



December 2025

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from the Head teacher

As we get to the end of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for bringing your children to Westfield and working with us this term. We have really enjoyed welcoming you to our MacMillan coffee and cake event, our reading event, our stay and play day as well as consultations. Thank you for the kind donations of fruit and party food. Children have enjoyed their Activ8 sessions, Wacky Wednesday and whole school singing each week. They have celebrated Harvest, sung their Harvest songs to local old-aged pensioners, enjoyed Children in Need activities and learnt about being a good friend on friendship day, enjoyed a range of Nursery rhymes on Nursery rhyme day and road safety on beep beep day. Children have been learning new knowledge and vocabulary through our themed approach. So far this term we have raised £164.78 for MacMillan, supported the Salvation Army with bags of food, raised £43.10 for Children in Need and £16.24 for Luton and Dunstable hospital. We have continued to be able to support families via our larder and act of kindness fund and we raised £127.65 for Nursery resources through our coat sale and raffle. I would like to thank the governors and staff for all their hard work, and I would like to thank the children's centre staff who support us by running toddler group. This has been such a lovely time at Nursery with children enjoying all the learning and extra activities. Children have loved decorating the Nursery and in some cases themselves! Please have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 6th January 2026!



Our learning

In all the classes the focus has been the Christmas season. Children have been talking about what they have done at Nursery and what they do at home, for example if they have a tree. Focusing on Literacy, children have been listening to a range of stories such as 'That's not My Santa,' 'Dear Santa,' and 'The Nativity.' They have been writing Christmas cards, Christmas lists and letters to Father Christmas. In Mathematics children have been playing games such as matching Christmas items such as pairs of stockings, and making patterns such as patterns on stockings. Children have been enjoying dancing and using ribbons outside. Children have been making Christmas cards and Christmas hats using a variety of tools such as scissors and collage items. They have enjoyed role play in the Christmas home corner. They have been learning all the songs ready for our special performances.



Recommended Read

Our two year olds would love reading 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell. They can open the flaps to see the presents and find out what Santa has sent. Will he send the perfect present in the end? Introduce your 3-4 year old to 'The Night Before Christmas' by Clement C Moore. This is a traditional poem relating how someone catches sight of St Nicholas.



Library

Please don't forget we have a lovely range of books in our library and on our book castle. Why not borrow some books for the holidays?



Home Learning Reminder

Don't forget to complete and share pictures from your home learning challenge (attached).



Toy Sale

We raised £93.78 for the toy sale, monies will be spent on phonics resources. Special thanks to Mrs Sharp and Mrs Bridges.



Raffle

Thanks to the staff who donated the raffle prizes including all the goodies which went into the wonderful hamper. Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. We raised £ 111.65. Congratulations to all the winners.



Coat Sale

My thanks to our governor Amanda Gee who sold coats and winter items for those who needed them.



Phonics Resources

This term we all reviewed and developed our phonics teaching curriculum. In line with the new curriculum we have made and purchased new resources to support the teaching. Thanks to Miss Heading and Mrs Sunderland who have done a lot of the work and the other staff who have helped them. (The photo shows some of the new resources purchased.)



Jolly Jumper Day & Christmas Party

On Wednesday 10th December we collected donations for Luton and Dunstable hospital for our Christmas outfit day. Everyone looked amazing.

The children had a wonderful party day. They could visit Bumblebees to enjoy soft play, complete small world activities in Dragonflies, enjoy dancing in Ladybirds, complete Christmas crafts in Caterpillars and watch stories in Butterflies. Children enjoyed the wonderful selection of party food. We also got together to sing some Christmas songs and a very special visitor visited with a gift for every child! What a wonderful day- thanks to the staff for organising all the activities, you all for supplying some delicious food and of course Father Christmas for finding time in his busy schedule to make an appearance.



Christmas Cards

Last day to post Christmas cards in the post box in the entrance hall is Tuesday 16th December. Don't forget to write name and class on the envelope.



Singing Events

3-4 year olds will be singing their nativity 'Whoops-A Daisy Angel' and some fun Christmas songs at Beecroft Community Centre at 10.00am on Tuesday 16th December. Only two adults per child please due to space constraints.



2-year-olds will be singing some Christmas songs in their classroom at 11.15am or 3.00pm. Only two adults per child please due to space constraints.

Children's Centre.

We have received the timetable for the new term- please find attached.



Used Stamps

In the entrance hall at school we have a box for collecting stamps. If you receive any Christmas cards, please remove the stamps and bring them back to Nursery next term to add to the box. These help raise funds for the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) whose aim is to create a world without barriers for people with sight loss.



Head Lice

Please be aware we have had cases of head lice at Nursery. Please continue to check your child's hair weekly.



Potty Training Guide

Please see the attached potty training guide which some families may find helpful

Is my child too ill for School?

Please click the link below for advice

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please remember for sickness and diarrhoea children need to stay home for 48 hours from the last bout.

For children who require Calpol- they are too poorly for Nursery.

For children who start antibiotics please keep them home for 24 hours to ensure they don't react to the antibiotics.

Thank you

SNAP Coffee Morning

SNAP (Special Needs Action Panel, Parent Carer Forum) are holding a coffee morning on Monday 19th January at Beecroft Academy from 2.15-3.30pm. Please see attached poster.



Staffing Update

Miss Denin has been poorly and Miss Ball is currently leading Dragonflies class. We wish Miss Dhenin well and thank Miss Ball.

Transitions

We had recent events for our January starters to support transitions in to the Nursery. They were invited to a stay and play session and a meet and greet session. We know our existing children will welcome new friends in the new year.



SOS Schools Closure Alerts: Snow / Bad Weather Alert

Please can you ensure that the office have your up-to-date mobile numbers and email addresses.



If we do have bad weather and the school has to close; we will put the information on the website and email you.

The information will also be available via the Central Bedfordshire School's Open Status (SOS) system you will need to register:

- Type in the following: <https://apps.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/apps/sos/>
- Click on 'register for updates' and fill in the text boxes
- Click on 'submit'

Starting School Final Reminder

Was your child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022? They will start school in September 2026, so you need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2026. It is better to do this before Christmas so you don't forget. Lots of schools are holding open days so please go and look around to find the right school for your child. Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions See the poster attached.



Faith Celebrations this December

Advent and Christmas

Advent means coming and it's the period before Christmas. It is about preparing for Christmas day. Advent started Sunday 1st December. Some churches have an advent wreath with five candles, one for each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day and one for Christmas Day itself. Some Christians will have their own advent candle which they burn at home.



Christmas is celebrated to remember the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the son of God. Christmas is celebrated with decorations, food and presents.

Hannukah

Jews celebrate the festival of lights called Hannukah. Jews remember a miracle when oil which should have lasted for one night lasted for eight days. It was then declared that every year, Jews would remember the day with an eight-day Festival of Lights and celebrate the miracle of the oil by placing eight candles in a Menorah (a special candlestick) and lighting one candle for each evening of the celebration.



Key Dates this Term

Tuesday 16th December- Christmas Singing Event 10.00am 3–4-year-olds parents/ carers invited
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Thursday 18th December- Last Day of Autumn Term
19.12.25-05.01.26- Nursery closed

2025-2026 School Holiday Dates

19.12.25-05.01.26 Christmas Holiday School closed
16.02.26-20.02.26 Spring Half Term School closed
30.03.26-13.04.26 Easter Holiday School closed
04.05.26 Bank Holiday School closed
25.05.26-29.05.26 Summer Half Term School closed
20.07.26 Last day of Summer Term
21.07.24 School closed



**Please have a very happy and healthy Christmas.
We look forward to seeing you again in 2026.**