



# CLASSROOM newsletter

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## Important Dates

- Xmas Nativity - Thursday 14th December
- Xmas Party - Wednesday 20th December
- Autumn Term Ends - Friday 22nd December
- Spring Term Starts - Tuesday 2nd January



## Let's Welcome

We would like to welcome the following children into Owls:

**Huxley and Billy**

We are so glad to have you all join us!



## HAPPY Birthday

Sending lots of birthday wishes to all those children celebrating a birthday this half term:

**Florence, Eirinn, Alex,  
Nicholas, Albert,  
Freddie, Billy and Huxley**

We hope that you enjoy your special day!



## CLASSROOM NEWS - OWLS

Welcome to the second half of our Autumn Term. The Owls all seem to have settled well over the last half term. Our theme this month is 'Night and Day' and our core books are 10 in a Bed and The Gruffalo. We will be finding out morning and evening routines like bath time, brushing teeth and bedtime stories and exploring feeling with the story The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. In our song bag we have objects to represent songs Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, There were 10 in the Bed, 5 Cheeky Monkey's jumping on the Bed, Hickory, Dickory Dock, Hey Diddle Diddle, Brush, Brush your Teeth song. Artwork and cookery will explore shapes of moons and stars. We will use ICT equipment including the light box and torches to explore light and shadows. The children will learn about Firework Safety and represent their experiences through firework art and breadstick sparklers. We will also learn about Diwali, making naan bread, clay diva's and rangoli patterns. Children will continue to develop independence with washing hands, coats, shoes, mittens, and hats as it starts to get colder.

The theme for December will be Celebrations and Christmas and our core story will be Shhh! Santa and Stick Man. We will be very busy making Christmas crafts, learning our Christmas concert songs and enjoying Christmas stories. The children will also learn about Hanukkah and different Christmas celebrations around the world. If you have any Christmas traditions you would like to share, this would be lovely.

We will continue with our walk rota. If the weather is being kind, we will walk to Braziers, the park, woodland, or the church. When it is not so kind, we tend to do a lap of the field and a visit to the small wood to ensure they get some fresh air.

Please ensure your child has a labelled warm coat, hat, mittens, and a pair of wellies. We have waterproof trousers for the children at the nursery.

We will continue to send out Next Steps for each child once per half term. These are chosen by your child's key person who will have observed how their key children play and learn, and their interests and needs. For example, if a child is very interested in the Gruffalo story and also beginning to use numbers in their language, we may choose to use the Gruffalo book to count characters or purple prickles on his back to encourage counting in order up to 3 or 5. Or, it maybe your child has moved house and finding it tricky, therefore, we can introduce a book about moving house to help them feel more settled. This also promotes listening skills and focus. Please let us know if your child is finding any transitions hard which may affect their behaviour as we may be able to support them with this, e.g., moving house, illness, family bereavement, etc. This can really help us to help them.

Most communication will continue through Tapestry and verbally at drop off/pick up times. We will continue to send pictures, as well as group observations of focused activities and individual observations and experiences your child has had.

**Julie**

**Louise, Lucy, Nesta, Jo, Harriet, Natalie,  
Sheila and David**