



As the leaves begin to turn and the air grows crisp, we're embracing the new season with excitement and plenty of playful energy here at the nursery! From fresh activities in our sensory playroom to outdoor adventures in the garden, there's so much to celebrate and share. Whether your little one is exploring new friendships, mastering milestones, or simply enjoying the joy of discovery, we're thrilled to be part of their nursery journey.

Exciting New Indoor & Outdoor Equipment!

We're thrilled to share that we've recently invested in some fantastic brand-new indoor physical play equipment for our Cwtch and sensory playroom! This includes a wonderful wooden Nursery Gym and a soft play area that all sections of the nursery will be able to enjoy. It's already proving to be a big hit with the children, offering them a safe and stimulating space to build confidence, coordination, and strength through active play.

In addition to our indoor upgrades, we've also added lovely new active play equipment to each section's garden. From balancing beams to climbing frames and imaginative outdoor setups, these additions are helping to make outdoor play even more engaging and fun.

We know how much our children love being outdoors, and we're passionate about supporting their development through active exploration. Outdoor play offers so many benefits—from boosting physical health and motor skills to encouraging creativity, social interaction, and emotional well-being.

We can't wait to see all the adventures and joyful moments these new spaces will inspire!



Nursery Photographer Visit – 24th October

We're excited to let you know that a professional photographer will be visiting the nursery on Thursday, 25th October!

Families are invited to book a time slot for their child to have a beautiful individual photo taken. Siblings are more than welcome to join in for a lovely group photo too, if you'd like. Photos will be available to purchase directly through the photography company, and we'll share details on how to do this once the images are ready to view.

If you'd like to book a slot, please pop us a message or speak to a member of staff—we're happy to help capture some beautiful memories!

✂ Flying Start at Our Nursery

We're delighted to offer Flying Start sessions as part of our afternoon programme, running Monday to Friday from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

Flying Start is a Welsh Government-funded initiative that provides free, high-quality part-time childcare for eligible children aged 2 to 3 years. The programme supports children's development through play, social interaction, and early learning, and also offers access to health visiting, speech and language support, and parenting advice.

🕒 Session Details:

- Time: 1:00pm - 3:30pm
- Days: Monday to Friday
- Duration: 2.5 hours per day
- These sessions can be used as part of a full or half-day nursery booking, helping families manage costs more flexibly.

✓ Am I Eligible?

Flying Start is available to families living in designated areas across Wales. Eligibility is based on your postcode and local authority criteria.

To check if you qualify:

- Visit the [Swansea Flying Start eligibility page](#)
- Or contact the Family Information Service for guidance and support

💡 Why Choose Flying Start?

- Free childcare for eligible 2-year-olds (up to 12.5 hours per week during term time)
- Supports early development and school readiness
- Helps parents access work, training, or education

If you think you may be eligible or would like help applying, please speak to a member of our team—we're happy to assist!

📖 Our Lending Library - Sharing the Joy of Reading

We're so pleased to see the positive impact of our Lending Library, located in the foyer! This lovely little corner is filled with a variety of children's books that families are welcome to borrow and enjoy at home.

It's been wonderful to hear how much the children love choosing a book to take home and share with their families. Reading together not only supports early literacy but also strengthens bonds and sparks imagination.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." - Emilie Buchwald

We kindly ask families to remember to return borrowed books so others can enjoy them too. If you have any children's books at home that you no longer need, we would be grateful for any donations to help grow our collection.

Thank you for helping us nurture a love of reading in every child!



Congratulations – We Raised £565.94 for Faith in Families!

We're incredibly proud to announce that, thanks to your generosity and support, we've raised a **fantastic £565.94** for **Faith in Families**!

This fundraising effort is in support of our amazing Director, **Amanda Bennett**, who is preparing to take on the incredible challenge of a **walk to Nepal**. Her dedication to this cause is truly inspiring, and we're so grateful to everyone who contributed to help make a difference.

Faith in Families does vital work supporting children and families across Swansea, and every penny raised will go toward helping those in need.

Thank you again for your kindness and community spirit—it means the world!



We Need your help

We are collecting loose parts

loose parts are objects and materials that children can move, manipulate, control, and change while they play. Children can carry, combine, redesign, line up, take apart, and put loose parts back together in almost endless ways. The materials come with no specific set of directions, and they can be used alone or combined with other materials. Children can turn them into whatever they desire:

We would love it if you could contribute to your children's learning, by helping us collect an array of Loose parts and recycled materials.

Please, can you help?



Parents' Evening – Let's Connect!

We're looking forward to welcoming families to our upcoming Parents' Evenings, a lovely opportunity to chat with your child's key Person and hear all about their progress, interests, and development.

Dates:

- Under 2's Section – Monday, 10th November
- Toddlers & Preschool Sections – Tuesday, 11th November

As we settle into the new season, some children may have experienced a change in key Person—whether due to moving into a different room or transitioning as part of their developmental journey. Our upcoming Parents' Evening is a lovely opportunity to meet your child's new key Person and the dedicated team who care for them each day.

Booking Your Time Slot:

To help us manage the evening smoothly, we kindly ask parents to contact their child's section directly to book a time slot for their meeting.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing all the wonderful things your child has been doing!

Parent Tips & Reminders

A Friendly Reminder – No Outside Food

To help keep all our children safe, we kindly ask that **no outside food is brought into nursery**. Some of our little ones have **severe allergies**, and even small traces of certain foods can pose serious risks. We understand it can be disappointing for children when food has to be taken away, so thank you for helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

If you have any questions about meals or snacks, please feel free to speak to a member of staff—we're always happy to help!

Dressing for the Weather

As the weather begins to change, our children will continue enjoying lots of outdoor play. Please make sure your child comes to nursery with **suitable clothing**, such as:

- Waterproof coats
- Wellies
- Warm jumpers or layers
- Hats and gloves (as needed)

Please Label Belongings

To help us keep track of everyone's items, we kindly ask that **all clothing and personal items are clearly labelled**. This makes it much easier for staff to return lost items and ensures your child always has what they need. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

Dates for Your Diaries

- **25th October** – Nursery Photographer Visit
Book a slot for your child (and siblings!) to have their photo taken.
- **30th October** – Fancy Dress Party
Come in your favourite costume for a day of fun!
- **10th November** – Parents' Evening (Under 2's Section)
Please contact the section to book your time slot.
- **11th November** – Parents' Evening (Toddlers & Preschool)
Please contact the section to book your time slot.
- **12th December** – Santa's Grotto
A magical day with a visit from Santa.
- **15th December** – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party
Celebrate with a festive lunch
- **17th December** – Christmas Party
- **24th December (Christmas Eve)** – Early Close at 4pm
- **25th December (Christmas Day)** – Nursery Closed
- **26th December (Boxing Day)** – Nursery Closed
- **31st December (New Year's Eve)** – Early Close at 4pm
- **1st January (New Year's Day)** – Nursery Closed



Health & Wellbeing at Nursery

At Singleton, we believe that supporting children's **Health and Wellbeing** is at the heart of everything we do. Fresh air, movement, and relaxation are all important for growing minds and bodies!

Over the summer, we made the most of the lovely weather by spending lots of time **outdoors**—exploring nature, playing games, and enjoying the benefits of fresh air. Outdoor play helps children develop physically, boosts their mood, and encourages curiosity about the world around them.

We also introduced special **"spa days"** for the children, giving them a chance to relax, unwind, and learn about self-care in a fun and age-appropriate way. These activities included gentle music, sensory play, and calming moments, helping children to feel happy and refreshed.

As we move into the colder months, we'll continue to focus on wellbeing with our regular **yoga sessions**. Yoga is a wonderful way for children to stretch, move, and relax—helping them develop balance, coordination, and mindfulness, whatever the weather!

