



# Bumblebees Christmas Newsletter



## ✨ A Festive Welcome

Dear Bumblebee Families,

The nursery is sparkling with festive cheer, and the children are absolutely buzzing with excitement! From glittery crafts to joyful songs, they've been immersing themselves in Christmas activities with wide smiles and endless enthusiasm. It's such a magical time of year, and we're delighted to share these special moments with them.



## Supporting Children at Christmas

We know that the festive season can bring heightened emotions and behaviours for little ones. With all the excitement, routines can feel different, and children may show this in their actions. Here are a few handy tips to help:

- **Keep routines consistent** – familiar mealtimes and bedtimes help children feel secure.
- **Offer calm breaks** – a quiet story or cuddle can help balance busy days.
- **Involve them in preparations** – simple tasks like stirring cake mix or hanging decorations give them a sense of control.
- **Manage expectations** – talk about what's happening each day so they feel prepared.



## Christmas Party Reminder

**Tuesday 16th December at 10am**

- Children are welcome to wear party clothes or a Christmas jumper.
- We'll enjoy party food, music, games, and a very special visit from Father Christmas!
- If your child does not usually attend Tuesday mornings, they are still welcome, but a parent/carer will need to stay with them for the duration.



## Christmas Sing-Along Reminder

**Thursday 18th December at 11:30am**

- The children have been practising lots of festive songs to share with you.
- Please join us around the Christmas tree in reception to spread some cheer.
- All family members are welcome! If your child doesn't usually attend Thursdays, feel free to bring them along – the more voices the merrier.

👉 Please let us know if your child will be attending the **party** and/or **sing-along** if you haven't already, as this helps us plan numbers.

## **Weather-Ready Reminder**

Please ensure your child comes to nursery with **weather-appropriate clothing** (coats, hats, gloves, wellies). This allows them to explore the outdoor area freely, no matter what the winter weather brings.

## **Tapestry Reminder**

As we approach the end of this half term, please check your child's Tapestry account. The team works hard to capture these special learning moments, and we love when you like and comment on them.

## **Festive Activity Ideas for Home (Ages 2–3)**

Here are some simple, joyful activities you can enjoy together at home:

- **Homemade Christmas cards** – let your child decorate with stickers, crayons, or glitter.
- **Festive sensory play** – fill a tray with tinsel, baubles, and safe kitchen utensils for exploring.
- **Christmas baking** – simple biscuits with sprinkles are perfect for little helpers.
- **Storytime by the tree** – cosy up with classics like *The Snowman* or *Dear Santa*.
- **Sing and dance** – play Christmas songs and let them move to the music.

## **A Christmas Message**

From all of us in the Bumblebee team, we want to thank you for your continued support this year. Watching your children grow, learn, and laugh together has been a true joy.

With warmest wishes, **Cora and the Bumblebee Team**