

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

The most wonderful time of the year...

What a delightful, festive end to an fun-packed term! The children have had such a busy half term, full of projects and adventures, some practical and some most definitely magical! Perhaps the most magical adventure happened last week at our party when we heard sleighbells outside and who should arrive at Pavilion, but Father Christmas himself on his way back to the North Pole! He checked if we'd all been good girls and boys and then kindly gave us an early present and reminded us to keep being good and to leave him a little something out on Christmas Eve. We spent the rest of the party dancing, playing games and eating special party food.

The children have had lots of practice at being good helpers as we've had our very own toy workshop and they have been dressing up as Santa and his elves. They have put lots of hard work into getting ready for Christmas and we hope you like all the wonderful things they bring home for you. We were so proud of them as they performed the Nativity: they had all worked so hard on practising the songs and their lines and not an ounce of stagefright - what professionals! Thank you so much to Delyth and the staff team for prepping the children so well, to the committee for helping things run smoothly and to you all for your amazing support.

Autumn days...

Thank you for all of your lovely feedback following parents' evenings. They were a great opportunity for us to share with you all the progress your child is making and to get to know a bit more about them.

Before Christmas took hold, things had still been busy as usual, with lots of the children demonstrating real progress in terms of their problem solving and critical thinking - some of the models produced at Pavilion could be make it as the 8th Wonder of the World! When we came back after half-term a witch had moved into our shed and the children had lots of spooky fun making potions. The mixing and experimenting carried on with Delyth's Science Club - the children have loved all of experiments, especially making rainclouds. Alongside this, Gina has been running her little gardening club, planting bulbs with the children to prepare for Spring.

The children also really enjoyed making their own firework scenes for Bonfire Night and Rangoli patterns and diva lamps when exploring Diwali. After reading How to catch a star by Oliver Jeffers, Helen introduced the children to watercolours and they produced some beautiful artwork. Hard to believe but we even managed to fit in raising money for Children in Need with out PJ day and Hey Duggee hunt!



Christmas Fayre 2018

This year's Christmas Fayre was a huge success – our biggest yet (??) We raised a whopping £... and some of this will be match-funded by Barclays, where some of our raffle tickets were sold.

Gorgeous gifts, delicious cakes and coffee, wonderful storytelling, Salma's incredible Indian food and our extra special visitor in his grotto all combined to make a perfect event, all in aid of our precious preschool.

As usual, you all came out to support us and it was fantastic to be able to chat to so many of you and get your ideas on what makes Pavilion special and why the community needs the preschool. Extra special thanks is given to our dedicated staff and our fantastic committee of parents for putting so much time and effort into arranging the fayre and ensuring it ran so smoothly.



Big Build update...

Following our AGM, a fundraising committee was established to begin work on writing bids for large-scale grants in the new year. We continue to work closely with Impact Fundraising who are in the process of revising Pavilion's Case for Support pack, which provides a very convincing case to potential investors.

Jo is also working with Liverpool Community and Voluntary Services (LCVS) to develop the business plan for the new building. Alongside this she is working on changing Pavilion from 'unincorporated' to 'incorporated' charity status, which simplify our structure and offer greater protection for our parent trustees. Whilst this all seems like an enormous task, we are extremely optimistic and focussed on the end goal of getting the building our children deserve, that will keep Pavilion alive in our community.

Pavilion Raffle winners 2018...

- 1 Christmas Hamper - Elizabeth Hampton
- 2 £30 Et Alia - Ellen McGough
- 3 £25.00 Tesco - Bennet
- 4 £20.00 Pizza Hut - Amira Hayden
- 5 £20.00 Cooper Coffee - Louise Bridge
- 6 Knowsley Safari Park Family Pass - John Roberts
- 7 Signed EFC Photo & Nodding Dog - T. Barnes
- 8 Cineworld Tickets - Khyro Dean
- 9 Gin Advent Calendar - Richard Brown
- 10 Neal's Yard Gift voucher £15.00 - Anya Dean
- 11 Wig Wam Voucher - R. Ashworth
- 12 L'Occataine Beauty Box - Lesley Read
- 13 Otterspool Play Pass - D, Monaghan
- 14 Saint Hair Dressers, Blow Dry - Lesley
- 15 David Lloyd Family Pass - Kevin Cunningham
- 16 Forever Living Goodies - Delyth
- 17 Davidoff Cool Water Eau de Toilette - F. Riley
- 18 Nivea Gift Set - Jo Anstey
- 19 Ted Baker Gift Set - Phil Cave
- 20 Big Brown Beauty Bag - Gareth Jones
- 21 Beauty Bundle - Lyndsey Morton
- 22 Beauty Bundle (Mini pink) - Ruth
- 23 LFC Gnome & Grooming Set - Jude Kent
- 24 The Bear and The Bee Print - Marion Thomas
- 25 Baylis and Harding for Men set - Mona
- 26 Ted Baker Ladies Gift Set - Joe Barry
- 27 Bubbles World of Play £10 - Rocco
- 28 Bubbles World of Play £10 - Dylan Chan
- 29 Spring City £5 - Nicola Spencer
- 30 Spring City £5 - E. Anstey
- 31 Mini Prosecco & Chocolates - H. Hale



Your feedback at the AGM, parents' evening and the Christmas fayre tell us how valuable Pavilion is to our local families. Ursula Roberts, grandmother to current and past Pavilion children, has been inspired by the impact Pavilion has had on her family, to join our committee and has been championing our fundraising efforts so far. We value all members of the Pavilion community and hope you will continue to support us in the Big Build project.

Christmassy things to do...

Winter Forest at Calderstones Park.

The Storybarn team have created an immersive winter forest where you can be checked off the 'nice list' by the elves and meet Father Christmas in his grotto. Sessions begin each day at 10am and can be booked at www.thestorybarn.org.uk

Until 22 December (£10)

The Secret Winter Garden at Croxteth Hall.

Lantern Company, the team behind Liverpool's Halloween Lantern Parade, have transformed the hall and gardens into a luminous wintery wonderland to enchant all ages this Christmas.

Book at www.lanterncompany.co.uk

Until 22 December (from £11.00 - £15.40)



Winter Wonderland at "Bombed-out" Church

Families can make their way through a whole host of activities which includes a special appointment with Santa during the experience.

Hot drinks and mince pies for adults. Two-hour timeslots are available to book in advance at

www.ticketquarter.co.uk

Until 23 December (from £14.29)

Holly Bough Service at Liverpool Cathedral

Service of readings and carols with the procession of the Holly Bough and Christmas trees through the Cathedral.

23 December 3 - 4:30pm (Free)



Festival Carol Service at Metropolitan Cathedral

A mix of seasonal music and readings as well as congregational carols. Mulled wine & mince pies will be served after the Service.

23 December 5 - 6:30pm (Free)

Festive cinema at Sefton Park Palmhouse

Seasonal films in a beautiful setting.

Book at palmhouse.org.uk

18 - 21 December 5 - 8pm (Adult £10, Child £8)

Breakfast with Father Christmas at Speke Hall

Enjoy a delicious breakfast, storytime with Father Christmas and take home a present.

20, 21 or 22 December at 9am (Adult £6.50, Child £10)

Sleeping Beauty at Greenbank Sports Academy

Pantomime by Oddsocks Entertainment.

Tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk

28 December at 1pm and 5pm (from £6.00)



Beauty & the Beast at Unity Theatre

Highly theatrical and bold retelling of this classic family tale.

30 Nov - Sat 5 Jan (from £9.50)

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Epstein Theatre

Classic panto with celeb stars

7 December - 2 January (From Adult £18.50, Child £16.50, Family £63)

Family art activities at Walker Art Gallery

Get in the party mood and create a snappy hat to wear as you welcome in 2019!

27 - 30 December, 1-4pm (free, drop-in)

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Things to do at home...
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Make reindeer food from oats and a sprinkle of magic glitter; make paper plate wreaths or winter animals; make your own wrapping paper with finger and handprints; upcycle some old baubles; make mixed spice or coconut snow playdough; go on a winter scavenger hunt in the park

Find more ideas at:

theimaginationtree.com/category/winter

Upcoming dates...

Please be reminded that preschool reopens:
Tuesday 8th January 2019 at the usual time.

We are **closed** for a staff training day on
Monday 7th January.

We will close for half-term on **Friday 15th February** and reopen on **Monday 25th February 2019**.

We will close for the Easter holidays on
Friday 5th April 2019.

Reminders...

Funding applications:

If you are entitled for 30 hours from January, please submit your eligibility code to Pavilion **before 21st December 2018** (email Jo with any queries).

School admissions:

The closing date for Reception applications is **15th January 2019**. For further information see liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply

You **MUST** apply to receive your child's reception place.

Clothes for the new year:

A warm and waterproof coat is essential as we are committed to the children learning outside every day (unless the rain is torrential). Wellies are also a good idea, as we only have limited pairs for the children to borrow. Please also send a change of clothes in case your child gets wet when playing.

Please ensure names are written on/inside all items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles

Match funding...

Do you or any of your friends or family work for any organisations that provide match funding? Many corporate organisations offer this as part of their own Corporate Social Responsibility Schemes. Match funding does as it says, so organisations will match the funds raised by their employee's nominated charity. Please let us know if you, a family member or friend can help us with match funding.

Donations 'in kind'

Do you any of your friends or family work for organisations that offer donations 'in kind'? This could be a carpet company, bathroom manufacturer, builders merchant etc. who would be willing to offer donations of products in return for local PR.

From all the Pavilion team, we wish all of our families a very happy Christmas! We hope you enjoy this very special time together.

We wish you all the very best for the new year and can't wait to see you all again!

