

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



SECOND HALF OF THE AUTUMN TERM 2025

Term dates and News

Autumn Term 2025

Mon 3 Nov – Tues 16 Dec (last day of term - session ends 12 noon)

Spring Term 2026

Staff Inset Day Friday 2 January

First day of term Monday 5 January

Half term Monday 16 - Friday 20 February

Last day of term Friday 27 March

Staff Inset Day – Mon 30 March

For information Easter weekend dates are:

Good Friday 3 April, Easter Monday 6 April

Summer Term 2026

First day of term Monday 13 April

Bank holiday Monday 4 May

Half Term Monday 26 - Friday 30 May

Last day of term Friday 17 July (12 noon)

WELCOME BACK

We hope you have all enjoyed the half term break and look forward to hearing from the children what they have been up to.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who supported our Harvest donations to Foodbank who were extremely grateful for our contributions.

GIFTS FOR STAFF AT CHRISTMAS

In lieu of personal gifts for staff at Christmas time we are asking you to support our local Foodbank. Nearer the time I will issue a list of items most needed. Last year I filled my car with goods, the previous year we filled two. We would love to do the same this year and very much hope you will support this very worthy cause.

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What's happening/Dates

THEME FOR THIS TERM

This is a busy half term. We shall be looking at autumn, including British traditions such as fireworks and Remembrance, then we will making preparations for **Christmas**. There may be a period when there will seem less to bring home on a daily basis – don't worry, we will be storing some things for the end of term.

PARENTS' EVENING

We will be holding a Parents' Evening for new starters only (Sept 2025) on Thursday 20 November. You can book a 10 minute slot from 4.20 pm to 5.20 pm **by email please** (that way we have a firm record of requests) and will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis with the next best available time being allocated thereafter.



SANTA'S GROTTO

It is hoped that Santa will be making an appearance on Wednesday 3 December. All children, whether attending CEL on a Wednesday or not, will have the opportunity to take part. This is a CEL fund-raising activity and there will be a charge. More details to come. If you have any concerns, please ask.



NATIVITY – TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Our Nativity will take place in the church sanctuary at 9.30 am. All children in the setting will be invited to take part and all CEL family members and relatives are welcome. Following the Nativity there will be a party for the children. (More information to follow.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DAY WILL FINISH AT 12 NOON. There is no lunch or afternoon session on that day.

Things to Remember

CONTACTING THE PRESCHOOL

Please note that details of absences or collections should be emailed to Ginia **before 8.55 am** or via the preschool telephone - 07706 708211 text or WhatsApp after that time. Day to day enquiries by email will be dealt with during afternoons during Ginia's admin time.

COLLECTION DETAILS

Please remember that if anyone different to usual is collecting your child, even if they are on your approved list, you must leave with the staff member on the door so it can go into our collection book or inform us by email phone call or text or we shall be ringing you. This is to keep your children safe.

CLOTHING

As the colder weather approaches **we still plan to use the outdoor area as much as the weather will allow**. Please ensure that children come with a **suitable outdoor coat and shoes** (play shoes/dressing up shoes are not permitted for safety reasons). **If arriving in wellington boots please ensure children have a change of shoes**. **Please also ensure that all removable clothing is named** in a place which can be easily seen and easily read – **especially sweatshirts and coats**. If you are planning to purchase new footwear please consider something which your child can manage on their own. Velcro fastenings are ideal, rather than laces which the under 5s really are unable to manage independently.

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

For all 3 and 4 year olds born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 please ensure you that you apply for your Primary School place **before 15 January 2026**.

All applications are made online at bromley.gov.uk/primaryadmissions There is more information on the Parent Portal on our website.

If you are unsure how to do this or need help to do so, please speak with Ginia. Please do remember to say which preschool your child is from – it is really difficult for schools if you don't.

