

February 2025 Newsletter



What's Been Happening

Christmas Jumper Day Magic 2024

What's better than wearing a fun, festive jumper? Wearing one *and* raising money for a great cause! This year, our chosen charity was **Bear Cubs**, and thanks to your incredible support, we raised a whopping **£70!**

You might remember that last term, we focused on the theme of **giving and caring for others**, which tied in perfectly with the spirit of Christmas Jumper Day. We had wonderful conversations with the children about the **joy of giving**, the importance of helping others, and how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

The children were *buzzing with excitement* as they proudly presented our donation to the amazing team at Bear Cubs. Thank you for being part of 2024 donations.



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to all our families who have started this term!

Our children have been involved in a wide range of learning experiences since the beginning of the term.



Pre-School (Mighty oaks)

Our preschool children have had so much fun celebrating the Chinese New Year 2025. The children engaged in a range of activities expanding their creative imagination making lanterns.

They stimulated their physical development, hand and eye co-ordination, and challenged their concentration by using chop sticks to pick up noodles. Then they created their very own treasure box after talking about the colors of the Chinese flag. We made our very own decorations and learned about the year of the snake, which is related to transformation, elegance and wisdom. We linked this to the word 'mighty' as the Mighty Oak

Happy Chinese New Year to all our wonderful friends and families.

Toddlers (Little Acorns)

Wow what an amazing time we have had so far in our toddler room. The children made their very own noodles and turned them red by mixing them with paint. The children learned new mathematical language such as Square, and circle by swishing the noodles with the chop sticks. They explored the texture of the pasta by squishing it in their hands and stimulated their sense of touch and smell. The toddlers also expanded their understanding of new words such as squashy and mushy yuk!



Babies (Snuggle Nest)

Our babies celebrated the Chinese New Year by crating a very long snake. They practiced developing the ability to hold and control the paint brush, stimulating their physical development. The babies expanded their vocabulary and understanding of new words, such as 'Snake' and red.

Babies also created a huge shiny lantern to display in our cage area using a range of different materials to explore. Such as rough, smooth, shiny, fluffy, and soft.



Martin Luther King

Pre-school (Mighty Oak)

During Martin Luther King week, Mighty oaks learned about the famous speech "I have a dream" and the positive life that Martin Luther King lived, we made hand print designs on paper plates and we spoke about how we will make a positive change in the world. Just like Martin Luther King.



Toddlers (Little Acorns)

In the Toddler Room, we've been busy little bees—cooking, cleaning, baking, and celebrating birthdays galore! It's been a whirlwind of fun, laughter, and lots of messy (but magical) moments.

From stirring up delicious treats to singing the loudest "Happy Birthday" ever, the toddlers have been having an absolute **whale of a time**. Every day is an adventure, filled with giggles, creativity, and a sprinkle of flour here and there!



Babies (Snuggle Nest)

In our Baby Room, we've been busy little explorers, **discovering different colours, mixing, squeezing, and splashing** to our hearts' content! From bright, bold paints to squishy textures, the babies have loved getting their hands messy (and maybe their faces too!).

We've also been diving into the world of **handprints**. Add in a dash of **nursery rhymes, plenty of dancing, moving, and shaking**, and you've got a recipe for endless giggles and joyful memories.

Dates for Diaries

Spring Term 2025

Half-Term: Monday 17th February
Friday 21st February

INSET DAYS: Monday 7th April,
Monday 1st September 2025
(Nursery Closed)

Upcoming Events in February

Parent/Carer Meeting

A gentle reminder to book your parent and carer meetings. Deadline for booking your spot is Monday 10th February.

Meeting will take place on **Monday 23rd** and **Tuesday 24th February**.



Health Care Plan 2025

A gentle reminder for parents to complete and return allergies or dietary preferences forms via email by Friday 21st February.

Please send completed form to:
ourlittlenestnursery@gmail.com



43 Albyn Road, Deptford SE8 4EG
Tel: 07831 753 984

Collection of Children

Children may be collected from nursery only by their parents/carers or other nominated adults known to nursery staff. First time pick up's will be asked to confirm their password.

Parents and carers are kindly reminded to buzz and announce the name of the child they are picking up. For safeguarding reasons please wait at the gate, a staff member will bring your child out to you.

To help with your children's nursery routine could we kindly remind parents to drop and pick up children on time at allocated times given.

Please remember that our nursery close at 6pm. We must pay two members of staff to wait with your child after 6pm and there is a late collection fee of £10 and £1 every minute thereafter.

Fees and Payments

To help us run the nursery efficiently all nursery fees are kindly requested to be paid monthly.

Fees are payable by BACS at the beginning of each month.

Parents are reminded that there will be a slight increase in fees from 1st April 2024 in line with increase in National Minimum Wage.



Eylog is our online portal. We use this to share information about your child.

Every week parents will receive pictures and observations about children's learning at nursery.

All parents should have access to EYlog. If you have trouble logging in or do not have an account,