

# Verwood Day Nursery

## New year newsletter

2026

We hope you have all the children had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to another exciting period of learning, play, and discovery with us. We are excited to share updates from across the nursery and celebrate the wonderful experiences the children have been enjoying.

We would also like to extend a big welcome to our new families who are joining us. We hope you quickly feel part of our nursery community. Our team is committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where they learn and grow.



### **Congratulations Kerrie!**

We are pleased to announce that our employee of the year for 2025 is Kerrie our Plum room supervisor. Kerrie has gone above and beyond, taking on the role of supervisor. She consistently shows kindness, professionalism and a real passion for supporting both the children and her team.



### **Well done, Roise!**

Rosie has successfully completed her level 2 qualification. Rosie has joined our baby room team and is excited to be taking on her very own key children, supporting them as they learn and grow.



### **Goodluck Jess!**

Jess our housekeeper has now started her maternity leave, we wish her all the best and look forward to welcoming her back in the future



# Christmas 2025



Although we did not celebrate with a Christmas fair this year, we still thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the festive period with the children in the weeks leading up to Christmas.



There was plenty of Christmas fun, including decorating the trees, dancing and singing, and enjoying our special Christmas lunch together. On Christmas Eve, the children had a magical Polar Express themed day, which was a wonderful way to end the year. We also spent time making festive crafts for the children to take home and share with their families, and we hope you all enjoyed the craft bags we put together for you to do over the Christmas period.



# Nest



In the baby room, the children have been enjoying a wide range of sensory experiences. They have explored different textures through sensory play, including food play, sensory bags, and light-based activities. These experiences support curiosity and early exploration, allowing the children to use their senses to discover the world around them in a safe and engaging way.



Stories have been shared regularly, with the children showing great interest in books, puppets, and story time sessions. Singing and rhyming activities have also been enjoyed, helping to support early communication and language development, listening skills, and bonding with familiar adults. The children have responded with smiles, movements, and vocal sounds as they join in.



Outdoor play has been an important part of the babies' day, with plenty of opportunities to explore physical resources such as trikes and balls. These activities support early physical development, balance, and coordination. Indoors, the children have also enjoyed discovering puzzles and shape sorters, building early problem-solving skills and hand-eye



# Plum Room

In the toddler room, the children have been enjoying a variety of mark-making activities, exploring prints and patterns using different objects such as potatoes and other everyday resources. These activities encourage curiosity and creativity while supporting early hand-eye coordination and fine motor development. The children have shown great excitement as they explore how different objects create different marks.

We have also been exploring a range of weather-themed activities. Ice-themed and rain-themed tuff trays have provided sensory-rich experiences, allowing the children to investigate textures, temperatures, and changes using their senses. These activities have supported early understanding of the world while encouraging language development as children describe what they see, feel, and experience.

Music and movement have been a big part of our daily routine, with the children enjoying singing familiar rhymes and taking part in musical movement activities. These experiences support listening skills, rhythm, and coordination, while also building confidence and enjoyment. Alongside this, outdoor play has continued to support the children's physical development as they climb, run, balance, and explore, helping to strengthen their gross motor skills in a fun and active way.



# Apple Room

Over the past few weeks in the preschool room, the children have been deeply engaged in mark making and developing their fine motor skills. They have enjoyed threading activities, drawing, painting, and exploring a wide range of materials and tools. These experiences support early writing skills, hand strength, and coordination, while also encouraging creativity and self-expression. The children have shown great concentration and pride in their work as they experiment with different marks, patterns, and textures.

Alongside this, the children have been developing their problem-solving skills through hands-on activities. Threading, construction, and open-ended creative tasks have encouraged them to think, plan, and persevere when challenges arise. We have seen wonderful examples of children working things out independently, as well as collaborating with their peers, sharing ideas, and helping one another.

We have also been extending the children's physical development through outdoor play. The children have been jumping, balancing, climbing, and building, which helps to strengthen their core muscles, coordination, and confidence. Outdoor learning provides valuable opportunities for children to take



# Reminders

Please take extra precautions when entering and exiting the building, ensuring that both front doors are fully closed behind you.

Please **DO NOT** allow entrance to any other person without a member of the team being present.

Please ensure that your child attends nursery with appropriate and named clothing, we use the outdoor space all year round.

Our session times run from 7.45am to 12.45pm and then 1.00pm until 6.00pm. Please arrive in good time to collect your child at the end of the session.

Please do not forget to inform us if your child is unwell. Some illnesses are very infectious, and we need to notify other parents and on occasions implement cautionary measures within the setting.

Please **DO NOT** bring your child into nursery if they are needing Calpol to relieve symptoms of illnesses.

Please ensure you check blossom regularly for updates and reminders.



## Are you aware of tax-free childcare?

### Tax free childcare

Are you using tax free childcare to pay your nursery bill?  
If you aren't, you are missing out!



#### What is it?

If you're a working parent or carer, you can get up to £500 every three months (up to £2,000 a year per child) to help with the costs of childcare. If your child has a disability, you can get up to £1,000 every three months (up to £4,000 a year per child).

#### How it works

You set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 a year or £4,000 if your child has a disability.

You can then use the money to pay your nursery fees.

You need to reconfirm your eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare every three months. You'll get a text reminder and it's easy to do through your online childcare account.

You can also use Tax-Free childcare alongside funded childcare.

For more information about all childcare support available and to apply, please visit: [Best Start in Life](#)



## **Availability**

The Nest (0-2years) currently taking bookings  
from August 2026

Plum room (2-3 years) limited availability across the week

Pre-school (3 years+) Full until September 2026

**We also accept all ages of funding!**



## **Referral reward!**

Don't forget that our referral reward is to say thank to those parents who recommend friends and colleagues to Verwood Day Nursery. To benefit from this reward yourself, you must ask the person you recommend mentioning your name at time of enquiry or booking and the new child must be on a full time (51-week contract). Then after the new child has attended Verwood Day Nursery for 3 full months, the £100 reward will be credited to your account during the 4th month. Simple!

Don't forget to follow us!



**From Kaitie, Amy and the Verwood Day Nursery Team**