



# NUTLEY NEWSLETTER



**5th December, 2025**

**A Foundation for lifelong learning, to reach our full potential,  
following the example of Jesus**

**Dear parents and carers,**

**The hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas has well and truly got underway at Nutley! Nativity rehearsals are ongoing, tree decorations have been completed (a big thank you to Mrs McCleary!), multiple trees have been dressed (thank you to Mrs Tester-Smith for sourcing a real one for us), and Christmas cards are being delivered.**

**Alongside this Badgers had a fantastic Forest School session with Dormouse this week, Foxes have been drawing fantastic Tudor portraits, and Rabbits have hosted a birthday party for their class bear- who turned 5 years old!**

**We rounded off the week with a lovely Celebration worship today with lots of children getting sports, drama and community awards, showing how fantastic our children are at contributing to our world and making a real difference.**

**The teachers are working hard on preparing school trips for each class for terms 3 and 4 and we shall be letting you know the details of these as soon as we have everything booked.**

**It was so lovely to see the pre school Christmas market in action last weekend and a huge personal thank you for the wonderful M&S Christmas dinner that Mr Denton and I won, and to Mrs Gifford for storing the turkey, gammon and prawns in her freezer!**

**Wishing you a peaceful, safe and fun weekend,**

**Mrs Denton**



# Class News

## Rabbits

We have had SUCH a fun week in Rabbit Class! We have been learning all about birthdays!!! We learnt about traditional birthday celebrations in our country and around the world. In literacy, we have been writing birthday invitations to our dream party and also designing and writing a birthday card for Billie Bear. All week, the children have been creating and making their own gifts for Billie and thinking of amazing and imaginative gift ideas! In maths we have been recapping the composition of numbers 4 and 5. This week has been our first week of Level 3 phonics and I have been super impressed at how hard the children have worked, learning the new sounds. Our week finished in the best way with a BIRTHDAY PARTY for Billie Bear on Friday afternoon. We danced and sang to traditional party songs, played party games and even had cupcakes. Happy Birthday Billie Bear! Have a lovely weekend!

## Hedgehogs

We have had another very busy week in Hedgehog Class – full of so much learning and fun! In English we are continuing to learn through the text 'Beegu' by Alexis deacon. This week we have found out about contractions, where two words are joined together with an apostrophe to make a new word e.g. I am becomes I'm. We have also been learning about the prefix of 'un' for example – 'unhappy' 'uncomfortable' to use in descriptive writing. We are very excited to create our own postcard next week as if we are Beegu and we would like to stay on Earth for a holiday! In maths we are continuing our learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have found out what lines of symmetry are, as well as how to count faces and edges of 3D shapes. In Science our garlic bulb has finally grown some roots and shoots and our cress seeds are doing some very interesting things. – the cress in the pretend oven has grown so much in the dark – but it is yellow. We are observing closely to see if our predictions are correct. Our super-duper Nativity is coming along so well...we can't wait to show you!

## Foxes

We are on the countdown to Christmas! What a week we have had. We have done lots of times table work in maths, recalling our 9, 7, and 11 times tables. In science we looked at the different sizes of shadows depending on the distance and direction of light. We also had a fun shadow puppet show in science where we got to make little performances in groups. In English we have been gathering facts that we are planning to put in our non-chronological Horrible Histories reports. In art, Foxes finished their Tudor portraits with Mrs Denton which all look absolutely INCREDIBLE! In computing Foxes worked in pairs to create an animation on scratch. We learnt how to create a conversation between two sprites and how to change the backdrop. In history we looked at portraits of Queen Elizabeth and discussed whether she would or wouldn't have liked these portraits. In French we learnt the words for different colours and will continue to practice these. Have a fantastic weekend!



## Badgers

We have worked like troopers this week, absolutely bossing our assessments! It is great to see that all their dedicated learning is paying off. In science, we created our own periscopes, angling mirrors correctly so that we could see over the tops of tables – and the funny faces some children were making! In PSHE, we thought about the 'ingredients' needed to create a friendship recipe. In RE, we researched different Christian organisations and how they help others, presenting it in different ways. In geography, we explored the physical features of Europe, including mountains, rivers and glaciers, which we then marked on a map. In maths, we have been adding fractions with different denominators, converting to enable us to do this. In PE, the children have continued to develop their gymnastics skills. With Miss Dorsett, they worked on more challenging partner balances, showing some great strength and determination. In Friday PE, we started exploring rhythmic gymnastics, experimenting with balls, hoops and beanbags. Forest School was fab, even though a few of us did slightly misjudge the depth of the stream...have a great weekend!



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## DECEMBER 2025

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Forest School Rabbit Class**

**Badgers carol singing Brooklands**

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Nativity 9.30 in church**

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Nativity 1.30 in church**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Christingle Service**

**End Term 2**

## JANUARY 2026

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Start Term 3**

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Y3/4 Swimming – Cumnor House**

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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## FEBRUARY 2026

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**

**End Term 3**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Start Term 4**

## MARCH 2026

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Badger Class at PGL**

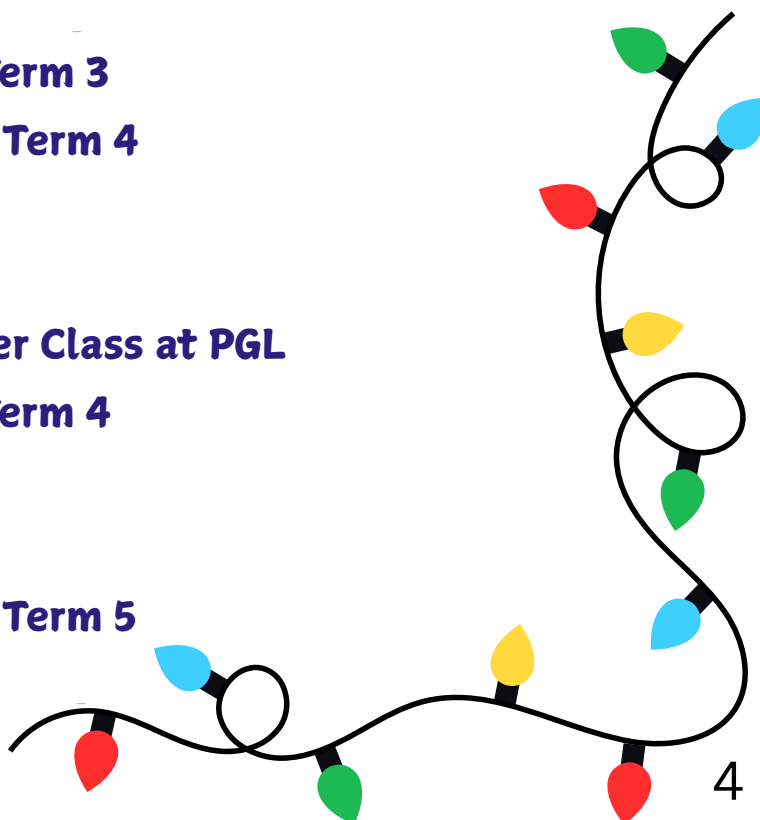
**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>**

**End Term 4**

## APRIL 2026

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Start Term 5**



## Achievement Certificates

**Rabbits: Lily and Daisy**

**Hedgehogs: Ethan C and Ethan P**

**Foxes: Fletcher and Charley**

**Badgers: Bethany and Poppy**

## Star Certificates

**Immy 500 Stars**

**Fraser 500 Stars**

**Lachlan 900 Stars**

## Values Award – Trust

**Rabbits: Ellis**

**Hedgehogs: George V**

**Foxes: Fraser**

**Badgers: Max**

**Attendance this year to date: Whole School: 94.7%**

**Rabbits: 93.8%**

**Hedgehogs: 94.5%**

**Foxes: 96.2%**

**Badgers: 94.3%**

**Red** under 92%

**Amber** 92–96%

**Green** above 96%

## Christmas Lunch

**Don't forget Christmas lunch is next Wednesday. Everyone will be in PE clothes that day, but feel free to accessorise with a Christmas jumper etc!**



## Forest School

**Rabbit Class are lucky to be having the last Forest School session of this term next Tuesday. Don't forget to come suitably dressed Rabbits.**

**Badgers went this week, and found plenty of water to splash around in – maybe a little deeper than they expected!**



## Royal British Legion

**Following sales of poppies and other merchandise, I am pleased to be able to say that as a school we raised a phenomenal £148.27!!**



HOLY CROSS CHURCH UCKFIELD  
FESTIVAL OF

# CHRISTMAS TREES

100+

Uniquely Decorated  
Christmas Trees

TREE OF aN  
*Remembering loved ones*

*Festive Music &  
Local Entertainment*

GRAND PRIZE  
DRAW

Refreshments, Cakes & Hot Lunches  
Mulled wine & Hot Chocolate

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER | 10AM-9PM  
SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER | 10AM-7PM  
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER | 11AM-4.30PM

*Festival Closing Service with Carols 5pm*

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