

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

It has been another busy and exciting week at Muriel Green, we even have our Christmas Tree up and decorated in the front entrance! There has been lots of lovely comments from the children appreciating the lights and decorations. The Nursery School children enjoyed a special trip to the cathedral, where they learned all about the Christmas story. It was a magical experience, full of wonder and joy, helping them understand the meaning of this festive time. Thank you to all the staff who organised this. Have a wonderful weekend and see you all next week.



### SPOT'S SNOWY DAY

#### Acorn

snowman  
snowball

#### BATH TIME FOR LITTLE RABBIT

#### Conker

Wrapped  
Washing  
Squeaky  
Switch

#### GRUFFALO -SPOT AND SAY

#### Birch

Owl  
Fox  
Snake

## KEYWORDS

We are growing our children's vocabulary by carefully selecting words that will support their understanding of current learning. Keypersons will explicitly introduce the words to their groups then all staff in the room will be using these words throughout the sessions each day

Please look out for the words in each newsletter and support your child by:

- asking your child about these words
- asking your child to say/sign their keywords
- using these words at home in your conversations (where possible!)

Regular exposure to these words at home and at school will maximise the chances of the words being understood and / or used by your child.

Please do share these words with your child in your home language

### OWL BABIES

#### Willow

Feather  
Twig  
Brave  
Silent

#### Interesting Fact...

*Research tells us that a wide vocabulary in childhood is linked to future success both at school and in the wider world!*

### THE GRUFFALO

#### Nursery School

Stroll  
Sped  
Feast  
Fled

### LET'S SIGN...

#### FINISHED

As in: FINISHED / ENDED

Open hands (palms in, pointing up) fingers move sharply down on to thumbs.

Sign Images



We teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued. This Month's sign is "Finished" Please ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.

### MUSIC..

This half-term we will be focusing on Country music. The song of the week is "Life is a highway" by Rascal Flatts

If you have any country song suggestions, please share them with us.



If you play a musical instrument and would like to share your talent with the children, we would greatly appreciate it.



# INFORMATION / REMINDERS



## GREAT NEWS!

We are delighted to share that Gemma Williamson, one of our Executive Headteachers and the Federation SENDCo, won the National Nursery Management team 'SENDCo of the year' award!

This incredible achievement highlights the dedication, passion, and tireless efforts that all of our staff teams put into in supporting all children and families, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.



We are so proud to have all the hard work on inclusive practice across Roots Federation recognised. We will continue to strive for improvements in this important area, pushing boundaries and ensuring no child is left behind.



## SUCCESS STORY OF THE WEEK!

Our Nursery School children recently visited the cathedral to learn about the Christmas story. The trip helped bring the story to life, and the children enjoyed the special atmosphere of the cathedral. It was a wonderful experience that helped them understand the meaning of Christmas and giving them the opportunity to explore their local area.



## WARM CLOTHES COLLECTION

With the colder weather upon us, we are collecting warm clothing to provide a winter clothing bank. If you have any spare hats, scarves, gloves, or coats, we would be so grateful for your donations. This will be on offer for all families in our community.



## NURSERY SCHOOL

### Cathedral Visit

- Monday 2nd December
- Friday 6th December

### Christmas Songs - 3pm (All Parents are invited)

- Tuesday 10th December
- Thursday 12th December

### Last Day of Term

- Friday 20th December (8.30 to 11.30 pick up with no wrap care on this day.)

## DATES/REMINDERS

### Wear it Festive! Week

Monday 9th to 13th December

We invite all children to wear something festive; Christmas socks, sparkly hairband, red t-shirt etc...



STAY AND PLAY FOR ALL  
SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY 10-11.30 AM  
INSET DAY 6TH JANUARY  
2025- CLOSED.

## DAY CARE

Christmas Songs - 5pm

- Wednesday 18th December

## CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you are thinking of donating to a charity rather than a Christmas card, here is a charity that is close to our heart.

Up on Downs



To donate please visit our Charities Aid Foundation giving page



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