



Thank you to everyone that came along to watch our Christmas show, I'm sure you will agree that all the children looked wonderful in their costumes and did really well with the songs and actions.

## Happy New Year

The staff at Sunny Days would like to say welcome back from the Christmas break and thank-you for all the lovely gifts we received at Christmas. We hope that you made time for some relaxation with your families. We would like to extend a special welcome to those children and their Parents/Carers who have joined us in January

### RSPB: Big School Birdwatch

5<sup>th</sup> Jan -13<sup>th</sup> February

We will be taking part in the National Bird Watch this term, making our own bird food and counting the number of birds that visit our setting. There are lots of resources available if you would like to get involved at home – visit [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

## Christmas Tree Festival

A huge thank you to everyone that supported us and went along to vote. We are not sure where we came in the competition and hope to find out soon . A great event enjoyed by all.

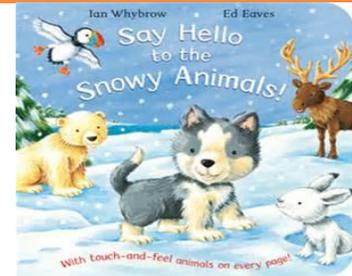


## BookStart Packs

Sharing books, stories and rhymes everyday helps your child to become a confident and eager learner even before they start school. Book start is national initiative aimed to inspire a love of reading and allows book packs to be gifted to every two and three year old in the country.

Every 3 year old born between 1/11/10 – 30/11/12 attending the pre-school will very shortly receive their bookstart packs.

Each child is eligible for one treasure bag only and parents were asked to sign a declaration form last term to declare that they are only placing their order with one setting.



## Stories of the Month

Our stories this month will be themed around winter and the weather. Please feel free to ask about booking out a story sack for you and your child to share together at home

## Rhyme of the Month

### Two Little Dicky Birds

Two little dicky birds sitting on the wall

One named Peter, one named Paul

Fly away Peter, fly away Paul

Come back Peter, come back Paul

(Sometimes we change the bird names to the children's names)



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## This Month - Things to Remember

### Applying For School Place

If your child is four before September 2016 you must apply for a place at a local primary school before 15<sup>th</sup> January. You can apply online, using the link below .  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place>

If you need any help with this please speak with a member of staff.

## Outdoor Clothing

AS the weather gets colder and wetter please could you ensure your child comes to pre-school with a warm waterproof coat and a pair of wellington boots. This ensures the children can still have lots of fun outside while keeping dry and warm

## Half Term

Our last day of term will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We have one week off and return Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## Attendance/Illness

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent – all children's attendance will now be recorded and monitored as part of our Ofsted requirements

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## School Parking

Lyneham Primary school have asked that all Pre-school Parents please use the pre-school car park behind the pre-school, accessed from Harrow Grove

## Letter and Sounds

At pre-school we focus on Phase One and over the school year we plan regular activities to support the 7 different aspects through child and adult led activities.

Each aspect is divided into 3 strands and develops children's ability to:

- Listen to sounds
- Listen and remember
- Talk about sounds

This terms aspect is **Body percussion** and aims to develop children's awareness of sounds and rhythms.

Why not use the outdoors to encourage children to explore different ways of making sounds with their bodies Encourage your child to stop and listen when they march, stamp, clap hands or splash in puddles.

## SPEEDY BIRD CAKE

RSPB- Bird Watch – an activity to give nature a home on your door step. We will be making bird cake at school to encourage the birds into our garden, why not give it a go at home

### Things you need

Good quality bird seed; raisins; peanuts; grated cheese; suet or lard; yoghurt pots; string; mixing bowl; scissors

### Steps

Carefully make a small hole in the bottom of a yoghurt pot. Thread string through the hole and tie a knot on the inside. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to a tree or your bird table

Allow the lard to warm up to room temperature, but don't melt it. Then cut it up into small pieces and put it in the mixing bowl

Add the other ingredients to the bowl and mix them together with your fingertips. Keep adding the seed/raisin/cheese mixture and squidding it until the fat holds it all together.

Fill your yoghurt pots with bird cake mixture and put them in the fridge to set for an hour

Hang your speedy bird cakes from trees or your bird table. Watch for greenfinches, tits and possibly even great spotted woodpeckers.

### Important notes

Not suitable for children with nut allergies. Note that bird seed, including peanuts bought for birds, is not suitable for human consumption.

Have a look on the RSPB web site for easy apple core bird feeder.