



Kiddies' Cabin Day Nursery



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Newsletter – January 2026

Welcome

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to all! I hope you all enjoyed spending time with your families over the festive period. On behalf of the staff at Kiddies' Cabin I would like to say thank you for all the kind cards and gifts we have received, these are very much appreciated by the team.

2025 was another great year at Kiddies' Cabin Day Nursery! We continued to provide high quality childcare, building bonds and creating fun and engaging activities for all our children.

We celebrated festivals, celebrations and learning about each other's cultures. We had parents and family members that came in at different times in the year to read stories, play games, talk to the children about their job roles and family members talking about their culture which the children really enjoyed listening to and asking questions.

We held events throughout the year which always fill the nursery with a great atmosphere. Thank you for supporting the events we hold, it is appreciated and great to have families and Nursery Practitioners come together in a fun way.

We developed the nursery this year by having a new climbing frame and safety surfacing around it in the under 2's playground.

2026 will be full of fun and excitement, part of this will be Kiddies' Cabin Day Nursery 20 years celebrations!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a review, we really appreciate the time taken to complete them. If you would like to submit a review on daynurseries.co.uk, please use [this link](#). We would love to see our score get to a 10 if we can! 😊

As always please phone me to discuss any queries you have on 01189 044637.

Kind regards,

Leigh

Under Two's News

Happy New Year to you all,

We hope you have enjoyed your break, spending time with your families!

Over the past few months, the children have been busy celebrating a variety of different festivals such as: Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Children In Need and Christmas 😊

Some of the activities we have taken part in are: Making Diwali lamps, body splatter painting, dress up competition for Halloween, carving our own pumpkin, firework painting, wearing our pyjamas to nursery to raise money for Children In Need, Pudsey cupcake making, making poppy hand prints and creating lots of artwork as well as making Christmas presents for our families.

We have a new display board celebrating children's new achievements such as taking their first steps, exploring the textures of new foods, settling into nursery. We also work in partnership with parents who bring in key achievements from home.

The children had the chance to meet Santa at nursery and receive their gifts followed by a nursery Christmas dinner, exploring the new foods on their plate. The children have shown lots of interest in the Christmas music and have had dancing/rhyme time daily.

Sadly, we saw some of our children move up the buttercup room now they have turned 2. The children have started their new adventures and a warm welcome to the new children who have settled into under 2's over the past few weeks, we look forward to meeting more new friends in the new year 😊. We hope you have enjoyed looking at your children's photocards and artwork from the recent weeks!

Just a gentle reminder: please can you make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the garden, now the weather has changed, and it is colder outside.

We look forward to what else we can get up to in 2026 😊

The Under 2's Team

Chloe L, Lucie, Khadijah, Chloe. W

Buttercup Room News

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. We hope you enjoyed spending time looking through all your children's Christmas/art packs full of lovely artwork, they were super busy making them special for you!

The last few months of 2025 we spent celebrating a variety of festivals and special occasions, these included Halloween where we got creative carving pumpkins, getting messy with spiders in jelly and reading lots of Halloween stories. We also celebrated Diwali, we had discussions to teach the children the meaning of Diwali, and we did lots of colourful activities including straw fireworks and decorating candle holders. For Remembrance Day we made our own poppies, and the children watched a short remembrance video, and we talked about why we dedicate a day to remembrance.

This year is starting by encouraging the children to spend time catching up with their peers and discussing their wonderful Christmas/family time, we will encourage the children to talk about themselves, their families and their experiences.

We have lots of themes and fun activities lined up this year and are excited to see the children's interests develop, please remember to inform us of any wow moments or achievements your child has made at home as we would love to add this to their profiles.

We rounded up 2025 looking at all the amazing achievements the children had made that year, we enjoy supporting them develop and helping them learn new skills. Last year we celebrated many festivals and achievements, and we look forward to seeing the children's progress this year! 😊

Thank you,

Buttercups Team – Alice, Maddy, Chloe A and Jeffnie

Bluebell Room News

Happy New Year!

Welcome to Mollie who joined us in the Bluebell room in October, the children have had fun drawing, listening to the many stories that they ask to be read to them and playing chase in the garden together.

We were absolutely delighted with our two pumpkins that we managed to grow from seeds. We had fun scooping out the seeds and carving them. We have managed to save seeds from the pumpkins, sunflowers and sweet peas ready to plant next year. The growing area has now been dug over and tidied up ready for us to plant some bulbs to hopefully come out in the spring.

Whilst we have a theme each week, on occasions we do digress according to the children's interests and the naturally occurring learning opportunities. The children have been interested in their bodies, the weather, fairy tales, mushrooms, insects and wildlife. We have had many interesting conversations, with the children imparting their knowledge (ideas/opinions)!!

Shelene has continued to engage the children in many different adventures through dance and music, we have been to the toyshop, explored nursery rhymes, been to the circus, met Peter Pan and been under the sea!

The children have been enjoying many mark marking activities, they have particularly enjoyed tracing each other's names, so please don't be alarmed if they come home with other names. It's a great way to learn to recognise their friends' names, familiarise themselves with other letters and begin forming letters.

We have also been looking at the magic of numbers, how is it if we turned 6 & 9 around, they become the same number? But number 6 sits on it's bottom, but number 9 holds its head high. How can we make a 3 into an 8? How can 8 become a snowman!!! And isn't it amazing that if we know 0 – 9 then we can have all the numbers we need to make other bigger numbers.

Alongside this we have explored Diwali, Halloween, bonfire night, Remembrance Day, St Andrew's day, Children in Need and Christmas!

Michelle, Saira, Alisha and Mollie.

Current Staffing Information

Daisy room (under 2's)

Chloe L - Team Leader
Lucie
Chloe W
Khadijah

Buttercup room (2-3 year olds)

Alice - Team Leader
Chloe A
Jeffnie
Maddy

Bluebell room (3-5 year old)

Michelle - Team Leader
Saira
Alisha
Mollie

Float or bank staff that support in all rooms

Sarwo
Amrit
Lek
Farhat
Emily
Rose

General Reminders

Please could each family provide photos of their close family members for their child/ren.

As a gentle reminder please could you ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the cold weather, including a hat, gloves, wellington and scarfs if possible. Please ensure these are all named so we can return these to the correct child!

Fees and funding

If you have any queries regarding fees, the 15 or 30 hours funding or Tax Free Childcare please contact Katie Baker who is the Nursery Business Administrator for our three nurseries and is always happy to help parents.

katie.baker@berkshire.nhs.uk 07789 374217.

Website Information

We are excited to let you know that our new website goes live on Thursday 15th January. Further details will follow.

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Thank you for your continued support for Kiddies' Cabin
Leigh Kelly