



LONG HANBOROUGH PLAYGROUP

Registered Charity 289849

Long Hanborough Playgroup provides a high standard of pre-school education for children aged 2 to 5 years old. Playgroup is a pre-school with its own purpose-built facility with a separate outside play area within the Manor Primary School grounds. This enables us to have strong links with them and provides our children with an easy transition into the Foundation Stage at school. Playgroup can take children for full or partial day care from 8.45am until 3pm during term time.



Firstly, Playgroup would like to welcome all our new starters who have joined us since Christmas. We hope you all have a fun time at Playgroup and enjoy making lots of new friends.

At the end of last year, the children had a very busy time getting ready for their Christmas party and Carols. Thank you to all the families who came to join us. Charlie Muddles was also a great hit at the party and the children loved watching his magic tricks. Playgroup also took part in the Christmas Tree display at the Methodist Church. The children made lovely ginger bread decorations to hang on the tree and a yummy gingerbread house. Thank you to all involved in organising the Tree Festival. Lastly, our Christmas jumper week was lots of fun too whilst raising funds for Save the Children. Thank you to all our families for your support.

This term we started the new year with our topic of 'Homes'. The children have been talking about where they live and learning about all the different types of homes from around the world. We have been getting creative and have had a go at making African mud huts and Inuit Igloos. We carried on the theme, looking at the homes of animals while making dens and nests at Forest School.

Forest School



On Tuesday mornings, we get wrapped up and head out for our popular Forest School session. Forest school is an educational approach popular in Scandinavia which allows children to explore the great outdoors. This relaxed approach to learning allows them to engage with nature and their surroundings while building confidence and self-esteem. Most importantly, the children have so much fun and get lots out of it. Before Christmas the children enjoyed a very special teddy bear hunt with chocolate coins at the end. During January, the children have been enjoying the mud! They have been rolling in it, collecting

it, digging it and building with it!

Starting School Sessions

During these sessions we have been helping the children with their own individual needs and supporting their number work. We have also been focusing on building the children's confidence talking in small groups, ready for big school.

Visits and Outings

Playgroup were invited to Hanborough Manor School to watch their Christmas Nativity performance. The children really enjoyed the show and loved joining in with the songs. Thank you to HMS for inviting us.

Thanks also to the Methodist Church for a lovely visit to see our entry for their Christmas Tree Festival.

Fundraising and Forthcoming Events

Playgroup Cake Sales - Thursday 26 Jan & Thursday 23rd Feb

Half Term - Monday 13th - 17th Feb

Playgroup return - Monday 20th Feb

Joining Playgroup

We do currently have some spaces available this term. If you are interested in your child coming to join us, please get in touch for a prospectus or to arrange a visit on 07818 553127.