



POLKADOTS

PolkaDots Nursery@Cresswood Hall

NEWSLETTER



Children in Need

Friday 17th November was a wonderful day at PolkaDots, with the nursery joining in the celebrations and fundraising across the country for Children in Need.

Pudsey Bear was everywhere in PolkaDots Nursery, with Pudsey headbands being sold and miniature Pudseys going home with children—all to raise money for a good cause.



Thank you to all our PolkaDots Families who made the day so special and helped us raise a total of £115 for Children in Need.

December 2023

We're all looking forward to the Christmas Holidays at PolkaDots Nursery... but before we finish for the end of term we have lots of fun things to look forward to!

We already enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day last week, with staff and children having great fun in their festive jumpers.

And children have been practising lots for the **Christmas Show on Friday 15th December from 10.30am**. If you'd like to come and watch our little stars, we have space for 2 adults from each family.

Thank you for your continued support with **EC fund payments**. They let us continue the Spanish & Dance classes, Makaton singing sessions, cooking club and trips out for the children, which all make such a difference to the nursery.

It's been so lovely seeing parents come to PolkaDots Nursery this term for **Stay and Play!** We've had such lovely feedback that we'll continue the scheme next term. If you'd like to visit the nursery on a Wednesday morning to Stay and Play with the children, ask a member of staff and sign up!

In January, we have a Staff Inset Training Day on Autism and Healthy Eating. Then an **Open Afternoon on Tuesday 9th January**. Children return to PolkaDots on **Wednesday 10th January** and we look forward to seeing you all back at the nursery then.

Until then, enjoy the Christmas holidays!!

The PolkaDots Team!

Salvation Army Appeal

The Salvation Army is asking for donations of new unwrapped toys for 'Be A Star Christmas Present Appeal' that's supporting families in need over the festive season. Gifts can include anything from soft and educational toys for very young children, to games, toys, books and accessories for older children.

Anyone who wants to donate can drop their contribution in to Chalk Farm Salvation Army, 10-16 Haverstock Hill.

This term's topic... Celebrating Cultures



Next term's topic: Planets

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Staff Team

Head Teacher:
Kath O'Shea

Manager:
Bernadette Dawson

Deputy Managers & SENCO:
Alaya Rahman
Karen Waller

Nursery Practitioners:
Fatma Barcag—*Third in charge*
Lucy Ronan
Jenny Scanlon
Rachel Butler
Sam Reeves

Administrator:
Chris O'Shea

Nursery Opening Times:

Monday	9am – 3pm
Tuesday	9am – 3pm
Wednesday	9am – 3pm
Thursday	9am – 3pm
Friday	9am – 12pm

If you're **arriving late** in the morning or need to collect your child early then **please let a member of staff know in advance**. Thank you!

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Term Dates

Autumn 2023

Christmas Jumper Day **7th Dec**
Christmas Show **Fri 15th Dec**
Last day of term **Wed 20th Dec**

Spring 2024

Staff training day | **Mon 8th Jan**
Open afternoon | **Tues 9th Jan**
Child return | **Wed 10th Jan**
Half-term holiday | **12-16th Feb**
Last day of term | **27th March**

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Welcome Jenny!

We'd like to give a big warm welcome to Jenny, the newest member of our PolkaDots Team! Jenny joined us this half-term and will be working at PolkaDots with us in the afternoons.

Christmas Dates

The PolkaDots Nursery Christmas Show is taking place on Friday 15th December at 10.30am. The last day of term is Wednesday 20th December, and before then we may even have a visitor from the North Pole coming into PolkaDots...! Children return to PolkaDots on Wednesday 10th January.

PolkaDots Open Afternoon

PolkaDots is having an Open Afternoon! On Tuesday 9th Jan the nursery will be open to visitors from 12pm-2pm. Please tell your friends and family and help other parents find us at PolkaDots!

Clothing and Labelling

Please send children into nursery with warm clothing. They'll need warm jumpers as well as hats, gloves, scarves and wellies to enjoy playing outside. Please label your child's clothing too... it helps avoid mix-ups so much!

Healthy Eating

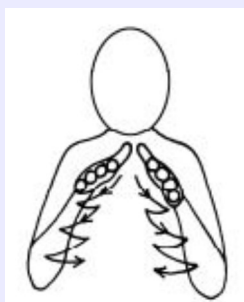
PolkaDots is promoting Healthy Eating! Our recent Packed Lunches Workshop was a great success, with parents getting lots of ideas for healthy lunches and how to get children to try more healthy food. Next term, we have the chance to run the parent/child cooking program 'Families For Life'. It would see parents visit for a 90 minute cooking session with children at the nursery over 4 weeks. If you're interested, please talk to our team to sign up!

Snack is now included in EC payments and a new snack menu has started. See what the menu is each week by checking the [PolkaDots Nursery website](#).

All these ideas are helping us apply for Camden's 'Little Steps to Healthy Eating' Award which recognises nurseries working to promote healthy eating!

Makaton Signs...

Christmas Tree



Father Christmas

