

TOWNSEND BARN NURSERY

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Newsletter



Welcome back to the Autumn term!
This term we welcome 15 new children and their families to TBN.

To welcome the new children into their rooms, the Butterfly and Barn Owl children's theme for the first couple of weeks will be "Our class is a family". We find it a lovely way to help children settle in and develop their social and communication skills.

Just a reminder, as we come into the colder months, please remember to bring LABELLED hats, gloves, coats, waterproofs and wellies into nursery.



Nursery News.....

We would like to welcome everyone back to another fun filled term. The Summer term flew by, however, on reflection, we got lots out of it! The children experienced new opportunities, a few examples being planting a tree in the village, visiting the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, feeding baby lambs and many more! We had another successful sports day, welcomed our two African land snails, raised money for charity, celebrated lots of cultural days and took part in Devizes in Bloom.

This term, as always, is full of fun and exciting opportunities for the children to experience. A lot of the children have made the transition into the next room, and we hope the children will settle into their new rooms and develop new friendships and close bonds with staff whilst developing and thriving. As the seasons change, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival, Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

We would like to send huge congratulations to Miss Megan and her partner Ollie, and Miss Karen and her husband Craig, who are both expecting babies at the end of the year/beginning of next year! We also welcome Miss Nicole and Miss Natasha as permanent members of staff and Miss Lucy as a member of our bank staff. We would like to send congratulations to Miss Anna who moves on to become a primary school teacher this month. We are very sad to say Miss Helen will be retiring in September. She has been with us for 5 years and we will miss her lots!

For those that need to apply for a school place for September 2025, please note your online application needs to be submitted by **15th January 2025** via the Wiltshire Council website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-online If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Sarah

More information on funding and tax free childcare entitlement can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk Don't forget – once you have transferred the money to your tax free account, you need to return to the account to send it to TBN.

Invoices – Please remember Wiltshire Council funding is only paid to us during term time. When making a Bacs payment please make sure you pay each child's invoice separately for the correct amount with a reference. Thank you.



Concept Photography will be visiting on Tuesday 8th October. Thinking ahead, they make perfect Christmas presents!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Start of Funding – Monday 2nd September 2024**
- **Yoga – Tuesday 10th September 2024**
- **Harvest Festival week – Monday 30th September 2024**
- **Yoga – Tuesday 1st October 2024**
- **Concept Photography – Tuesday 8th October 2024**
- **End of Funding – Friday 18th October 2024**
- **Start of Funding – Monday 4th November 2024**
- **Christmas Lunch – Thursday 5th December 2024**
- **Nativity – Friday 13th December 2024**
- **Christmas Party – Tuesday 17th December 2024**
- **End of Funding – Friday 20th December 2024**
- **Close for Christmas – Monday 23rd December 2020**
- **Nursery Open – Thursday 2nd January 2025**
- **Start of Funding – Monday 13th January 2025**
- **End of Funding – Friday 14th February 2025**
- **Start of funding – Monday 24th February 2025**
- **End of Funding – Friday 4th April 2025**



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