

# August 2025 Newsletter



Tiddly Winks Nursery



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

Welcome to our August newsletter!

We are thrilled to share with you the many learning opportunities that were accessible throughout July for your little ones. Please read on to find out more.

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

There has been new climbing apparatus accessible in the garden which the children have been using to hone in on their physical development! Taking these types of risks with the new apparatus has been developing their confidence, independence, resilience and problem-solving skills.

### Acorns

The Acorns children have been developing their multi sensory exploration through exploring natural resources. They have especially enjoyed splashing around in soil mixed with water.

### Little Oaks

The Little Oaks children loved the recent visit from Slow Farah the tortoise! They were keen to help bathe and feed her whilst learning about how tortoises hibernate. They adored feeling her shell and learning new vocabulary to describe her different textures.

### Junipers

A fun football couple of days were planned by the staff team in Junipers, in honour of the Women's euros. Great fun was had by all and they were delighted to be given their certificate and medal after showing off their incredible skills and determination.

### Pre-School

Pre-School had another fun filled month of planned activities! The school leavers had their graduation party, the children opportunity to participate in the organised Sports Day which the practitioners planned. This exceeded expectations and the children had an unforgettable experience!

### Dates for the diary:

4th-8th August-  
**Beach Week**

26<sup>th</sup> August-  
**International Dog Day**

### Policy of the month:

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

In addition, this month we will be refreshing ourselves with the '**Physical activity**' policy.

### Makaton sign of the month:



Beach

## Events & Celebrations in August

Our annual beach week is in the diary for the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> August! This week will be full of beach inspired activities for your little ones' to engage in.

International Dog Day is approaching towards the end of August. Please feel free to upload some photo's of your little ones' with your family dog(s) to Learning Journals!

### Parent messages:

Please be reminded to return the government funding forms to the office as soon as possible.

Please ensure when you enter or exit the building you are pulling the door closed behind you.

### Staff updates:

As we gear up for the new academic year, we wanted to share some exciting updates regarding our wonderful team at Tiddlywinks. Our very own Laura, Jess and Emily will be taking on new roles within the Pre-School room, whilst Sally, Dan and Megan will be transitioning into the Juniper room.

These opportunities offer professional growth and development for each individual! The teams are all very much looking forward to the switch around and we are as excited for the children and the unique flair of passionate and creative teaching each new team will bring to the rooms.

We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to a successful and enriching year ahead!

### Dish of the month

#### Homemade banana and berry ice cream



#### Ingredients:

- 6 large, ripe bananas, thickly sliced
- 200g mixed frozen berries
- 300g fat-free greek-style yoghurt
- 175g light condensed milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

#### Method:

1. Freeze the sliced bananas in a freezerproof bag for 3-4 hours, until solid.
2. Whizz the frozen berries with half the yoghurt in a food processor until fairly smooth. Turn out of the processor and set aside.
3. Put the frozen bananas in the food processor with the condensed milk, vanilla and the remaining yoghurt and blend until smooth. Turn out into a wide bowl, and swirl through the berry mixture.
4. Spoon into a lidded freezerproof container and freeze for 3-4 hours, or until ready to serve.

### Jingle Bugs:

Every Friday at Tiddlywinks, during term time, each room has the pleasure of engaging in Jingle Bugs with Nina.

Nina is an early years music practitioner and has been running her music programme, Jingle Bugs, at Tiddlywinks for over 2 years. She also runs fantastic glow in the dark disco parties (Glow Bug Parties) for children aged 4 to 8 years. On enquiry, Nina can also accommodate a Jingle Bugs party or a combination of both for younger children.

Nina offers Jingle Bug music classes, during term time on Wednesday mornings at the Colman Redland centre in Reigate and Thursday mornings at The Community Centre in Woodhatch. These classes are for children aged between 3 months and 5 years old. Nina also runs a community pop choir called Unison Choir - they're a fun, affordable and friendly choir who rehearse every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Redhill United Reformed Church. They support local charities and fundraisers through their live performances throughout the year. They're always looking for new members, and you're very welcome to try them out for free!

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