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# January 2026 Newsletter



## Upcoming Events

1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year Bank holiday  
(nursery closed)

8<sup>th</sup> January- National Bubble bath  
day

19<sup>th</sup> January – Winnie the pooh day

21<sup>st</sup> January – Red Panda Day

23<sup>rd</sup> January – National Hand  
Writing Day

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> RSPB's birdwatch

26<sup>th</sup> January- Australia Day

31<sup>st</sup> January – International Zebra  
Day



## Welcome

This month we would like to  
welcome: Alexander, Logan,  
Emerald, Grace, Luca, Maya,  
Noah and Eva to Puddleducks

We hope they enjoy their time  
here at Puddleducks.



## Happy new year

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and happy new year. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the treats and gifts we received from our families. We wish everyone all the best for the new year ahead and look forward to seeing all of the children grow and flourish during their time with us this year.

## Winnie the pooh day – 19<sup>th</sup> January

We will be celebrating A.A Milne's birthday on 19<sup>th</sup> January by holding a Winnie the Pooh themed day. We will be taking part in a range of Winnie the pooh themed activities, enjoying winnie the pooh stories. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite character or wear something yellow.

## Christmas Fair

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our families who came along to support our Christmas fair. We raised an amazing £342.50 for Letchworth Garden Hospice. It was wonderful to share the event with so many of our families.

## Leanne Maternity Leave

We would like to say farewell to Leanne who has now headed off onto maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing news on her new arrival.

## Mobile Phones

Can we please remind our families and extended family members that No mobile phones are to be used within the nursery under any circumstances. This is to safeguard the children, their families and our staff members.

## RSPB Bird watch

We are excited to be taking part in this year's bird watch. You will find an activity sheet opposite the office if you would like to take part at home.

# Recent Highlights

## Ducklings And Twitchits



Over the last few weeks in Ducklings and Twitchit's we have been enjoying taking part in lots of Christmas themed activities. We have used snow shaving foam, Christmas tree green Play-Doh, sensory shiny paper, cardboard box and wrapping paper exploring, Christmas singing with our ribbons and instruments as well as lots of magnificent independent craft work using paints and chalk. As a group we also took part in some papier mache as we created our red Santa sleigh which we used for our amazing sing along. As we look forward to the next few weeks in January we are going to be focusing on the topic 'Me and my family.' We will be introducing this topic by exploring our reflections using our shining sensory and reflective play.

We would really appreciate it if families could share with us a couple of their beautiful family photos of the festive holidays. We are looking forward to creating a family photo board in our room, for the children to be able to explore throughout the day and share their home life experiences and family connections with their peers. If you like to take part in this please email over your photos.

## Tiggys



This month we have focused on Christmas. The Tiggys have enjoyed creating Christmas cards. Calendars, snowflake decoration and reindeer craft. We have enjoyed exploring snowmen sensory trays and tree oat trays. Next month we plan to focus on winter and winter animals.

## Nutkins



This month we have enjoyed getting creative with our Christmas craft. We have loved making stockings, exploring Christmas themed playdoh, decorating baubles and bauble rolling. We have also enjoyed creating snowmen, Christmas themed painting and creating Christmas trees. We have loved joining in with Christmas singing and loved learning new songs. We also loved meeting father Christmas at our Christmas party and learning new party games.

## Preschool



In Pre-School we have enjoyed creating reindeer soup, creating our Christmas tree baubles out of Clay. We have also enjoyed creating our family portraits for our calendars and making yummy mince pies and Christmas themed chocolates. We have enjoyed taking part in Christmas themed craft and enjoyed meeting Father Christmas.



## Birthday celebrations

This month we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:

Alya  
Bella  
Rupert  
Toby  
Harper  
Alexander

We hope you all have a wonderful day.



## Employee of the month

This month we say a big well done to Kara and Bethany for their continued hard work.



Well Done!

