



Dear parents and carers,

This is the final newsletter for 2025 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support as we navigate the last few days before we break for the Christmas holiday.

Christmas is a special time that brings family together, offering moments to slow down, reconnect and enjoy one another's company. It's a season filled with shared traditions, warm conversations and simple joys, where love, kindness and togetherness are at the heart of every celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support as we move into 2026. It is a great honour to be the Head of Nursery at Thornton Heath Nursery School, and I am incredibly proud of all that your children have achieved so far on their educational journey. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff who nurture, inspire and support every child to become the very best version of themselves.

We have had notification that our wonderful nursery was selected to take part in the Early Talk Boost Research project which has been commissioned by Speech and Language UK. Emma and I have completed our training today and in the new year we will be inviting groups of parents to join us in a friendly workshop as the project very much promotes partnership working. At this current time this will only be available to a small number of parents for this year.

The phrase "out with the old, in with the new" is often associated with the New Year, symbolising fresh starts and new beginnings. Reflecting this, we are excited to be making some positive changes to our learning environments over the Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on 6th January 2026 to newly refurbished spaces.

On behalf of everyone at the nursery I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas, happy holiday and a peaceful New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all when we return in January 2026.

Jenette



### **Primary school applications**

The application for primary school has to be made by 15th January 2026, this must be completed through e-admissions at [www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions). This can be quite a daunting process and we recognise that for many of you this will be the first time you have had to make this type of application. We know that many of you have already made visits to local primary schools and have already completed your applications online however if you need help to make the application please contact the school office and arrange a time with Caroline for some support.

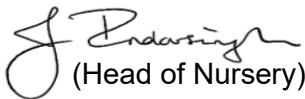
### **Cold weather and appropriate clothing**

I suspect that the weather will be colder when we return in January. Please ensure that your child has a **labelled** warm coat, scarf, hat and gloves. Unfortunately we can not be responsible for items of clothing that go missing, especially if they have not been labelled with a name. Gloves are particularly hard to keep track of, there are many companies that sell "clips" that can be used to attach gloves to a sleeve which might save you some money in the long run! We have a mud kitchen and lots of 'messy' play activities at nursery, so please make sure that children are dressed in clothing which you don't mind getting dirty.



### **Health and safety**

 The nursery environment will be getting busier from January as new children join us. In order to make sure that everyone who enters and leaves our premises is safe we would like to remind you that the children should be walking in and out of the nursery and should not be carried. Please remind older siblings to stay clear of doorways whilst they are waiting for you to collect your child so that other parents / carers can enter and exit safely. Please also remember not to give your child food to eat until they have **left** the premises as we have many children with allergies. Older siblings waiting in the lobby area must also **not be** eating, on several occasions we have had to ask siblings to put food away.

  
(Head of Nursery)



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