



Celebrations Policy

At Kings Road Nursery School, we believe that birthday celebrations and religious holidays are very important to the lives of our children and that of their family; we look forward to them and help to acknowledge them and celebrate them in the nursery.

Birthdays

We celebrate by singing 'Happy Birthday' to the child during a whole class carpet time. We have a birthday photo display where the child's photograph is moved over from the 3 section to the 4 section. Children are given a birthday sticker. Some parents like to send in edible treats for their child to share with the class on their birthday. If this is the case, we ask that a simple multipack of sweets is sent in, such as mini bags of haribo - these tend to be easier to manage with the various food allergies that may be in class. The sweets are given out at the end of the day by the birthday child, and they are not eaten in Nursery. We ask that parents do not send in cakes or anything that requires Nursery staff to prepare or share out. There is, however, no obligation to send in anything for a child's birthday, and every child is made to feel special on their birthday at Nursery.

Religious Celebrations

Learning about different religious festivals forms an important part of our World Around Us topic, and it can also make a child feel valued if aspects of their culture are shared with the whole class. We may plan activities linked to these special times e.g. Chinese New Year – making lanterns or trying noodles, Harvest Festival – vegetable soup and farming stories, Diwali – making clay divas or trying Indian food. We have an Easter egg hunt at Easter and the Nursery provides each child with a chocolate egg. We have a visit from Santa at Christmas, where every child receives a gift provided by the Nursery.

If there is a special celebration that families would like us to include because it is important to their faith, we welcome ideas and parents who are happy to share more about their traditions.