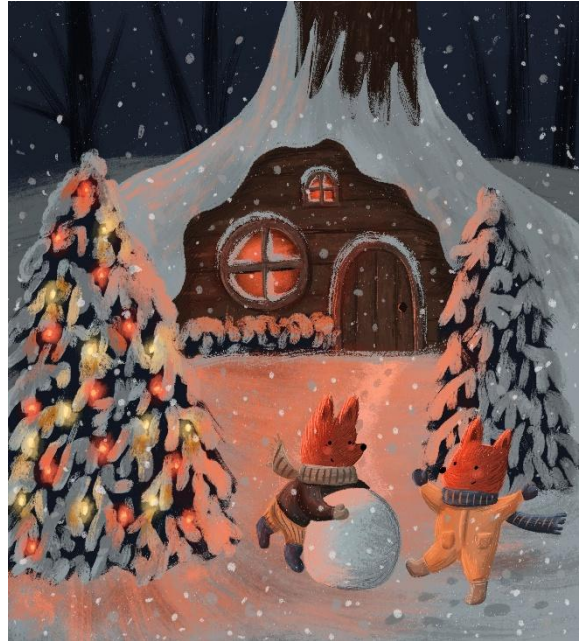


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Christmas is fast approaching again and we have lots of celebrations planned. Firstly, we are pleased to be able to invite you all to our "Big Little Nativity". There will be three performances this year over Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th December - Wednesday at 10.30am for parents/Wednesday at 4pm for grandparents/Thursday at 4pm for parents. Tickets are available by contacting the main office. They will be limited due to space and



issued on a first come, first served basis. We plan to allow everyone to take group photographs/videos (which must not be uploaded onto social media), so you must let us know in advance if you do NOT want your child included. You must bring your ticket to enter and doors will only open 10 minutes beforehand as we need to get the very excited children ready and settled. There will be mince pies and mulled wine to purchase with a donation to Claire House Children's Hospice which will mark our final fundraising event of the year. Please bring some cash! We will let you all know our fundraising total in January 2026.

There will be lots of different seasonal activities going on throughout the nursery and we will be following wintery footprints around the grounds. Where will they lead? What will we find? We may also catch a glimpse of the maker of the footprints!

- The children are welcome to bring in cards for their friends.
- Ruth's delicious Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 18th December for the whole Parklands Team and children to enjoy together.

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- We will be holding a Christmas Party with lots of fun and games, followed by a party food tea on Tuesday 9th December. Get the party attire and festive jumpers out! Extra sessions are available but will be limited.

We all enjoyed our Halloween celebrations and want to thank you all for coming. It was lovely to see so many of you in such a relaxed atmosphere and join us in the spooky fun. Our Grandparents Day stay and play afternoon at the beginning of October was also well attended and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the special relationships between grandparents and grandchildren.

We hope you are all used to our new room names now and have seen our new signage on the outside of the nursery building. We feel that the names are much more appropriate to our unique location and homely atmosphere and hope you agree!



Staff news:

- A big well done to Kaylee (Hedgehogs) and Iona (Owls) who have completed their NVQ3s in Childcare and Education recently.
- Due the significant increase in enrolment of children under 2 years of age, we welcomed Hayley and Nancy to Deers recently. Hayley has previous nursery experience and Nancy comes from the care sector and would like to persue a career in childcare. Hedgehogs will also be welcoming Beth to their team from December. She also has experience working in a busy nursery.

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- Alarna (Foxes) has now begun her maternity leave and Katey has taken on the well deserved promotion to room leader in Alarna's absence. Kayla recently joined the Foxes team and is settling in very well. She joins us from a local Pre-School and is keen to begin her NVQ3 in childcare with us as soon as possible.
- Huge congratulations to Alarna who had an 8lb 15oz little girl this week. We can't wait for her to visit!

Other points:

- If your child is due to start school in Cheshire East in September 2026, the deadline for application is 15th January. Here is the link to the Cheshire East website -
<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2026-school-place.aspx>
- Please drive very slowly in the car park. There are times when it is very busy and drivers may not be able to see little people in car blind spots.
- A polite reminder to collect your child by 4pm if they are attending for a short day. Late collection delays staff breaks which then has a negative impact on the rest of the session.
- Lead roles:
Designated Safeguarding Lead - Gail Charlesworth
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Jane Mullen-Heath
SENCO - Vicky Finnan
- We will be outdoors taking full advantage of our grounds and enjoying the winter weather as the temperature drops, so please remember to pack a bag with a change of clothes, hat and gloves. Please make sure all clothing is labelled.
- Please see our attached flyer about how to help people experiencing homelessness this Christmas by filling a sock. We would like as many of you to be involved as possible. Please bring your filled socks in by December 12th at the latest.

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Please note that Parklands will be closed on the bank holidays of Thursday 25th, Friday 26th December 2025 and Thursday 1st January 2026 but will be open as usual on all other days.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas with your families and look forward to 2026.

Very best wishes,

ALL OF THE PARKLANDS TEAM. Xx

