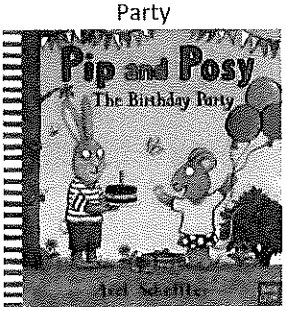
Week beginning 9th November 2026

This week in Chestnut

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff.

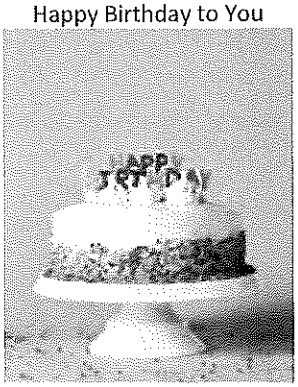
Book of the week:

Pip and Posy: The Birthday Party



Rhyme of the week:

Happy Birthday to You



Sign of the week:

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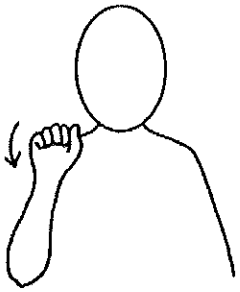
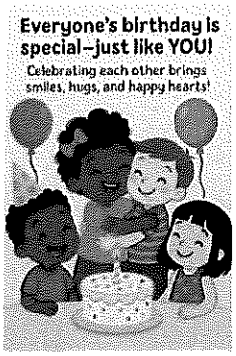


Happy Thought of the week:



Maths

We will be:

- Making playdough birthday buns, counting out 3 candles and arranging them in different ways—helping children see that the total stays the same, even when they move.
- Talking about how old we are, using a number line to compare ages, and counting out the right number of candles to match each child's age.



Phonics

We will be:

- Exploring the sounds of familiar instruments through listening games.
- Children will hear, name, and explore a range of instruments like tambourines, shakers, and bells. Then, they'll play a guessing game—listening carefully to a hidden instrument being played and trying to identify it by sound alone.



Learning Opportunities

We will be:

- Exploring feelings using "feelings balloons" during circle time
- Engaging in party role play to explore social interactions and birthday traditions
- Making birthday cards and invitations to support mark making
- Playing instruments to familiar nursery rhymes, exploring rhythm and sound
- Listening to Pip and Posy: The Birthday Party and recalling their own birthday experiences
- Ordering numbered birthday cards to develop number recognition and sequencing
- Printing star patterns using recycled materials like bottle tops and cotton buds

Help at Home

My Birthdays!



Look back at your child's 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th birthday photos together. Talk about who was there, how your child has changed over time, and how many candles were on their cake each year. Use this as a chance to explore numbers, reflect on growing up, and celebrate special memories.

Dates for your diary:

- **Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th December** - Christmas Lunches
- **Wednesday 9th December** - Christmas Jumper Day, Titus Salt Trail and Christmas Walk
- **Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th December** - Christmas Parties
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Christmas Crafting
- **Friday 18th December** - Nursery Closes for Christmas