



# Newsletter Thursday 12th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has most certainly been a very busy but wonderful first term!

The children have been engaged in so many fun activities over the past few weeks and staff have been busy documenting their learning and progress.

Our transition meeting for parents/carers of children moving from Toddler to Ocean room in January took place earlier this week and was very well attended. If you were unable to attend the meeting and have any questions ahead of January please speak to Sally or Becky next week. Parents/carers of babies moving up to Toddler room have all had the opportunity to meet with their child's new key person prior to their transition. If you have any queries before January please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

If your child is moving room in January and they attend the holiday provision please bring them to their current room on 2-3 January and their new room on Monday 6th January.

The Christmas Craft afternoon was once again a huge success. It was nice to have lots of you attend to share in art activities with your children. The children certainly enjoyed having you in the classroom.

Some of the children in Ocean room went to the theatre to see the Stick Man which they all thoroughly enjoyed. It was lovely to hear their stories about the show upon their return. For those children who did not get to attend the theatre, we will be planning further visits in the new year.

As our morning start time has changed from 9.15am to 9.00am our breakfast session finishes slightly earlier. If your child attends our extended day provision and you wish for them to have breakfast in school can you please ensure they arrive by 8.45am at the latest.

An increasing number of children are bringing personal toys into nursery from home. Please can we ask you to refrain from doing so as it is very difficult to manage personal items within the classroom.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a restful break. Wishing the families celebrating Christmas a very Happy Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to nursery next term.

Best wishes,

North Islington Nursery School











## School Admissions



Please be reminded that those children who turn 4 before 31st August 2025, need to apply for a reception class place before 15th January 2025. If you require any help completing the online form, please see Louise in the office or call School Admissions on 020 7527 1515.

## **Business & Admin**

**Raffle Prizes** - We have received some great prizes for our raffle this year - posters are on the doors highlighting some of the prizes. A big thank you to all of you that have donated prizes or simply purchased raffle tickets. Our raffle will be drawn on Tuesday afternoon. Monday will be the last day to purchase tickets.

**Free School Meals** - All parents of children who have turned 3 years old between 1 September and 31 December 2024 are required to complete a free school meal form. Louise has emailed you the details. Please speak to Louise or Laura if you need assistance. It is important that all families complete the eligibility check as soon as possible.

**Card Machine** - We now have a card machine in the office which enables us to take card payments instantly. You are still able to use ParentMail to make payments if that is your preference.

**Funded childcare places** - Please remember to receive the funded entitlements you need to apply by certain deadlines. The deadline for January is 31/12/2024. Where applicable please apply and inform us of the code as soon as possible.

For further information or to check your eligibility please follow the link below:

[Check you're eligible for free childcare if you're working - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

**Christmas AYR provision** - AYR parents only - if your child is not going to be on the 2nd or 3rd January please can you let a member of the office team know.

## Christmas Celebrations



- Tuesday 17th December, 2.30pm prompt start - Ocean Christmas Carols. Please arrive by 2.20pm if you are attending the performance
- Wednesday 18th December, Christmas lunch for children - children welcome to wear their Christmas jumper
- Friday 20th December, Christmas parties for children including a visit from Santa - children welcome to wear their Christmas jumper
- Friday 20th December, school closes at 4pm for extended day children.





- Tuesday 17th December, 2.30pm - Ocean Christmas Carols. Parents welcome - please arrive by 2.20pm.
- Wednesday 18th December, Christmas lunch for children.
- **Friday 20th December - Development Afternoon, school closes at 4pm for all children (please note change from AM to PM)**
- Friday 20th December - Last day of term for all children
- Thursday 2nd January 2025 - School reopens for AYR children
- Monday 6th January 2025 - School reopens for TTO children
- Monday 3rd February 2025 - Development Morning, school opens at 10am for all children
- Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Half Term, school closed for TTO children
- Monday 24th February - INSET, school closed for all children