Horsham Nursery School

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The month of December has been full of events for the children in the build up to Christmas. The children have had the most wonderful experiences planned and supported by our team here at Horsham Nursery. Their Christmas Spirit has spread right round Nursery from the minute their Christmas jumpers came out on the 1st December! The children have enjoyed everything from the Reindeer Run, to posting letters to Father Christmas, a magical journey on the Polar Express for Explorers, decorating the tree, Christmas Parties with a surprise visit from Father Christmas, Christmas Craft Stay and Plays and of course the Overs performing their amazing Nursery Rhyme Nativity! Thank you for all your support, whether it has been wrapping presents, making donations or making sure your child is dressed up for the occasion!

Reindeer Run:

Our Reindeer run was organised by Becky Somers and Sarah Jalal this year, raising an incredible £216 for St Catherine's Hospice. Thank you for all your kind donations. The children and staff had a great time following a Christmas trail organised by Becky and Sarah, ending up in Forest School for a story by 'Elf Becky' and hot chocolate!

Post box visits (Over 3's)

The children in the Over 3's were very excited to post their letters to Father Christmas. Thank you to the many parents and governors for your support to help them walk to the post box.

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Christmas parties:

The whole Nursery was buzzing with parties on Wednesday this week. The Explorers had a magical journey on the Polar Express, the Discoverers made party crowns to wear at their Christmas Tea and the Overs loved the snow machine and face painting!

Christmas Singing:

Well done to all the children in Overs for their singing last Tuesday, I think you will all agree that they were incredible! I was extremely proud of how they performed to you- what superstars!

Staff news

We said a fond farewell to Sarah Maple this week and we wish her well as she moves to a pre-school which is more local. Sarah has worked at Horsham Nursery for 13 years and leaves many fond memories with us of her time here.

Hayley Brice will be returning from her maternity leave in January. I am very excited to tell you that she will be working in the Overs team on Mondays and Tuesdays. Becca Tweed will also be moving to the Overs as a new Key Carer in the team.

Sadly Becky Somers, our Forest School Lead has decided to pursue a different path within childcare and will be leaving us at the end of January. Becky has made an enormous contribution to the Nursery in her time here, including gaining her Forest School qualification and the Forest School Association Award. We hope to recruit to this role in the new year to continue her inspiring work.

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SSC

Our SSC room has undergone a transformation from being a dark pokey space, to double its space, with its own entrance and natural light coming through. This would not happen without the incredible hard work and attention to detail by Jane Coates, our School Business manager who has project managed this work until its completion today. We know our SSC children are already benefitting from this new space, having a calm area to access their support with speech and be supported with this through their play, in a quieter environment when needed. I'd also like to thank our local architect Robert Willson who started the project as a volunteer, then took the project over officially and on through building regulations. Thanks also to Kyran, our premises officer for decorating!

Please check out our Facebook page for lots more lovely photos of the children over this term.

We truly wish you a restful break with your families as Nursery closes over the Christmas period for a few days and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

Best wishes

Liz Mellor

Headteacher

A reminder of our return dates:

Date:	**Event:**	**Overs**	**Unders**
December 24th	Last day for Explorers and Discoverers.		✓
January 2nd	First day back for the new year 2025 for Discoverers and Explorers.		✓
Jan 2nd and 3rd	Holiday club	✓	
January 6th	**INSET Day**- whole Nursery closed for staff training	✓	✓
January 7th	First day of term for Over 3's Nursery	✓	