

September 2025 Newsletter



Tiddly Winks Nursery



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

Welcome to our September newsletter!

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

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

We want to wish all the school leavers and their families a big good luck for the next stage in their educational journey's. They will be missed by all of us.

Acorns

Acorns have thoroughly enjoyed using their multi-sensory exploration this month as they explore 'lion' sensory bags, which were inspired by World Lion Day and the children's interests.

The children also engaged in an inviting 'allotment' set up where they practised their manipulation and control with a range of digging and scooping resources.

Little Oaks

Little Oaks have been expanding on their emergent literacy skills through reading. Their favourites this month have included 'The Gruffalo' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The practitioners extended these opportunities by creating sensory filled experiences for them as they splashed in the water, squelched in the mud and explored the snow in the snowstorm.

Junipers

Beach week was a hit with the Juniper children at the start of the month. They immersed themselves into making smoothies and ice creams with the practitioners, where many conversations were had around experiences and healthy eating! Junipers have also thoroughly enjoyed enhancing their physical skills in the indoor and outdoor environment through the climbing apparatus, playing musical statues and dancing to the famous 'Count to 100' exercise song.

Pre-School

Pre-School adored their Tiddly Fest at the end of the month as a last farewell event for the school leavers. Amazing fun was had by all as they engaged in a variety of festival themed activities that were carefully planned for and set up which also included; face paint, temporary tattoos, dancing, karaoke, tent building, and so much more! The Pre-School children also focused on enhancing their mathematical skills and awareness of differences through using the multi-links to measure each other and use vocabulary like 'taller' and 'shorter'.

Dates for the diary:

Friendship Month

6th September - **National Read a Book day**

8th September - **International Literacy Day**

13th September - **World First Aid Day**

26th September - **European Day of Languages**

Staff Updates:

Please join us in wishing the best to Jade from Acorns room as she starts her maternity leave on Friday 5th September.

Please also join us in welcoming Tilly to Tiddly Winks as she becomes our latest apprentice who will be training to become a qualified Early Years Educator.

Makaton sign of the month:



Friends

Events & Celebrations in September

September is the start of new adventures for many of your little ones' as they transition to the next room and build new relationships with the practitioners, and adapt to their new learning environments.

Throughout September, Acorns have planned to bring stories to life in their small world area to support their emergent literacy skills for National Read a Book Day!

Little Oaks are looking forward to exploring natural materials in honour of Autumn slowly making an appearance, whilst also providing opportunities to hone in on creative skills!

As Sally, Dan and Megan join Junipers, they are excited to welcome new children and create a range of exciting opportunities for International Pirate Day and Friendship month!

Pre-School are looking forward to starting 'Letter of the Week' and discussing the upcoming change of seasons and other elements as we approach Autumn.

Parent messages:

The following documents have been updated:

- Access, Storage and Retention of Records
- Attendance Policy - Children
- Government Funding Statement
- Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy

As always, these are available in the front entrance for all parents and visitors to look through.

Dish of the month

Potato and apple fritters with apple compôte



Ingredients:

For the fritters

- 500g/1lb 2oz potatoes, peeled and grated
- 1 sweet apple, such as Pink Lady or similar, (100g/3½oz), grated with the skin on
- 2 shallots, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 3 heaped tbsp self-raising flour
- 2 large free-range eggs
- small handful parsley leaves
- generous pinch roughly ground black pepper
- vegetable oil, for frying

For the spicy apple compote

- 2-3 apples (about 300g/10½oz), peeled and roughly diced
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- ¼ tsp chilli flakes (or ½ tsp if you love spicy food)
- 1 tbsp honey
- pinch salt

Method:

1. Place the grated potato and apple into a colander or sieve with the shallots and mix with the salt. Set aside for 20 minutes.
2. Squeeze the mixture in handfuls to remove any liquid. Place into a large mixing bowl and add the remaining fritter ingredients. Mix lightly to just combine.
3. Heat a good amount of oil in a frying pan (it should be about 1cm/½in deep) over a medium-high heat. This heat will allow the exterior to crisp up and the interior to soften beautifully.
4. Place 5 dollops of the mix into the frying pan (about half the mix) and fry until golden and crispy. Flip and colour the other side, then remove to a plate with some kitchen towel. Fry the remaining mix in the same way. If your frying pan is small you may need to do this in more batches.
5. To make the apple chilli compote, place the chopped apple and oil in a small frying pan, and cook on a medium-low heat for about 6-8 minutes until they start to soften and lose their texture. Add the chilli flakes, honey and a pinch of salt to finish. Serve alongside the fritters.