

Nursery News



Thorney Island Nursery

November 2024



Winter is here!

We are into the 11th week of the Autumn term, and the weather this week has turned very cold. It has been a warmish few months, so can we please remind you to make sure that your child has a warm coat, gloves and hat with them every day, and that they are named. With just under 5 weeks left of the term, things are becoming Christmassy in the nursery.

Christmas events

Christmas party – For those children that are in on Tuesday 10th December we will be having a Christmas party. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite all the children due to the capacity of each room. The party will be 10.30-12.45 and for the children that normally go home at 12, they are welcome to stay for lunch and then go home at 12.45pm

Christmas lunch – There will be a change in menu on Thursday 19th December as we will be doing Christmas lunch for the children and staff that are in nursery.

Christmas singalong – Friday 20th December. All parents and children are invited to join in with some festive singing at 10am-11am. There will be refreshments on offer, mince pies and a hot drink. Please come and join us so we can wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

After school Xmas treat – Tuesday 17th December, this will be held 3-5pm and we will offer party food and watch a Christmas movie. Only children that are booked in for a Tuesday will be able to attend.



Term dates 2024/2025

- ✓ Autumn term – 5th November '24 – 20th December '24
- ✓ Christmas holiday - 23rd Dec – 3rd Jan
- ✓ Spring term – 6th January '25 – 4th April '25
- ✓ Half term – 17th Feb – 21st Feb '25
- ✓ Easter holiday – 7th April – 21st April '25
- ✓ Summer term – 22nd April – 22nd July '25
- ✓ Half term – 26th May – 30th May '25

Inset days

- ✓ **Monday 24th February '25**
- ✓ **Friday 23rd May '25**
- ✓ **Monday 23rd June '25**

Dates for Diary

- ✓ Christmas party – Tuesday 10th December
- ✓ Christmas lunch – Thursday 19th December
- ✓ Christmas singalong – Friday 20th December
- ✓ After school club Xmas treat – Tuesday 17th December
- ✓ Parent meetings – week com 20th January '25

Photographer



Our nursery photographer came in on 6th November and we will be getting the proofs back this week. You will then have a week to decide if you would like to purchase any and return the order form and the money back to the nursery. This will guarantee that they will be back before we break up on 20th December. You will need to deal directly with the photographer for any late orders, and this may incur a postage charge.

Cake sale

We raised an amazing £420 from the cake sale on 5th November, which was organised by Sgt Dave Vincent. We have looked at what we can spend the money on and have decided that water play equipment for the garden is very much needed. It has been ordered and we are looking forward to it arriving this week. Thank you everyone.



Communication

We have various ways in which we communicate with parents.

- ✓ **Mobile phone** – 07939 302008 (please use what's app or call)
- ✓ **Tapestry** – memos and documents are sent regularly, so please ensure that you check your account weekly.
- ✓ **Email** – group emails are sent out to inform you all of events and nursery information.
- ✓ **Facebook** - Thorney island nursery, this is a private group so please request to join the group
- ✓ **Website** –

www.thorneyislandnursery.co.uk

There is a lot of information on our website, and we also post a blog from time to time about the lovely things that the children are doing.

Please could we ask that you email or what's app us if your child is not going to be in nursery for the day.

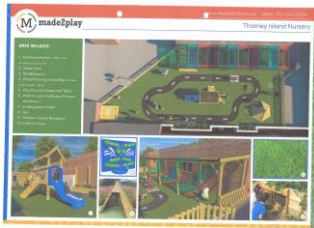
Also if you have any holidays booked or appointments, let us know. This will help us to keep a record of why the children are not attending nursery.

Thank you

Armed forces families fund

Last week the application for the funding was completed and sent off. Thank you to those parents that completed the questionnaire for this, I was able to add in your comments to the application.

We are really hoping that we are successful with the funding application so that we can create an amazing outdoor space for all the children at some point next year. I will keep you posted about the application; we will be informed in March '25 of the outcome.



Invoicing

We are in the process of changing our software system to produce the invoices. We plan to use tapestry for the invoices, which is the same system we use for the nursery children's learning journeys. We need to set up an account for every child, but those of you that already have an account will be able to use your existing account.

We will send further information in the new year when we have completed setting up everyone's account and then if anyone has any questions, please feel free to email or come to the office.

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Room Changes

Over the past half term, the nursery has become much busier, and we have had many enquiries as well as new children starting. We also have a list of children starting in the new year. Due to this we have looked at the overall nursery and how it is working. The nursery building is now for children aged 9 months - 2.5 years and the main building is from 2.5 years – 4 years. There has also been a room change in the main room, which has been separated into 2 areas, one side for the younger children and the other for the older children. This will help us to ensure that all children are receiving the best care and education. Due to the changes, some of the children have now got a new keyworker. Please check you tapestry account to see who your child's keyworker is, and you will also be receiving a new keyworker slip this week if there has been a change. Please email me or come to the office if you have any questions.