



## A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Happy New Year to all our Millwood House families. We hope you had a joyful and restful Christmas break.

As we begin 2026, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the thoughtful gifts and beautiful cards you shared with the team; your kindness means so much to us.

We are also incredibly grateful for your support throughout our Christmas events. From festive fun to community spirit, you helped make this season truly special.

Thanks to your generosity, our fundraising for the Salvation Army reached an amazing **£1,000.00**, and we were absolutely thrilled to see Millwood House make front-page news in recognition of the effort.

Here's to a bright, hopeful year ahead, filled with growth, laughter, and new memories together.





## A LOOK BACK AT LAST MONTH

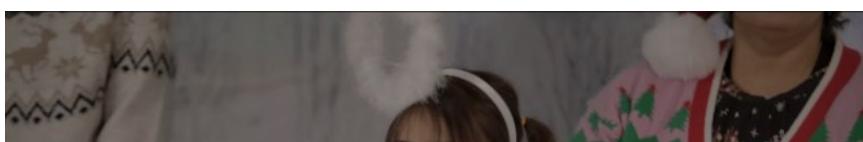
### Last Month's Highlights

December was a truly magical month at Millwood House, filled with festive joy and special moments. The children loved welcoming their parents into nursery to meet Father Christmas — for some families, it was their very first time experiencing this together.

Classrooms were buzzing with seasonal activities, and the Butterflies put on a fantastic Christmas performance that made us all proud.

Across the nursery, everyone enjoyed Elf Day fun and a delicious Christmas lunch, before ending the year beautifully with our Carols in the Garden. The air was full of warmth, excitement, and festive spirit, with families eagerly awaiting the raffle draw and warming up with freshly made vegetable chilli and nachos, hot chocolate, and mulled wine.







**Millwood House Day Nursery School Play Christmas 2025 - Butterfly Class**  
Performance & Stay and Play throughout the nursery, with a special visit from Father Christmas.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM



**The Ladybird's topic will be "Winter and Arctic Animals"**

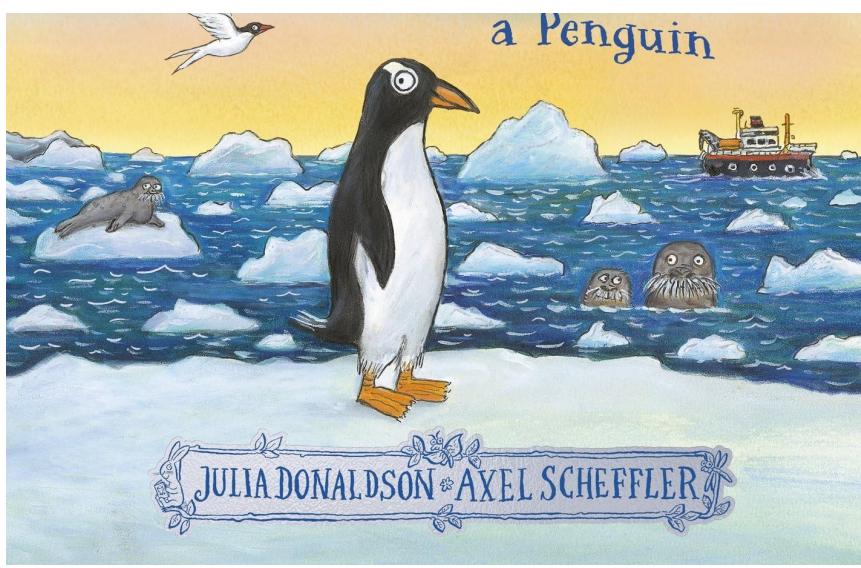
This month in the Ladybird Room, the children will be learning all about winter — how we stay warm and the animals that live in cold, snowy places. They'll explore a penguin-themed sensory tray, enjoy ice play, and create their own penguin artwork.

We'll also be discovering a variety of Arctic animals and talking about how they survive in the snow.

- Ladybirds will have a variety of hats available in their home corner on 15<sup>th</sup> January for National Hat Day
- Ladybirds will be observing Penguin Awareness Day on 20<sup>th</sup> January and painting wooden penguins

The Ladybird Room book will be "Jonty Gentoo, The Adventures of a Penguin" by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM



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Penguin



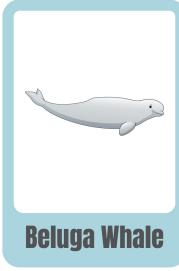
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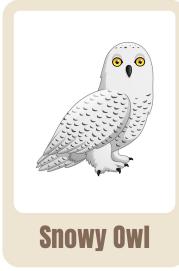
Walrus



Polar Bear



Beluga Whale



Snowy Owl



Arctic Wolf

The Caterpillar's topic will be "Winter and Arctic Animals"

This month in the Caterpillar Room, the children will be exploring Arctic animals and the wonders of winter. They'll enjoy a variety of sensory tuff trays, discovering different textures such as shaving foam, playdough, silly soap, and Insta-Snow. We'll be using flashcards to learn about Arctic animals and their habitats, helping the children build early understanding of the natural world.

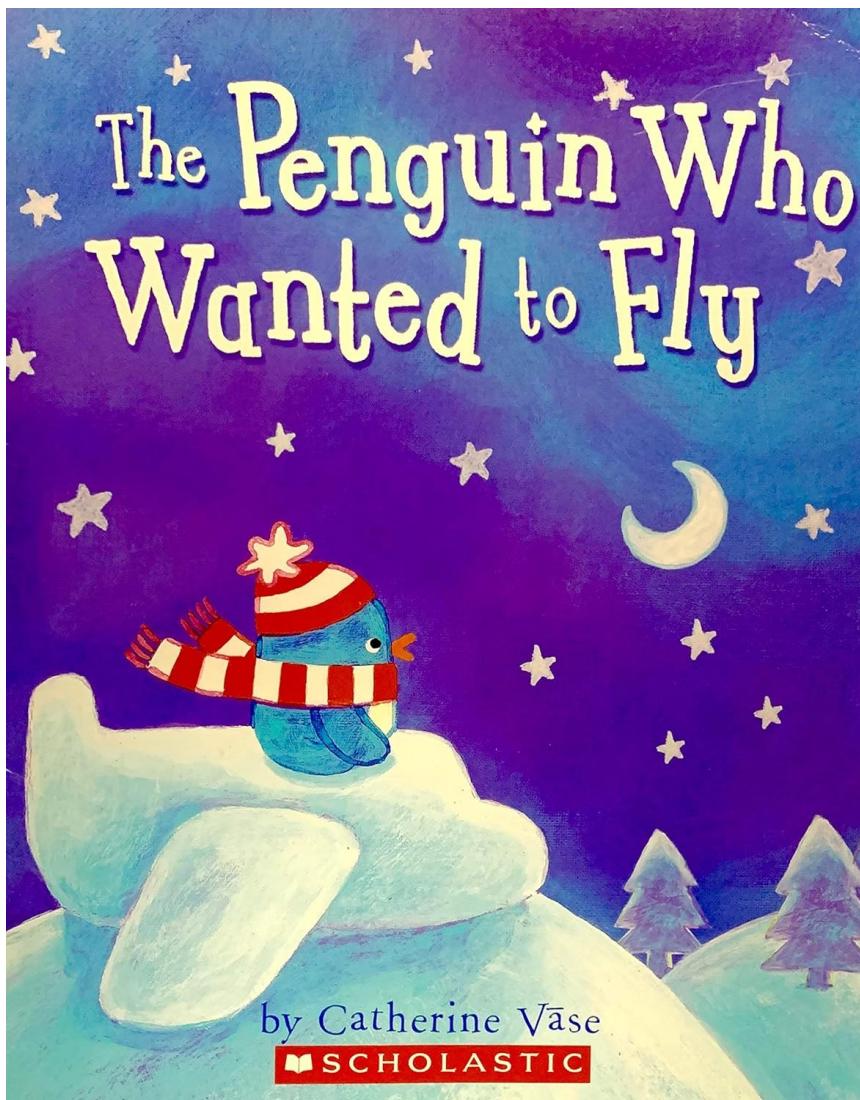
The children will also be playing with ice, learning how it is made and why it melts. Alongside this, we'll be talking about how to stay warm in winter, practising putting on coats and hats, and learning how to keep safe during the darker mornings and evenings.

- Caterpillars will be observing Penguin Awareness Day on 20<sup>th</sup> January and making their own penguin masks and moving around like penguins

On the 26<sup>th</sup> January the Caterpillars will observe National Kangaroo Day by making their own kangaroos and looking at where they live and how the weather in

- Caterpillars will have a fun filled day on 29<sup>th</sup> January when they celebrate National Puzzle Day by trying to do lots of puzzles.

The Caterpillar Room book will be "The Penguin Who Wanted to Fly" by Catherine Vase



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM

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### The Butterfly's topic will be Winter and Arctic Animals.

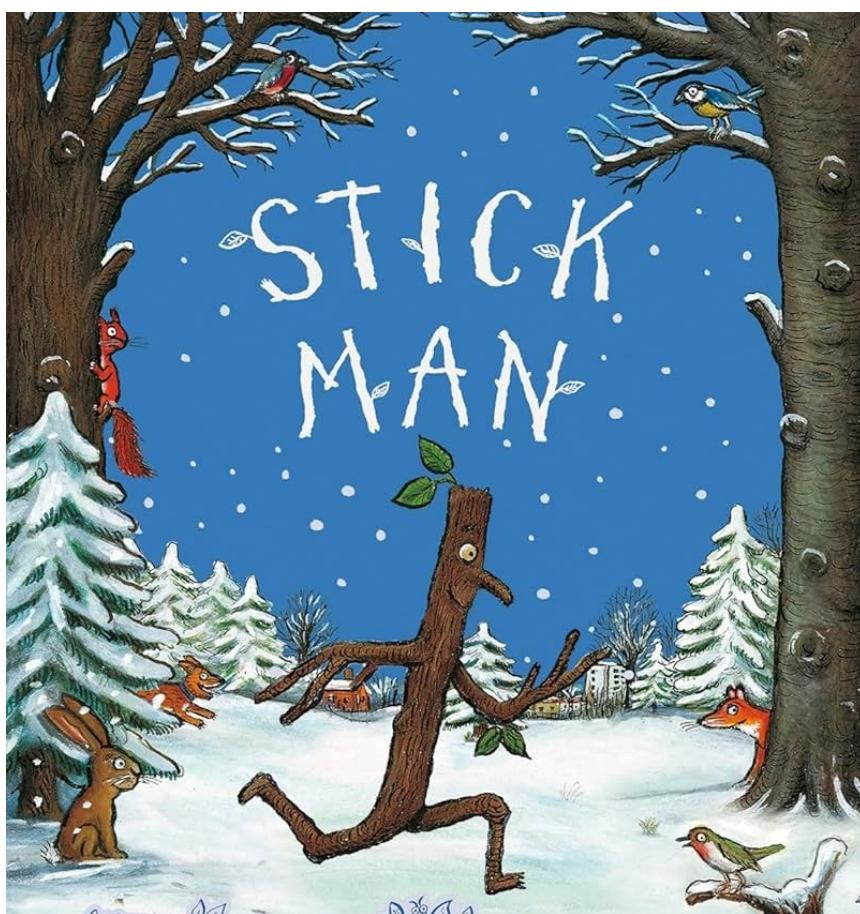
In the Butterfly Room, we've already been exploring the frost and ice in the garden, and now we're bringing the winter fun indoors. The children will be experimenting with ice in lots of exciting ways — discovering the fastest way to make it melt, painting on ice, creating mini ice models, and freezing Arctic animals before rescuing them. We'll also be learning about different Arctic animals, their habitats, and how they survive in such cold conditions.

Outdoor play remains just as important during winter, so we'll be keeping active in the garden to stay warm. The children will be waddling like penguins, walking like polar bears, scurrying like Arctic hares, and flapping their wings like snowy owls.

After all that chilly fun, we'll be practising how to keep ourselves warm by putting on our own coats, gloves, and hats — and having a go at doing up our own zips and buttons.

- 20<sup>th</sup> January the Butterflies will observe Penguin Awareness Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January the Butterflies will have 1 day of Veganuary to expand their tastebuds and explore new foods, flavours and textures.
- 29<sup>th</sup> January is RSPB School Birdwatch, the butterflies will make bird feeders, binoculars and spend time in the garden looking for and counting birds.

The Butterflies will be reading "Stick Man" by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler





## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Here are a few simple and fun ideas to explore together:

- **Talk about the weather** Notice frost, ice, rain, or cold air on your walks. Encourage your child to describe what they see and feel.
- **Explore staying warm** Let your child practise putting on their own coat, hat, gloves, and zips. Celebrate their independence.
- **Learn about Arctic animals** Look at pictures of penguins, polar bears, Arctic foxes, or snowy owls. Talk about where they live and how they keep warm.
- **Play with ice at home** Freeze small toys in ice cubes and let your child experiment with ways to melt the ice safely — warm water, salt, or simply waiting and watching.
- **Share winter stories** Read books about snow, winter, or animals that live in cold places. Talk about the pictures and ask simple questions.
- **Encourage imaginative play** Pretend to waddle like penguins, stomp like polar bears, or flap like snowy owls — great for movement and language.

These small activities help reinforce what the children are exploring in nursery and make learning feel fun, natural, and connected between home and Millwood House.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20<sup>th</sup> January Penguin Awareness Day

29<sup>th</sup> January RSPB Birdwatch

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SHARE YOUR MILLWOOD HOUSE  
EXPERIENCE

We absolutely love being part of your child's journey, watching them learn, grow, and thrive here every day.

We believe in continuous improvement, and the best way we can ensure we're providing outstanding care is by hearing directly from you!

Why Your Feedback Matters

Your reviews on Google are incredibly important! They help us:

Celebrate the hard work and dedication of our brilliant staff (especially those in the

Guide other local families who are looking for the perfect nursery.

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