



Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services NEWSLETTER

November/December 2025

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2025/2026

Parents evenings, By Appointment Only

West: Wednesday 12th November

East: Thursday 13th November

BBC Children in Need- Friday 14th November

Photographer

East: Wednesday 19th November

West: Thursday 20th November

Children's Christmas Party- Saturday 6th December 10am-12pm OR 12:15pm-2:15pm.
Info to be shared soon.

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.25- For the Week commencing 8th December the children are invited to wear their Christmas clothing for a small donation of £1 to be handed in. We will also host our Christmas sing along sessions for parents to attend during this week. Please see dates below.

Christmas sing along sessions info to be shared soon:

WEST: Wednesday 10th December 2:45pm OR
Friday 12th December 2:45pm

EAST: Tuesday 9th December 2:45pm OR
Thursday 11th December 2:45pm

End of term Friday 19th December.

Teacher Training - Monday 5th January 2026

First day of Term - Tuesday 6th January 2026



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
Bruns 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

Tel: 01767 310230

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.

Uncut fruits in packed lunches:

We have been sharing guidance about the importance of cutting children's fruit in quarters lengthways, if an individual piece of fruit it is the size of a 2P piece. We have seen a great improvement from the children's packed lunches but are still finding that some fruit is too large to be safe. Therefore, with immediate effect, we will no longer be cutting the children's fruit if it does not meet government guidelines- please see poster as previously sent and will instead send it home with a note to explain.

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2021/09/food-safety-advice-on-choking-hazards-in-settings/>

We also do not allow sweets including marshmallows and chocolate to be sent in as part of our food and nutrition policy as outlined on our website.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Bookings

We recognise that circumstances change and sometimes at the last minute and we pride ourselves on being able to offer a fully flexible wrap around care service, with parents only paying for the actual hours that they need our service. However, as our numbers increase for breakfast and after school club, please be aware that our cut off point for accepting last minute bookings, will be 4pm each Monday, for the following week. An example of this is if you wanted to make a booking for any of our sessions during week beginning the 1st of December, we would need to receive your booking form no later than 4pm on the 24th of November. We will always try our best to accommodate emergencies, but this is the time frame that we need to work to, in order to be compliant with strict adult to child ratio's and therefore, your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Fees

Please remember to pay all fees promptly, we are a not for profit charity which allows us to maintain competitive fees, but rely on prompt payment from parents and carers. Please remember to state your child's name as the reference on your bank transfer, to ensure that we allocate your payment to the correct account.

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 Cranberries, Figs and Lychees



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 **People who help us**. It has been wonderful to settle the children back into the setting after some time away. The children have enjoyed reuniting with their friends and keyworkers. We are continuing with the season of **Autumn** and will introduce **Winter** and will be looking to celebrate Christmas with the children with a sing along session that you will be invited to attend. 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)

Home Learning Challenge:

We hope you enjoyed completing this half term's home learning challenge. Please remember to bring in the books to share with your keygroups.

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

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