

# TOWNSEND BARN NURSERY

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# Newsletter



## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new term.

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed your time off.

All of the staff would like to say a huge thank you for their cards and presents, we have been really spoilt, thank you.

At the end of last term The Barn Owl children performed their 'Twinkly Nativity' in St Peters Church with Rev Caroline O'Niel presiding. We were really proud of all of the children and thank you all for their fantastic costumes.

The children also had Christmas lunch together, and three different parties during the last two weeks, so I can imagine they welcomed the Christmas break!



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As we enter the new term, we have more baby News! Miss Lucy gave birth to her son, Teddy, 11 days before Christmas. We send lots of love to Lucy and her family, and we can't wait for cuddles.

We welcome 11 new families to nursery this month. We also welcome Miss Karen back to her full-time position as Hedgehog Room Leader and we can now use our new baby room to its full potential. Across the nursery we are now fully booked until September 2027 with a **very** long waiting list!

We have another Miss Tia and Miss Nicole joining our amazing staff team this month. Miss Tia will be working across the rooms and Miss Nicole in the Barn Owl Room. We have saved them a few Christmas biscuits to help them feel welcomed!

Please remember to dress your children according for the weather. We like to be outside no matter what the weather so please provide warm, **named** coats, boots, gloves and hats. We also ask that you provide a spare change of clothes, just in case they get dirty or wet.

Please follow us on our Instagram page @Townsendbarnnursery to keep up to date with nursery life!

For those that need to apply for a school place for September 2026, please note your online application needs to be submitted by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026** via the Wiltshire Council website

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-online](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-online) If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Sarah.

We will be starting the year by helping all the children settle into their new rooms if they have recently made the transition. Our focus will be supporting the children as they become familiar with their new environments, routines, and staff.

To help everyone get to know one another, our main topic throughout the nursery will be 'All about me'. This will give the children opportunities to talk about themselves, their families, and their interests, helping to build confidence and positive relationships.

Alongside this, we will be exploring the weather through a range of fun, hands-on activities, encouraging curiosity and discussion while supporting learning across all areas of development.

We are proud to announce the children of Townsend Barn Nursery have won a prize from St John's 2025 Christmas Tree Festival. Before Christmas every room made items to represent 'The 12 Days of Christmas' which was displayed on our tree in town. Their hard work has paid off as they will soon have 'the most artistic junior' prize!

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Start of Funding – Monday 5th January 2026**
- **School Applications – Thursday 15th January 2026**
- **End of Funding – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- **Start of Funding – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**
- **End of Funding – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**
- **Close for Easter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**
- **Open after Easter – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026**
- **Start of Funding – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**
- **Graduation Party – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026**
- **Sports Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**
- **End of Funding – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**
- **End of Term – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**
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