

JACK & JILL PLAYGROUP



TERM 2 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

Dear PARENTS

Welcome to our newest members that have joined in these last few weeks, they have settled well and seem to be enjoying playing and making friends.

The children this week have been learning about Remembrance Day, and a volunteer has visited from Royal British Legion to collect our Poppy Tin collection and to thank us for our support!



Our Harvest Festival food collection went to St Nicholas Church, who were so grateful and asked us to send on their thanks for the food donations, it's helped others in our community.



I have added quite a few pictures of the children's autumn activities onto the Parents Facebook.

facebook

Our playgroup Parent Facebook Page is Jack and Jill Playgroup, Strood. It is a private page for parents only. Please look us up and add yourself. I will publish regular pictures of your children and updates.

WhatsApp

To add to our parent updates, we will try and send WhatsApp photo's when our practitioners are free to take a few snaps, we know you enjoy the updates.

Can I ask parents to send any queries, let us know about absences, requests by text, email or call not WhatsApp please. We only use this APP for photo's and do not regularly monitor it.



CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING FOR 2025

Friday 14th November` 25

We are collecting for Children in Need, please make your donations on the gate. Children can wear their Pudsey creations, and we will have fun activities on the day but also all week, so everyone takes part!

Bring on the SPOTS

All donations to BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



Little Urchins Photography - Tuesday 25th November`25

Playgroup photographer will be visiting on the 25th and will be with us until 12:30pm for Christmas photo`s. If it is not your child`s session or there are siblings that parents would like to have photographed. Welcome to pop in and wait your turn to have photo taken.

Parents Morning Monday 3rd November`25

Thank you to those parents that attended the open morning. It is always lovely to be able to speak to parents' individual about their child`s progress. If you haven`t yet spoke to your child`s keyperson, then you are welcome to arrange a convenient time this term to do so.

Parents please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any concerns regarding your children and their development.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025

LAST REMINDER BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR PARENTS APPLYING FOR THEIR CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL SEPTEMBER`26. APPLICATIONS CLOSES THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY`26. [Medway.gov.uk/primary admissions](https://www.medway.gov.uk/primary-admissions)

Parents, please re-new or apply for your working parent 30-hour codes if you have not already done so.



WINTER CLOTHING

Please ensure that your children have been dressed appropriately for the weather, for inside and outside play as our children have the choice to play in both areas throughout the session regardless of the weather. Named wellingtons please, we will use them - can be kept in playgroup on peg. Kindly name coats, hats, gloves, light weight hoodies, cardigans for indoors and a change of clothes in a named bag which can be kept on their peg including socks and underwear.

PARKING

We have noticed while on the gate that a few of our parents have been pulling in or parking on our neighbours drive next to playgroup. Please be considerate of our neighbours. May I also ask that parents do not park outside our playgroup gates to pick up and drop off.

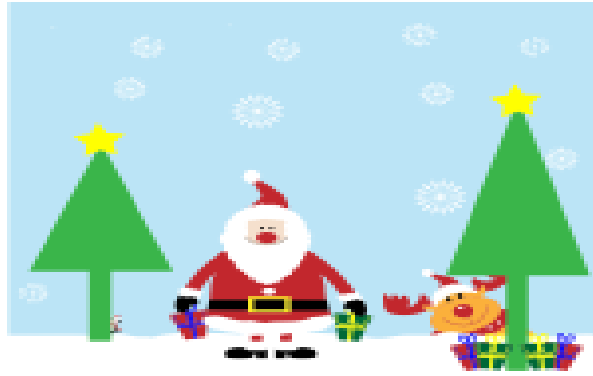
PAYMENT OF FEES

All fees must be paid by Friday 12th December`25, so that we are not chasing up fees. All accounts go to our accountant for end of year finalising. If outstanding fees are not paid this may affect your child`s places in the New Year. Fees not allowed to be more than 2 weeks in arrears. Please speak to Delia/Sally if you are experiencing difficulties with payments asap. Thank you.

DONATIONS OF UNWANTED TOYS AND OUTDOOR VEHICLES - GROCERY ITEMS TOO

If you are having a clear out of children`s toys that are in good condition, inside and out, please consider donating to us. We will make good use of them and recycle what we can`t use.

A parent has recently suggested that they are happy to every now and then to donate items of groceries that we could use at the children`s breakfast and snack times a jar of jam (v), bag of flour, fruit, packet of crackers. We would be grateful for any items; it will help keep the food costs down. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS FAIR ON
Tuesday 2nd DECEMBER`25
AT THE PLAYGROUP 3:00 PM

The committee has organised a Christmas Fair
to raise some much-needed funds for the
playgroup.

Please come along bring your pennies, everyone
welcome.

There will be cakes and treats, kids lucky dip,
pre-loved toy sale, stocking fillers and much
more.

Can we ask each parent to contribute by
bringing into playgroup a small chocolate
sweet/biscuit donation from your child towards
our Chocolate/Biscuit Tombola table e.g.
Chocolate fingers, Maltesers.

Thank you in advance for your support.

We may need help to run a few activity tables on the day, if you can help, please speak to one of the committee Lisa or Sally/Delia.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY -THURSDAY 11TH DEC` 25 DONATION: £1:00

We want all the children to have the opportunity to be involved, so we will run the Christmas Jumper day all week as your child attends and a donation of £1:00 can be given on the day. All proceeds from our fundraisers go to subsidising our fun activities and our Christmas party! Collection box at entrance.

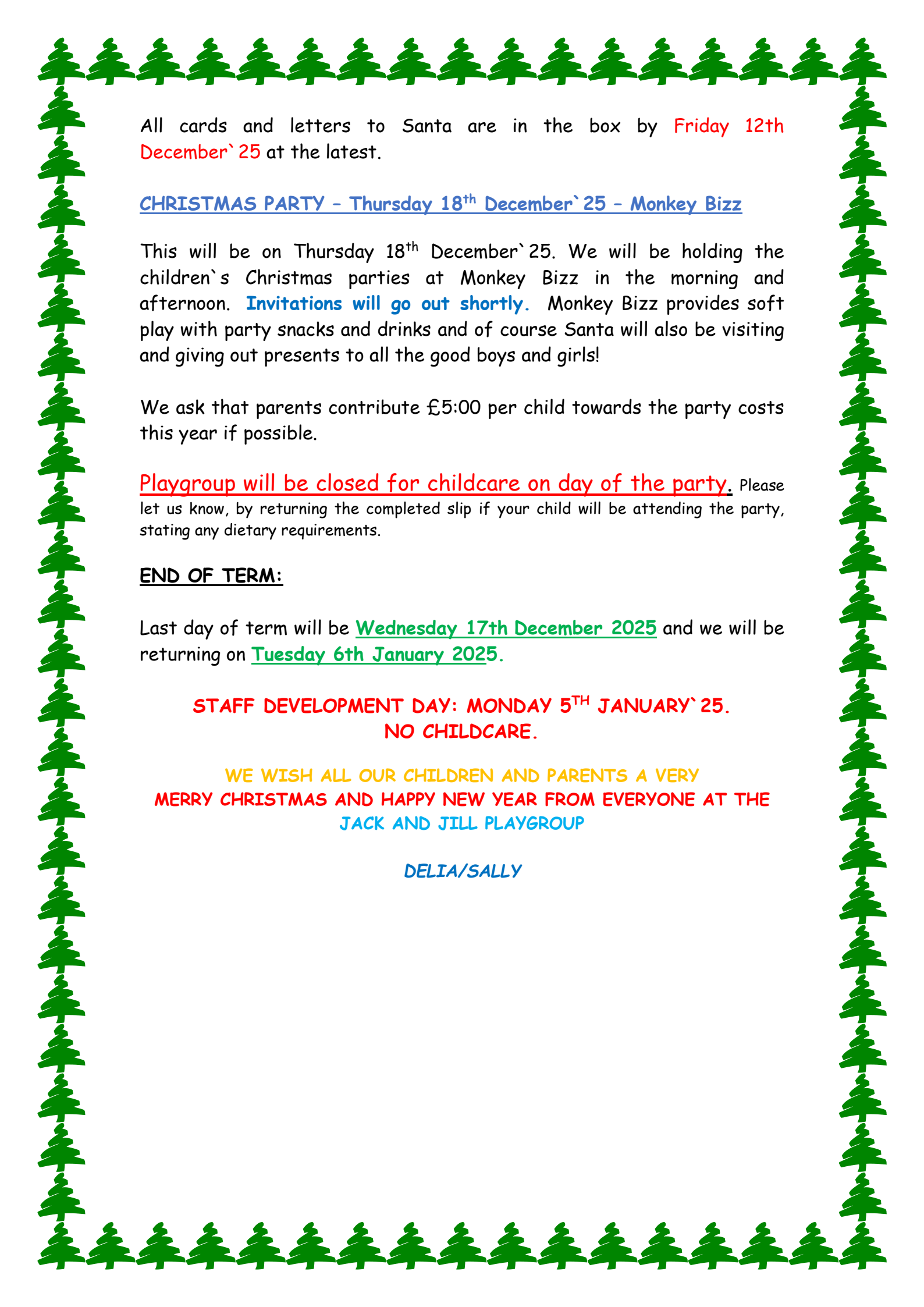


SANTA`S COMING TO TOWN

As you know Christmas starts earlier than usual at playgroup and the children will start getting creative in the next few weeks!

POST BOX - Monday 1st December` 25 - The children have a red post box for their cards to be posted, and we will try our best to get them out to all the children before the end of term. I will provide a list with children's names and staff names if parents would like a copy for cards please ask at the gate.

Children can also write a Christmas Wish List to Santa (please write your address on the back), post in the red box and we will send a letter to the children from the man himself all the way from the North Pole!



All cards and letters to Santa are in the box by **Friday 12th December`25** at the latest.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Thursday 18th December`25 - Monkey Bizz

This will be on Thursday 18th December`25. We will be holding the children`s Christmas parties at Monkey Bizz in the morning and afternoon. **Invitations will go out shortly.** Monkey Bizz provides soft play with party snacks and drinks and of course Santa will also be visiting and giving out presents to all the good boys and girls!

We ask that parents contribute £5:00 per child towards the party costs this year if possible.

Playgroup will be closed for childcare on day of the party. Please let us know, by returning the completed slip if your child will be attending the party, stating any dietary requirements.

END OF TERM:

Last day of term will be **Wednesday 17th December 2025** and we will be returning on **Tuesday 6th January 2025.**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: MONDAY 5TH JANUARY`25.
NO CHILDCARE.

WE WISH ALL OUR CHILDREN AND PARENTS A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT THE
JACK AND JILL PLAYGROUP

DELIA/SALLY