



Dear Parents/Carers

We are rapidly approaching the end of term with only a few weeks left until we break up for Christmas. There are plenty of activities and fun for the children to participate in, especially with Christmas around the corner.

As the weather is getting colder, please remember to leave your child's coat, please ensure coats are labelled with their names. Remember we go outside every day. This is part of the EYFS curriculum and it is important children are dressed appropriately so they can access the outdoor adventures available to them.

We also ask that if your child has borrowed nursery clothes that you return these to the nursery.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the recent parent consultation and we hope you found these meetings useful.

However, if you did not get the opportunity to see your child's key person, please let us know and we will try to accommodate a time to meet with you face to face or via zoom.

You will receive a parent evening feedback form shortly and we would be grateful if you could complete this and return to the Nursery.

In Nursery we have some dates for you to put in your diary below:

- Buttercup Christmas gathering will be starting at 4.30pm for all Buttercup Families on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December. Come along for an afternoon of Christmas crafts where you can get creative with your children.
- Daffodil Christmas gathering will be starting at 4.30pm for all Daffodil Families on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December 2022. Come along and enjoy a sing a long session with the team, followed by punch and pies.
- Poppy Christmas gathering will be starting at 4pm for all Poppy Room Families on Tuesday 6th December and Thursday 8th December 2022. Come along and enjoy some Christmas songs and craft activities.
- Sunflower Room will be performing their Christmas Nativity on Wednesday 7th December, at St Marys Church, Sawston, from 4.30pm.
- Christmas Lunch Day for all children attending on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

- Christmas Party Day for all children attending on Thursday 15th December 2022 (All pre-schoolers not attending this day are welcome to join from 2.20pm until 4.30pm).
- Santa and his helpers will be visiting the nursery to deliver presents to all children attending, Friday 16th December 2022 during the morning.
- Christmas Raffle to be drawn on Friday 16th December 2022.
- Jackie, Musical Bumps will visit Nursery Wednesday 21st December 2022.
- Last term date for Term Time only children on Wednesday 21st December 2022 to return to Nursery on Wednesday 4th January 2023.
- Christmas Closure for all families will be from 6pm on Friday 23rd December 2022.
- Nursery will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.
- Staff Training Days - Nursery Closed:
Friday 10th February 2023
Friday 1st September 2023

Staffing

We say a sad farewell to Tracey who has worked in the Nursery Kitchen for 14 years. Tracey will be taking on a role closer to home and spending more time with her family. We thank you Tracey for your hard work and commitment to the Nursery and wish you well for the future.

We also say farewell to Sarah who works in our Sunflower Room supporting children and staff as a Nursery Practitioner and thank her for her dedication and commitment to the nursery. We wish her well for the future.

We will be welcoming the following staff to Nursery commencing in January 2023:

Chyanne - Kitchen Assistant and Bank Staff in the Nursery.

Mandy - Nursery Practitioner in the Sunflower Room.

Stacey - Nursery Practitioner in the Nursery.

Staff Nominations for this month are as follows

Thank you if you have sent a staff nomination to us this month.

This month **Hannah**, who works in our Poppy Room has been nominated for the employee of the month. Hannah is a creative and imaginative member of our team who supports her colleagues with ideas and is always helpful to others.

Everyone in our Nursery team works incredibly hard, ensuring we provide a safe, stimulating environment for all children who attend. All staff are valued across the nursery for their commitment and we are fortunate to have such a wonderful team.

If you have a nomination you would like to share, please send this to us before the end of the month if you believe a member of the team deserves a small reward for working beyond their role. Just send an e mail to tina.spencer@sawstonnursery.org and your nomination will be recognised.

So, how about you get festive and have some fun at home creating your own Christmas tree handprints to hang on your tree, or create a Christmas card for family and friends,

Christmas tree handprints



What a great festive project for children.

The finished artworks make gorgeous cards - hang them on the tree, string them together as bunting, or give to friends and family.

Just cover your child's hand with green paint (we know it sounds messy but trust us - it's great fun!) then help them do handprints on a piece of paper or card.

Add a trunk at the base and you've got a Christmas tree!

You could encourage your child to paint on baubles and a star to decorate their tree.

On behalf of the staff team at Sawston Nursery, Merry Christmas Everyone!