
- 100g rolled oats
- 2 tsp baking powder
- few drops of vanilla extract

Method:

Step 1

- Put the oat milk, egg yolks, banana, oats, baking powder and vanilla in a blender and process to as smooth a mixture as you can get. Whisk the eggs whites until they hold stiff peaks. Whisk 1-2 tsp of the whites into the batter, then fold in the rest.

Step 2

- Heat a non-stick pan over a medium heat and spray with a whisper of oil, pour about 2 tbsp of batter into the pan and cook for 1-2 mins, until the base sets and bubbles appear all over the top. Flip and cook the other side for a minute. Repeat in batches, making sure the top looks dryish before attempting the flip, or the centre will collapse.