



## Wishing Everyone A Happy, Holiday Season!

It's hard to believe that we are already in the last month of the year. 2025 has seen so many opportunities for growth and abundance. As we reflect on the last year, we are grateful for all of the moments we have been privileged to spend with the children in our care, watching them grow with curious minds and discover the world around them.

To keep our centres strong and sustainable, we sometimes need to adjust how we manage fees and funding. These changes help us continue offering reliable care, keep programs affordable in the long term, and ensure funding is used responsibly.

### Fee Changes Starting February 1, 2026

#### Why are fees changing?

We are following Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) guidelines.

- CWELCC only provides funding for children ages 0-5 years for days when centres are open and/or are in receipt of fees.
- Fee rates for children ages 0 – 5 years will not change in 2026.
- In the past, we gave fee relief during closures. Now, we are aligning with CWELCC guidelines, as well as other centres to keep programs consistent and sustainable.

- To receive full funding in 2026, we must invoice for 261 days per year for each licensed child care space.

#### What this means for families:

- Families will be billed for all days, including closures and holidays.

#### For families with children ages 6–12, here's what to expect:

- CWELCC does not fund school-aged programs (6-12 years), however, we will be invoicing for 261 days per year in line with the other age groups.
- Fees will increase starting **February 1, 2026**, by \$1 per day.
- This increase better aligns with fees of the broader child care market and helps keep our school age programs financially stable and competitive.

#### Part-Time or Scheduled Care Families:

- MTJB will no longer accept **new** part-time arrangements.

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- Unless future policy adjustments require otherwise, families currently accessing part-time care may remain in that arrangement until their children ages out of the program.
- Beginning in 2026, the CWELCC guidelines require that gaps in enrollment be managed to limit unfilled spaces.
- To align with this new requirement, MTJB will implement a minimum attendance policy: part-time and scheduled families will be required to book at least two days per week.
- This change will take effect on **February 1, 2026**.
- Starting **February 1, 2026**, invoicing for part-time or scheduled families will also include closures and statutory holidays.
- This ensures all families contribute fairly to program sustainability.

### Our Commitment:

We know changes can be challenging. These adjustments help us:

- Keep programs strong and reliable.
- Ensure funding is used responsibly.
- Support long-term sustainability for children and families.

**On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support.**

This year we were honoured to receive a prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in September from Greenville Futures at their Annual Meeting. We were also fortunate to receive a generous grant from the Counties to enhance our toys and equipment in our School-Age programs. It has been incredibly exciting for the staff to purchase new items for the programs with a focus on How Does Learning Happen and connect our program equipment to the four foundations of Belonging, Engagement, Expression, and Well-Being.

We hope that all of our families have a restful and relaxing holiday season, celebrating connection, traditions, and time spent with loved ones. We hope everyone takes the time to recharge as we head into another exciting year for 2026!

**As a reminder to families, our centres will be closed between December 24th 2025 and January 1st 2026.**

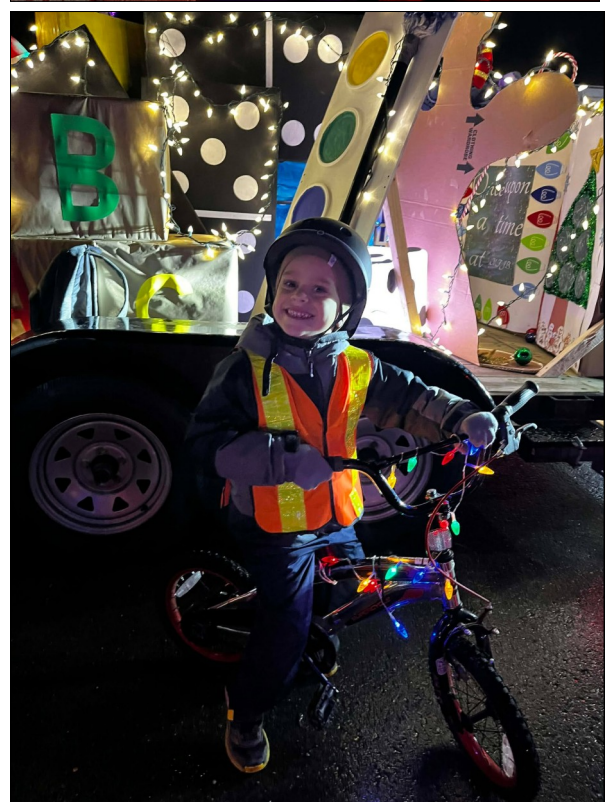
## Angel Tree Bake Sale

This holiday season, MTJB participated in a deliciously sweet bake sale to fundraise for our local Angel Tree! Parents were asked to spend a little extra time connecting with their loved ones this season by baking something special together and sending it in for the sale. The bake sale ran on December 6th at the Prescott Legion's 8th Annual Christmas Craft Show. With the help of our families' generous donations, we raised over \$500 for the Angel Tree! On December 15th, participants who donated baked goods were invited to the Prescott Canadian Tire to give the children the opportunity to pick out the gifts for the tree! Thank you to the amazing staff who helped to bring this event together and to all of the families that participated!



## MTJB Lights Up The Night - Prescott Holiday Parade

On November 21st, MTJB staff, families, and children bundled up warm and rode in the 2025 Light Up The Night Santa Claus Parade. This year, our theme was a radio flyer ad, and each program worked together with their children to create the large scale props that decorated the float. From large Lego blocks, Rubik's cubes, books, Jack-In-The Box, Play-Doh and more, our children worked hard to deliver these unique and artistic pieces! A huge thank you to Brianne, Jordan and Oli for the use of their trailer and shop, to Kerry at Johnston Brothers Tree Farm for donating the beautiful Christmas tree, to Adam Jensen from Jensen Contracting Co. for pulling our float, as well as Kiana, Emerson, Ryleigh, Oli, Brianne, Jordan, Erin, and Ashley for decorating! Thank you to all of the staff and families who rode in the parade and made the magic happen!



# Program Highlights - Remembrance Day Celebrations from November

Our friends at our Kemptville and Maynard Sites showed off their creativity and honoured the themes of Remembrance Day with a selection of beautiful poppy art!



Kemptville - Toddler 3



Maynard - Toddler 1B

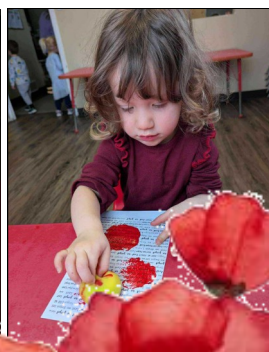


Maynard - Infant



Maynard - Toddler 1A

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Kemptville - Preschool 1



## No Stone Left Alone Campaign

On Saturday, November 8th, staff and families from the Wellington MTJB Site hosted a project in partnership with the No Stone Left Alone Campaign. The No Stone Left Alone foundation provides students with an authentic leadership experience centered on a uniquely moving, hands-on act of remembrance: laying a poppy at the headstones of veterans. By participating in the No Stone Left Alone remembrance event, the students strengthened their values of respect, leadership, citizenship, responsibility, and gratitude.

For this event, children from the Wellington and St Mark MTJB Programs worked together to create a series of poppy crafts. These activities sparked amazing conversations about veterans and why we honour soldiers for Remembrance Day. Families were then invited to participate in a weekend event to lay the stones created at the gravesites of several local veterans. This was an amazing opportunity to blend community, history, and ceremony. Students followed up this event with a reflection activity the following week.



**Add language to build understanding**

You can help build your child's understanding of the world by talking about feelings and providing explanations (e.g., He is sad because his toy is broken). You can also add new ideas by pretending and imagining (e.g., I'm driving to the zoo), you can talk about the past and future, and use language to solve problems (e.g., The truck can't fit because it's too big).



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Don't miss out on these upcoming events!

- ◆ December 14th - December 22nd - Hanukkah
- ◆ December 19th - Last day of School
- ◆ December 21st - Winter Solstice (Happy Yule)
- ◆ December 24th - Christmas Eve
- ◆ December 25th - Christmas
- ◆ December 26th - January 1st - Kwanzaa
- ◆ December 31st - New Years Eve

*Upcoming*  
**EVENTS**

**ALL MTJB SITES WILL BE CLOSED  
BETWEEN DECEMBER 24th 2025 AND  
JANUARY 1ST 2026.**

**Reopening January 2nd 2026**

Happy Holidays!

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