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Holding Hands Preschool Fortnightly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 8th December 2025

Music, Merriment and Our Christmas Countdown!

Take a look below to find out what we have been up to...

Sensory Room

- Sensory Play
 - *Flour – snow castles, build it up and squash it flat!
 - *Ice and glitter – animals have become trapped in the ice and we have been working to free them!
- Art
 - *Reindeer and Father Christmas handprints – getting in the festive spirit and getting messy too!
 - *salt and cornflour dough ornaments – making the dough and decorating it once dry to create tree decorations.

Outside

- Garden
 - *Sensory trays – sand and water play.
 - *Physical Exercise – parachute games, 'What's the Time Mr. Wolf?' and large waffle construction.
- Bank
 - *Growing areas – Using the wheelbarrows to transport compost and soil, adding it to the beds and covering them over for winter.
 - *Physical Exercise – Frames, slides, pirate ship.
 - *Chickens – talking about, caring for and collecting eggs from.

Story Corner

- Our favourite Christmas songs – 'When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney', 'See the Sleeping Angels' and 'Jingle Bells'.
- Our Books – So many wonderful Christmas and Winter stories have been shared from our lovely library trip!

Gym

- Free-play and construction – Mega Blocks, Duplo, musical instruments and singing, Threading, Wooden blocks, Puzzles.
- Indoor apparatus – Climbing frames, balance beam, A-frame.
- Group activities – Decorating the Christmas Trees, collaborative singing

Pod

- Music, dance and parties – Listening to our favourite songs, moving to the music and singing together.
- Exploring the sensory lights, plasma, pebbles, light box and bubble tubes.

What's happening over the following weeks?

- Outings to the library, market and Old Amersham High Street for small groups of children.
- Continuing to explore the theme of Christmas and what it means to the children. Making, baking and decorating and winding down for the Christmas break!
- Not forgetting our Christmas Celebration on Friday 19th December (details in the email attachment and below).

Dates For Your Diary...

Thursday 11th December 2025 –
Christmas Jumper Day

Preschool invites you all to join us in wearing your Christmas jumpers on this day (and throughout the week should you wish), in support of Children in Need.

Thursday 18th December 2025 –
End of Term
Preschool will close for the festive break, at the end of the afterschool session, on this date.

Friday 19th December 2025 –
Christmas Party from 10.30am-
12.30pm

Our annual Christmas event. More details to follow – keep an eye on your emails.

Monday 5th January 2026 –
Parent and Child Stay and Play
Session

Pre-school will be open between 10am and 12pm for you to come along and play at preschool, to help your child settle back in following the festive break.

Tuesday 6th January 2026 –
Beginning of Spring Term (1st half)

Pre-school will re-open on this date for the first half of the spring term, with normal operational hours.

*Please always check subsequent newsletters for updates to our key dates!

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Parents...We Need your Help!!!

We are currently distributing our flyers to advertise the preschool. If you know of anywhere that would be happy to display these or hand them out, please take some from the cloakroom and help us if you can. If a family chooses us and they quote that you have referred them, we will offer you a free session!!!



Holding Hands Christmas Gifts

Last call for all your Christmas gift orders! Don't forget to get your forms either sent across or filled in and handed to us by Wednesday 10th December.

Socials

- website

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool website below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates, such as newsletters and term dates. Make sure to take a look and tell us what you think.

[Home - Holding Hands Pre-School Ltd \(holdinghandspreschool.co.uk\)](http://www.holdinghandspreschool.co.uk)

- Facebook

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool Facebook page below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates. Make sure to review, like, follow and share!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091883683367>

- WhatsApp

Additionally, we have included the link to our parents WhatsApp group below. Created to share important information and updates, connect and give our families a community of like-minded friends!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BGNO6p04FD07a0Gd88PcNZ>

Christmas Jumper Day 2025!!!



Don't forget that Thursday 11th December, is Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day - Wear your Christmas jumper on this date or throughout the whole week!

Simply donate as much or as little as you like at preschool, in our special donation pot. Thanks in advance!

Christmas Raffle Prize Donations Needed



Donations of any bottle (alcohol/ non-alcohol), unopened gifts, unused cosmetics, toiletries, etc., new books/ toys/ games/ clothing, complete hampers, unopened food gifts, company/ workplace donations, vouchers, or anything else! Thank you!

Chicken Adoption

Chicken adoptions are ACTIVE!!!

Thank you to those who have already adopted a chicken!



Adoptions are £10 per year, and the money raised through this scheme will help provide food and bedding for the chickens.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to speak to us in the cloakroom and we'll give you a form to complete.

Our Christmas Event 2025

Friday 19th December (as per our term dates)

Information has been displayed in the setting and sent out with the main email, to ensure everyone is aware of the details of this year's Christmas Celebration on Friday 19th December. The event will be held between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Please see the event timetable and ticket information for further details.

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event and these are available within the preschool. Please either pay by cash or via the card device in the setting.

Raffle tickets will be sent out over the following week. There are some great prizes up for grabs, so please feel free to ask for more and we will be selling them on the day of our Christmas celebration too. Please hand raffle tickets back in with your payment by Thursday 18th December, to be in with a chance of winning.

There will be opportunities to win further prizes by guessing the number of sweets in the jar, playing pot-of-gold and having a go at lucky dip. These are and will be available to play/ enter over the following weeks, so bring some cash along at drop off/ pick up and on the day of our Christmas Event, and ask a member of the team in the cloakroom!

There will also be a couple of areas where you can get involved in making reindeer food, playing festive games etc. so please bring some cash along on the day for this too.

Please note, preschool closes at the end of after-school club on Thursday 18th December and we will only be open for the Christmas event on Friday 19th December, where children will be their parents' responsibility following the party.

Any questions, feel free to email holdinghandspreschool.news@gmail.com