Newsletter

November - December 2026





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Welcome back after half term just another 7 weeks until we break up for the Christmas holidays!

This term we are looking at the following:

Week 1 - Bonfire night, changes in the environment.

Week 2 - Understanding and responding to emotions and feelings.

Week 3/4 – belonging and community.

Week 5/6/7 – Families and Christmas.

Story mapping will be –
Stickman by Julia Donaldson

Wanted: We are holding a Christmas raffle and would appreciate any donation of prizes. Also please don't forget to purchase your tickets which will be on sale in December for 50p each.

We are always on the lookout for craft materials so if you have any felt tips, glue sticks, paper, tape etc not being used in the back of a cupboard the children would very much appreciate these at Preschool.

Self-help skills – We shall be concentrating on fine motor skills, we are also supporting the children to put on their own coat and wellies.

Dates for your diary:-

1.11.26 - School Admissions
10.11.26 & 1.12.26 - Lorna House
13.11.26 – Children in Need
19.11.26 - Committee Meeting 9.15
08.12.26 - Craft morning
24 & 26.11.26 - Sponsored Walk
3.12.26 – Craft Morning
7.12.26 - Kents Cavern trip
14.12.26 – Christmas Party/raffle
18.12.26 - Last day

Autum Term dates
Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term dates
Monday 4 January to Friday 25 March 2027
Half term *Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027*

Useful Websites:

www.childnet.com
Keeping children safe online | NSPCC
www.nspcc.org.uk/pants
How to potty train - NHS
Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS

Weather –If children wear their wellies to Preschool can they please have a change of shoes to wear in the classroom. Now the weather is changing please remember jumpers and coats as we often go for spontaneous walks. Please remember to name all of your child's items.

Lunch boxes - Thank you for supporting us with making healthy choices in your child's lunch boxes. For more information on healthy lunch box ideas please visit Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS.

Show and Tell – Don't forget children are welcome to bring in a toy/book/photo for show and tell to discuss and show to their friends this promotes great discussions and new vocabulary.

School Admissions – You can apply online for a Primary School placement at torbay.gov.uk from 1 November 2026 until 15 January 2027 if your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

Holiday Form and Absences - Don't forget if you go away on holiday or are leaving the setting we need four weeks' notice and a form filled in. We also need to know when your child is absent for any reason. We will call you on the day of absence if we have not heard anything, you can report the absence to us via email, phone and Tapestry. Emergency contacts on your child's file will be contacted if we have not had a response from you.

Children in Need – On Friday 13th November we shall be supporting Children in Need by having a dress up day. Your child may dress up in yellow, spots or fancy dress if they wish to join in, a small donation for children in need will be appreciated.

Sponsored walk – We will be going for a sponsored walk in the precinct to help us raise funds for new music/sound resources and musical instruments.

Christmas trip - We are going to Kents Cavern for our annual Christmas trip this year on Monday 7th December at 10.00 until or 11.30 All staff will be going so the preschool will be closed for this period. (More information to follow)

Craft Morning – Thursday 3rd December 2026 we shall hold a Christmas craft morning, so parents are welcome to come along and be creative with your child.

Tapestry - Don't forget to add photos or things that you do on your child's learning diary so we can share them. Perhaps you might like to share their favourite book, song or a photo of an outing with us.

Christmas Party Monday 14th December - We shall have a party morning for all children. All children are welcome to attend the party morning at no extra charge. We would like to welcome all children at 9am. Parents are welcome back at 11.15 am to share in the festivities.

Our last day will be **Friday 18th December 2026.**

Lastly, If you have any other ideas or suggestions for the Pre-school then please let us know. Thank you.

