



December 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Mini Footy & Music Bugs - The children absolutely love both Mini Footy and Music Bugs sessions. From January we will be changing Mini Footy to a Thursday PM and Music Bugs to a Wednesday PM to allow for all children to get a chance to take part in these sessions.

CHRISTMAS -

Christmas Jumper Week- Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper' week to take place w.c. the 8th December. We will all be wearing Christmas jumpers for the whole week, and right up until Christmas, and suggest a donation of £1 to go towards Save the Children.

Christmas Lunch- will be enjoyed on Friday 12th December - we will have a traditional roast dinner with all of the extras, followed by a novelty pudding! If you wish to book this day as a paid extra morning, then please email the office or give us a call to book (we have limited space).

Christmas Raffle - We will be doing our Christmas raffle again this year, last year the children loved this! We will draw winners at tea times during the Christmas parties. It was lovely to see their little faces light up when they won a prize, so if you have anything suitable to donate please could you bring it in before December 10th. We are now selling raffle tickets, so please ask a lady at the door if you wish to buy some.

Christingle - This year our Christingle will be on Wednesday 10th December @ 6.15pm for 30/40 minutes at our local church (St Peter Church, Lyngford, Taunton)- we hope you can all make it! We feel this will be a lovely way to all get together and celebrate! Extended families are welcome 😊

Christmas displays - Christmas displays are up and are looking absolutely brilliant. The ladies have worked really hard to make them look amazing, and all of the children have also helped them to create them. We have our traditional advent tree downstairs again. This is used to support number recognition, as well as being very exciting. We have popped some photos on our Facebook to show you all.

Christmas party - As mentioned in our last newsletter we are planning on having two party afternoons at Abacus this year in both our Baby room and Toddler/pre-school room. The

parties will be held on Dec 19th & 22nd between 2-4.15 pm. We will play games and enjoy some festive songs/dancing and of course have a delicious party tea. We hope Father Christmas will visit with a little gift for each child. If your child does not normally attend Nursery on these days, they are invited to join us on Friday 19th (limited space) afternoon 2-4.15pm at a cost of £14.50. Please email the office before 3rd December to let us know you wish to book this, we will not be able to take booking after this date.

Christmas Cards - Instead of writing Christmas cards for staff and children this year we will be sending out stars for children to decorate. Please return it with any message you may wish to add on the back and a small contribution for charity (we suggest £1). Your decorated star needs to be given to a staff member (with your contribution) we then share the messages with the children during circle time before hanging them on the tree! This year we are fundraising for St Margret's Hospice (<https://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/>) This charity is close to the hearts of everyone at Abacus and we are sure many of you have connections with St Margret's Hospice in your own way. For more details on the charity please follow the link. We will also add half of the proceeds from our Christmas raffle to the charity pot! The other half of our raffle money will be spent on resources for the children at Abacus 😊

Songs we are singing/learning -

When Santa got stuck up the chimney.

Father Christmas, Father Christmas, he got stuck...(to the tune of Frère Jacques)

Jingle bells

Christmas pudding, Christmas pudding, steaming hot...(to the tune of Frère Jacques)

Twinkle Twinkle little star

Away in a manger

I'm a little pine tree (to tune of I'm a little teapot)

We wish you a merry Christmas.

We are also reading The Christmas Story and have the traditional dressing up clothes out (alongside other Christmas characters/stories), the children really enjoy being Mary and Joseph, the kings, shepherds, cows etc.

Dates for the diary -

- **Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper' week** - To take place week beginning the 8th December - suggested donation 50p/£1
- **Christmas Church Service**- Wednesday 10th December @ 6.15pm. St Peters Church, Eastwick Road, Taunton.
- **Christmas Lunch** - Friday 12th December
- **Christmas party dates**- 19th & 22nd December (2-4.15pm)
- **Christmas closure**- Our last day will be Monday 22nd December 2025, and we will re-open on Monday 5th January 2026
- **Baby room stay and play** - February 12th 2026 4.30 - 5.15pm (pop in for a quick play at the end of the day - if it is your little ones usual day)
- **World Book Day**- Thursday 5th March 2026
- **Book Share for toddler & preschool room** - March 17th 2026

- **Red Nose Day** – Friday 20th March 2025
- **Easter Break** – 3rd – 6th April 2026 (CLOSED)
- **Parent Chats** Thursday 23rd April 2026 (6-7.30 pm, parents only please)
- **Pyjamarama** – May 2026 (Date to be confirmed)
- **May Bank Holidays** – 4th & 25th May (CLOSED)
- **Summer book share toddler & preschool room** – July 22nd 4.30pm-5.15pm (if it is your little ones normal day please pop in for a play) 😊
- **Baby room summer stay and play** – 11th August 4.30pm-5.15pm (pop in for a quick play at the end of the day – if it is your little ones usual day) 😊
- **August Bank Holiday** – 28th August (CLOSED)
- **School leavers Party/Graduation** – Friday 31st August

The team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fabulous Christmas. We know it is a truly magical time of year for little ones so please add lots of photos to your Tapestry accounts, we do love to see them.

We hope the New Year brings you all good health and happiness 😊

Enjoy yourselves and take care!

Thank you for your continued support,

Sophie, Jordyn and the team 😊

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Support/Advice contact numbers:

You can give Mindline (Somerset) a call 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. No one should face poor mental health alone; <https://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/> 01823 276892

NSPCC: [0808 800 5000](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: [0808 2000 247](https://www.ndah.org.uk/)

OFSTED: [0300 123 4666](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/)

Preventing Radicalisation & extremism in Somerset: prevent@somerset.gov.uk 01823359879

Somerset integrated domestic abuse services: [0800 694 9999](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/domestic-abuse/)

Men's advice line (domestic abuse): [0808 801 0327](https://www.menline.org.uk/)

Children's social care Somerset: [0300 123 2224](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens-social-care/)