



## Birthday Celebrations at Cambridgeshire Nursery

Birthdays are such a special time for preschoolers. On your child's birthday, we will do our best to make the celebration a memorable one. Teachers will provide a birthday crown /chair to help make the birthday child feel special.

During birthday celebrations we do allow for a special treat during our regular classroom snack time. However, due to various allergies and dietary restrictions we request you to send an EGGLESS cake with NO NUTS. We won't be able to cut and serve cakes with eggs or nuts. No juice or crisps etc. are to be shared during the celebrations.

The cake will be cut in class just after snack time. Your child will enjoy the cake cutting ceremony with the teachers and his/her friends. We request parents to not be present for the cake cutting to minimize disruption of class routine.

Our absolutely favourite birthday "treat" is a book for the classroom. You can inscribe it with your child's name and picture and even wrap it for your child to open during class. We can read the book to the class during group time. This helps us promote a love of books and literacy. The birthday celebration needs to be a "no present" celebration to save hurt feelings of children from other classes. We do not have children share goodie bags or chocolates. Your birthday party at home is the perfect time for these.

If you are having a birthday party at home and inviting all children in the class, you may bring invitations to school to distribute. If you are only inviting a portion of the class, please distribute the invitations outside the nursery. This saves hurt feelings.

The Cambridgeshire Nursery staff feels strongly that by following these guidelines, we are promoting a healthy lifestyle, causing minimum interruption to class routine and instructional time and maximizing student learning!