



## Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services

# NEWSLETTER

September/October 2025

### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2025

- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - End of half term
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 - Holiday Club-WEST
- 3rd Nov 2025 – Teacher Training Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 – Back to School
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 – WEST Parents Evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 – EAST Parents Evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 – Children in Need
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 – Save the Children
- Christmas Jumper Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Children's Christmas Party
- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – End of Term



Welcome to our first half term of the new year. We are pleased to see the children settling in well and are enjoying getting to know them better.

In our half termly newsletters you can expect to find information about the learning and development topics we are focusing on, updates about the setting, new research and guidance and important messages for parents.

### 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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### Reminders

- Please remember to name all items of clothing (coats/hats/scarves/ jumpers/ jackets). It is very difficult to ensure all children get their exact items when they are not named as many children have similar clothing.
- Please ensure the children wrap up warm as the weather is becoming cooler.
- 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. Small fruits the size of a 2p piece (size of a child's throat) **MUST** be quartered in their lunch boxes.
- Always check the notice boards and EYLog for updates, training course information for parents and other messages.

## Drop Off and Collection Procedures

We have revised our drop off and collection procedures for pre-school and wrap around care sessions which may mean it takes a little more time initially, please bear with us. The safety of all of the children in our care is our top priority. Once we have handed over your child to you at collection time, we may not be able to let them come back in to collect forgotten items, please remind your children to gather their belongings before they leave. We will do the same. Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated.

## Bookings

Please remember you must book in advance for breakfast club and after school club. We accept half termly bookings, you will be able to find the booking form on our website. We have to operate on a first come first served basis, to avoid disappointment please get you requests in as early as you can.

## Fees

Please remember to pay all fees promptly, using your child's name as a reference.

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

*Our Focus Foods for this half term are turnips, butternut squash, blackberries*



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 **All About Me**. At the start of term, it is important that we quickly come to understand everything we can about the children and work closely with them to ensure they settle in well. We are also introducing the season of **Autumn** and will be looking at upcoming **holidays and festivals** celebrated by the children in the setting. 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 fun and engaging activities that will promote your child's learning and development at home. Research shows that the more involved parents are in their child's education from the preschool age, the more successful the children's learning is in their future. When you have completed the activity, please send your child's activity book in so that they can celebrate this with their key group.

## Emotional Wellbeing

In the settings we have our cosy reading corners which are filled with soft and cosy cushions, rugs and blankets. We have sensory toys and a range of stories, both fiction and non-fiction linked to our focus's this half term. Our staff are trained in using the Five to Thrive approach (more guidance to be shared throughout the year) to support children to recognise and understand their feelings and how to manage them.

## Hot Lunches

Please ensure you complete our Hot Lunch Booking Form, which can be found on our website. All forms need to be completed and returned to us **NO LATER THAN 9.00am THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE BOOKING**. Please ensure that the correct **CASH** or a **CHEQUE** is also given and put into a sealed envelope with your child's name.