



# Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services NEWSLETTER

January – February 2025

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2025

- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February – February Holiday Club at WEST
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – First Day of Term
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Stay & Play WEST
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March – Stay & Play EAST
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holiday Club at EAST
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Teacher Training Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April – First Day of Summer Term

## Happy New Year

It has been wonderful to settle everyone back into the new term. The children have loved sharing their adventures from over the Christmas holidays.

We have a lot of exciting activities planned for this half term.

## Food Safety Inspection

We are pleased to announce that we were inspected on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at our West site, and we received the rating of 5. Well done to all of our staff for maintaining excellent hygiene and safety practices.



## Extended Services

Thank you to those parents who returned the parent survey about wrap around care. If you have not returned one and would like to, please speak to the staff member on the door. We will publish the results shortly.

## Useful Information

The contact details for both sites are below. All enquiries should be directed to the Admin Office on the West site. If you need to speak with a staff member at the East site your call will be transferred.

West site:

Rainbow Pre-school & Extended Services  
Nursery Building, St Andrews CofE VC Primary School  
Brunts Lane, Biggleswade, SG18 0LY

East site:

Rainbow Pre-school & Extended Services  
St Andrews CofE VC Primary School  
Bantock Way, Kings Reach, Biggleswade, SG18 8UQ  
Website: <http://www.rainbowpre-schoolbiggleswade.co.uk/welcome>  
Email: [enquiries@rainbow-preschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rainbow-preschool.co.uk)  
Tel: 01767 310230

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Our bank details for payment of fees are as follows:

Barclays Bank Account - Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services  
Account No: 03715140 Sort Code: 20-74-81  
PLEASE USE YOUR CHILDS FULL NAME AS THE REFERENCE ACCOMPANYING YOUR BANK TRANSFER TO ALLOW US TO ALLOCATE YOUR PAYMENTS TO THE CORRECT ACCOUNT, WITHOUT THESE DETAILS YOUR ACCOUNT MAY APPEAR TO FALL INTO ARREARS!  
If you are making Hot Lunch payments using cash or cheque, your money should be placed in a named envelope with the amount & information about what the payment relates to.

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## Extended Services

You must complete a booking form before your child attends our Extended Services. Once we have processed your booking you will receive an invoice and confirmation. Extended services have become extremely busy; therefore, your booking form needs to be with us no later than midday the Friday before the following week, this includes the start of a new term. We have very limited spaces available this term. Booking forms for the rest of the academic year are available to download from our website. Please email your booking forms to

[enquiries@rainbow-preschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rainbow-preschool.co.uk)

# Fundraising



## Children in Need

We raised £50.50 for Save The Children, Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December 2024.

## Children Christmas Party

We wanted to say a huge thank you to the parents for making a donation towards our pre-school. We raised £184.59. We absolutely loved celebrating this special time with the children.

## Save the Children, Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £143 for Children in Need on Friday 15th November 2024.

Thank you for your kind donations.

### Physical Wellbeing

As part of our PANCO programme we have implemented the following:

- Trained PANCOs on site.
- Half termly Focus Foods - we focus on 3 different seasonal foods each half term for both tasting and play to inform children of the more unusual foods that they may not recognise daily. Our focus foods this half term are **Cauliflower, Leeks and Pomegranates**.



- Weekly exercise sessions delivered by personal trainer Emily Emerson.
- Using exercises for the Healthy Movers programme in our daily routines.

These are additional measures we have implemented to the free flow access to the outdoor areas throughout the day and free movement around the setting.

### Learning and Development

This half term we are focusing on Habitats and the Environment. The children are learning about all of the different places animals live, following on from focusing on our own homes and where we live from last term. We use the children's individual learning (next steps) and their interests to guide our activities.

In line with the Fundamental British Values, we have 6 core values that we focus on with the children as a way of teaching them how we expect them to behave. We discuss these at group times and throughout the day with the children.

These include:

- Respect (we are kind)
- Collaborative (we work together)
- Listen (we listen carefully)
- Passion (we always try our best)
- Awe-Inspiring (we try new and exciting things)
- Reflective (we think about how to do things better)

Look out for observations and updates on EYLog about your child.

### Home Learning Challenge:

Every half term, your child will be sent home with an activity book with a home learning challenge stuck inside. The aim is for you to complete these activities with your child and record the evidence in your child's activity book. These will be activities that will enhance your child's learning and development at home. When you have completed the activity, please send your child's activity book in before the end of the half term so that they can celebrate this with their key group before we move on to other topics in the next half term.



Always check the notice boards for updates, training course information for parents and other messages.

A reminder that we are a nut and popcorn free setting due to allergies and risk of choking. If your child has an item in their lunch box containing nuts or popcorn then it will be replaced with something from the setting and will be sent home. To confirm, an allergen will be listed in **bold** if it contains it as an ingredient. "May contain" does not mean it is an ingredient.