

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO

### 🌱 Green Thumb Day – Growing Little Gardeners

Our Green Thumb Day has been an absolute success! 🌱😊 The children have been very dedicated to caring for our veggie patch, and we are so proud to share that we now have **13 baby cucumbers** growing on our vines! 🥒🌟 The children excitedly counted each tiny cucumber, checking how much they had grown and discussing what plants need to thrive. Our parsley has also taken off, growing quickly and beautifully, ready to be added to our **hanging wall garden**. 💧💧 Through watering, observing, and recording plant changes, the children learned about responsibility, patience, and the magic of growing food from seed to harvest.

### 🎄 Christmas Appeal – Giving Back to Our Community

This year, our OSHC children proudly took part in the Upper Swan Primary School **Christmas Appeal** 🎁❤️. We visited the shops and filled our trolley with essential items like food, toiletries, baby products, and Christmas goodies. Back at OSHC, the children worked together to **sort, organise, and pack** everything neatly before delivering the donations to the front office. 🌲👏 This was such a meaningful learning experience—teaching empathy, kindness, teamwork, and the importance of supporting families who may need a little help during the festive season.

### 💧 Water Play Wednesday – Splash-tastic Fun!

With the warmer weather arriving, Water Play Wednesdays are officially back at OSHC—and the children couldn't be happier! 🌞💧 This week we enjoyed a range of exciting water-based activities: **sponge relays, water gun target shooting, mini slip-and-slide games**, and **pour-and-measure water stations**. 😊💧 The children practised turn-taking, cooperation, coordination, and problem-solving while staying cool and having a blast. Water play continues to be an amazing sensory, social, and physical learning experience!

### 🧊 Sensory Trays – Exploring, Discovering & Learning

Our sensory trays have been hugely popular this week, offering calming, imaginative, hands-on fun. 🌟 The children explored a **water sensory tub**, a **loose-parts construction tray**, and the favourite of the week—**iceberg animal rescue**! 🐻🧊 The children worked together to “free” the animals frozen in ice blocks while learning about **endangered polar species**, climate change, melting patterns, and cause-and-effect. ❄️💧 Sensory play helps children build fine-motor skills, language, creativity, and scientific thinking while having loads of fun.

### 🎨 Arts & Craft – Slimy, Scented & Colourful Creations

Arts and Crafts were wonderfully messy and incredibly fun this week! 🎨😊 The children made **slime in many colours**, experimenting with texture, stretchiness, and sensory feel. They also made **beautifully scented playdough**, choosing fragrances like lavender, vanilla, and lemon 🍋💜. We finished with a large **collaborative group painting**, where the children shared ideas, mixed colours, and worked together to create one big masterpiece. Through these experiences, children explored creativity, sensory awareness, teamwork, and self-expression in engaging and joyful ways.





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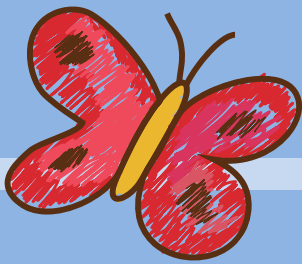


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## WHAT'S COMING UP

- . Book list 2026 Now Available Online
- . School Gates Closes at 9 am



## SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- If children could please have a spare change of clothes in their bags.
- A reminder that all children should be always be wearing shoes and a hat while outside.