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DECEMBER NEWS



THEMES AND INTEREST TABLES

Our theme for the month of December is *Christmas!* Our shape is *star* and our colour is *red*.



A huge well done to all the children for making such a big effort to share with their friends. During December we will be thinking about – BEING HELPFUL.

COATS, HATS AND GLOVES

Now that the weather is colder, you may wish to send a hat and gloves for the children to leave in nursery for outdoor play. You may also wish to swap your child's coat for a heavier one. Please send a message on Seesaw, if this is the case and we'll send the coat they currently have in nursery home. Thank you.

NURSERY AND PRIMARY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The online application portal on the Education Authority website – www.eani.co.uk/admissions will be available from **Wednesday 7th January 2026 @ 12 noon to Wednesday 21st January 2026 @ 12 noon**. Once your online application has been completed you will need to upload verifying documents such as birth certificate and proof of child's address. Please do not hesitate in asking for assistance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5th December - Christmas Jamboree in the school assembly hall at 9.30am

Wednesday 10th December- Jo Jingles. Our Senior friends from Carrickfergus Manor will be visiting to see our Nursery Jamboree and participate in Joe Jingles

Friday 12th December- PTFA Holly Jolly (ticketed event): 6.00pm to 8pm

Monday 15th December- Christmas Cracker Day- this will be a **PJ Day**, (these can be Christmas PJs but do not have to be). We will be having lots of fun activities, including s'mores, hot chocolate and a Christmas movie. There may even be a visit from Santa and Mrs Claus!

Tuesday 16th December – Poppin Pilates

Thursday 18th December - **This will be a non-uniform day!** Carnival Promotions will be visiting with their puppet show. Nursery will finish early today for the Christmas holidays and there will be no dinners served today!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – The nursery closes on **Thursday 18th December 2025** and re-opens on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.



TOGETHER TIME

For December 'Together Time' why not make some Christmas play dough with your child and enjoy being creative!

This is our play dough recipe

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1½ cups salt
- 4 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups hot water
- 2 tablespoons baby oil
- colouring

To give it a Christmas twist add: red colouring, Christmas essence and glitter

Wrap in cling film when not in use so that play dough can be used again.

Have fun!



OTHER SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Physical Activities and Movement / The Arts

- Cut strips from coloured paper and stick together to create a bright paper chain.
- Make dough (see recipe) and use some cookie cutters to cut out shapes and create a Christmas scene.

The World Around Us

- Make "presents" by wrapping up junk material (cereal boxes, tubes etc.) with Christmas paper and explore different ways of joining e.g. glue, sticky tape, string. Develop reasoning skills by encouraging thinking about size of paper required to cover the items.

Early Mathematical Experiences

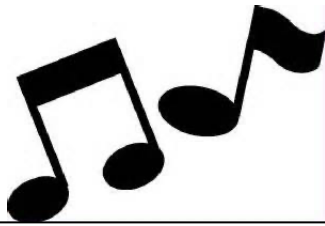
- When decorating the Christmas tree, use and encourage mathematical language to describe position, colours, shapes and comparison of sizes e.g. top, around, behind, straight, curved, biggest etc.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!



December- I can...

- Perform songs for an audience in the Nursery Jamboree
- Identify familiar natural/man-made sounds in the environment- birds, wind, rain, traffic, vehicles
- Begin to talk about their observations and make simple predictions
- Begin to use tape to join
- Talk about how we prepare for Christmas
- Learn songs and poem for Christmas performance
- Develop an understanding of positional language and prepositions- 'in front of', 'behind', 'in', 'on', 'under', 'beside'
- Find and sort clothes- talk about size- big/small
- Mark make- letter to Santa/ Christmas cards
- Identify metallic colours- silver, gold and bronze
- Find and sort clothes- talk about size- big/small
- Develop cutting, sticking, folding, pouring and building



Christmas Songs

When Santa got stuck up the chimney
He began to shout
You boys and girls won't get any toys
If you don't pull me out.
My beard is black, there's soot on my sack
And my nose is tickly too,
When Santa got stuck up the chimney
Atshoo, Atshoo, Atshoo!



5 little snowmen fat
Each with a funny hat
The sun came out and melted one
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.

4 little snowmen fat
Each with a funny hat
The sun came out and melted one
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.

3 little snowmen fat
Each with a funny hat
The sun came out and melted one
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.

2 little snowmen fat
Each with a funny hat
The sun came out and melted one
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.

1 little snowmen fat
Each with a funny hat
The sun came out and melted one
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.



(Sang to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Christmas Pudding
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Steaming Hot
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Sprinkle on the sugar
Sprinkle on the sugar
Eat the LOT
Eat the LOT.