



FEDERATION NEWS

20th December 2024

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for joining us at each school over the last few weeks at either our Christmas Stay and Play sessions or at our Christmas Concerts. I hope that you enjoyed these events and found them memorable experiences to share with your children. We are grateful to Jenny, our Music Specialist, who works with the children every Tuesday to develop their musicality.

The children enjoyed their Christmas parties with a very special visit from Father Christmas!

Key People have completed their termly meetings with parents over the past few weeks. These are an opportunity to share your child's Learning Journey and to update their All About Me form. Please get in touch if you have not had a meeting yet.

The children have also been enjoying using the new bikes, trikes and scooters since their delivery. I think their favourites are the circular bike and the taxi!



It just remains for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year for 2025.

Enjoy the break with your family and friends and the Spring Term starts on 8th January 2025.

Warmest Wishes

Julie Smith

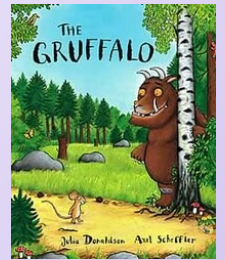
Executive Head Teacher



Our learning this month.....

The Gruffalo

The children found reading this story very exciting. We encouraged the children to explore what they knew about the story through their play. The children searched the garden for the characters and were thrilled to find them and their footprints! We talked about their shape and size. They made marks on their clipboards, telling us about what they had found. During group times the children talked about the sequence of events in the story and an adult scribed this as a story map. During whole school singing the children pretended that they were The Gruffalo and sang The Gruffalo song whilst adding their own actions. They displayed lots of enthusiasm and energy in the role!

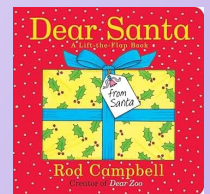


Toby Tall Tales

We were very lucky to be visited by Toby Tall Tales who retold stories to the children. The children were captivated by his unique and interactive performance.

Christmas

To end our term, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Christmas celebrations and the traditional story of The Nativity. We read the story book 'The First Christmas' and the children engaged in re-enacting the story to a set of songs we have learnt during musical sessions with Jenny Brown. We also shared the stories 'Dear Santa', 'Letter to Santa' and 'Stick Man'. This resulted in many busy children at the writing table who made marks on paper to represent letters to Father Christmas. They put their letters in envelopes, used scissors to cut out stamps and then posted them in our letter box. This developed their understanding of writing behaviours, as well as developing fine motor skills.



Starting School September 2025

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

All the information you need to apply for a school place is available on the website www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool. It gives details of all the schools in the area and a PDF copy of the admissions booklet, *Starting School 2025*, which explains how they process your application for a school place.

TERM DATES

Last day of the Autumn Term: Friday 20th December (no tea club)

Nursery reopens: Wednesday 8th January

Half-term: Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February

Last day of Spring term: Friday 4th April (no tea club)

Nursery reopens: Thursday 24th April



Christmas Fun Session

Scales will be available for self-weighing.



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See our full timetable

Pine Cones
Monday
1.30 - 3.00pm
30th December

Queens Park
Tuesday
9.30 - 11.00am
31st December

The Family Hubs and Children's Centre session timetable for Spring 2025 is now available at:

<https://oneymca.org/ecp-timetable/>



Family Hubs & Children's Centres Spring Timetable

2 January - 21 April 2025



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024 @ St John's and St Leonard's



Christingle Family Service
Wednesday, 11th December @ 4.00 p.m. @ St Leonard's

Family Crib Service
Sunday, 22nd December @ 10.30 a.m. @ St John's

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday, 22nd December @ 6.30 p.m. @ St John's

Midnight-Communion
Tuesday, 24th December @ 11.30 p.m. @ St John's

Christmas Day Service
Wednesday, 25th December @ 10.30 a.m. @ St John's.



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