



Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services

NEWSLETTER

January 2026

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2026

End of half term - Friday 13th February

First day of Term – Monday 23rd Feb

Stay & Play East w/c 9th March

Stay & Play West w/c 16th March

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Easter Holiday Club – w/c 30th Mar – 10th Apr

Fri 3rd April & Mon 6th April **CLOSED**

This will be held at the East Site, Bantock Way

Friday 24th April we will be closed due to school maintenance

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.



We would like to thank all parents and carers for co-operating with our new start time for pre-school, which has been 9am from the 6th of January 2026. This change has enabled us to provide a better experience for the children who attend our morning sessions, due to having more key workers available to greet them when they arrive. We will continue to support families who need to drop off a little earlier than 9am, for the rest of this academic year.

For west site parents only – please note that effective from the 19th of January 2026, the metal gate in the alleyway will be opened at 8.45am, please queue along the side of our building up to the locked wooden gate, until it is open. This will cause less congestion in the narrow alleyway. Thank you

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

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 operate on a first come first served basis, to avoid disappointment please get your requests in as early.

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.

Please remember us when recycling we need cardboard boxes, kitchen or toilet roll tubes or anything that you think we can use in our Arts & Crafts.

Also, a reminder for parents to pack lots of spare clothes in their child's bag including socks, knickers and pants! We have had lots of children who are toilet training, and parents are not packing enough or any spare socks, and we have now run out of our own supply as they have gone home with children.



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.
- 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 Cabbage, Leeks and Celery



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 **Wonderful Winter**. We are continuing with the season of **Winter** and will introduce **Spring** next half 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)



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.

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

Thank you