

# Nursery Weekly News

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As the end of term draws nearer, we look forward to a couple of weeks of fun and festivity! This week we will be continuing to learn about Christmas and carrying out Christmas activities. **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>** is Save the Children *Christmas jumper day* if the children would like to wear their Christmas jumpers. They might also like to wear them on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, the last day of term as we plan to have a special Christmas lunch together. If the morning children would like to stay until 12:15pm and join us, they are welcome to. We will provide a couple of Christmas treats but please supply your child with their own packed lunch as usual.

We also have our Nativity play to perform next week. There will be two performances on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am and 2pm. The children will have two tickets for each performance. If your child only attends for the morning or afternoon there is no expectation for them to attend the performance at a time they don't attend, however you are welcome to bring them to join in. If you think you will want to do this, could you please let us know this week so we can ensure we have enough seating for the children. I'm afraid you will need to bring the children just before the performance and collect them afterwards, rather than for the whole session, so we stay in ratio. The children have been singing very well, hopefully they will not be too thrown by an audience. The Nursery choir will be dressed as sheep, so if the children could wear black bottoms and white tops that would be great. We will ask you to send the children in their clothes on the day of the performances. We will be providing the children with their sheep headbands. The children may also have a little bit of face paint on their noses, so if your child has very sensitive skin and you would prefer them not to please let us know. Please collect the children at the nursery door as usual after the afternoon performance.



Best wishes

Ellie Green & Kelly McIlroy

## Reminders

A great App for parents

<https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!50thingstodobefore5/welcome>



It's **school application** time. Applications close in January so please make sure you have applied for your child's Reception place for next year. Just follow this link to apply if you haven't already.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>

Are your family eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium funding? The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) provides extra funding for 3- and 4-year-old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or children who have been in care or adopted from care. For more information, please follow the link...

[Extra funding for your early years provider | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Please don't forget **if you are accessing 30 hours of funding** you need to keep your details up to date every 3 months, so please ensure you have done this. Thank you.

## 10 More Simple Maths Activities



Following on from last week here are a few more maths ideas.

1. **Draw around bowls** – Grab a blank piece of paper and help your little one draw around upturned bowls to create a circle picture.
2. **Play dough numbers** - Roll out play dough snakes with your child, then form into numbers.
3. **Number chart counting** – Put up a number chart and let your child be a preschool maths teacher.
4. **Which is heavier?** – take 2 objects, hand them to your child and ask, “Which is heavier?!”
5. **Play a matching game online such as animal parade** – a cute animal matching game from the CBBC Website.
6. **I spy colours** – Play this traditional game but look for” ...something .... blue!”
7. **Odd one out** – Lay out 3 objects, 2 similar and 1 different and ask, “Which is the odd one out?”
8. **M&M patterns** - A tasty maths activity. Create a pattern sequence using M&M’s, or fruit if you want to be healthy.
9. **Sing a maths song** – *Ten in a bed, 10 green bottles, 10 Speckled Frogs, 5 Currant buns, 5 Little Ducks, 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive* are all brilliant, but there are lots more, just have a Google!
10. **Sock matching** – A great tidying and sorting activity. Or try Cutlery drawer sorting – Yet another sorting activity, this will keep the cutlery drawer nicely organised. Or if you want a break from household jobs try Sticker Sorting – stickers can be used for a lovely maths activity. Take a sheet of stickers, a blank sheet of paper and sort into groups.

We continue to work on recognising numerals and accurate 1:1 counting. You could reinforce this as much as possible in everyday life.

For children who are starting to explore bigger numbers beyond 10 please try to describe the numerals as ‘one ten’ and ‘three ones’, in the number 13 for example. The word ‘units’ tends not to be used so much now and we refer to ‘tens’ and ‘ones’.