

HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 19TH
SEPTEMBER 2025

The children have had a wonderful week exploring both our indoor and outdoor areas. They've been busy building and creating roads with the construction and small-world toys, putting their fine motor skills to the test with big chalks and large sheets of paper, and having lots of fun rolling different-sized conkers down the gutters in our outdoor water play area.

It's been lovely to see their imaginations at work and the joy they've had experimenting and discovering new ways to play.



Inside, the children have been busy exploring all the different objects in our Curiosity Corner. They've enjoyed making music with the instruments, experimenting with torches in the blackout tent making all sorts of wonderful shadows and were especially fascinated when we introduced the magnets. It was great to see them testing different objects around the room to find out which were magnetic and which weren't!

With Autumn arriving, the children have also been using leaves, conkers, and sticks to create beautiful patterns in our Autumn playdough – a lovely way to bring the season into their play.



EXPLORE. LEARN AND DISCOVER!

At nursery, we love to follow the children's interests and use them to bring learning into their play. Yesterday, a few of the children began talking about pirates and searching for treasure, so we rolled out some big sheets of paper and set about making our own treasure maps!

The children had a wonderful time drawing, talking about the shapes of objects, deciding what to include on their maps, and choosing the colours they wanted to use. It was fantastic to see their creativity shine as they worked together, combining imaginative play with early learning skills.

We've been working really hard on using our listening ears, having kind hands, and sharing nicely with our friends.

We've been talking lots about how these things are such an important part of our day, helping to make sure everyone feels happy and safe while they play and learn together.

It would be wonderful if you could help us by reinforcing these messages at home too, so they become a natural part of the children's everyday routines.



We wanted to let you know that we are no longer using the online journal Tapestry to share observations of your children. Instead, we will be creating a weekly photo display in the entrance area, so you can see the children in action and get a glimpse of what they've been enjoying at nursery.

If you or your child would like to share something with us – such as photos of adventures you've had, friends you've seen, or activities you've enjoyed – please do let us know. You're also very welcome to send photos in via the office, which can be forwarded on to us, and the children will then have the chance to share them proudly with their friends.

We do kindly ask that toys from home are kept at home, as we don't want them to get lost or misplaced during the nursery day.

A HELPING HAND FROM HOME

To help make nursery a happy and familiar place, we'd love it if you could email in or bring in a family photograph for us to display on our wall.

The children really enjoy looking at these and it gives us a lovely opportunity to talk with them about their families. It also helps to build a sense of community, showing the children that we are all part of something special together.

Please could we also ask that the children have all of the below with them at nursery. Please don't hesitate to ask if we can help with this in anyway.

- A warm coat
- A hat, scarf and gloves (as it begins to get colder)
- Wellies
- All in one wet weather gear
- A change of clothes

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th September – INSET Day

Friday 24th October – Last day before half term

**HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND
SOPHIE AND THE TEAM**