



Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services NEWSLETTER

Feb/Mar 2026

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2026

First day of Term – Monday 23rd Feb

World Book Day – Thurs 5th March

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

Bookings

Please remember you must book by Monday for the following week for breakfast and after school club for the East Site. 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 as possible.

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.

Reminders

- Always check the notice boards and EYLog for updates, training course information for parents and other messages.
- Hot lunches have increased to £3.25 per meal, please ensure correct change is given.
- **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN BARNET CLOSE AS WE HAVE HAD COMPLAINTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS.**

Thank you

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.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thurs 5th March 26 - the children can either dress up as their favourite book character, or they can wear their pyjamas! They can also bring in their favourite book; please ensure it has your child's name on it.

We are entering into our inspection cycle from the 1st of April 2026. Ofsted no longer award Inadequate, Requires Improvement, Good or Outstanding, please see information relating to the changes below.

Ofsted early years changes from April

The Ofsted inspection framework for early years settings is undergoing significant changes, with the aim of improving the quality of education and care provided to children. Key updates include:

- **Increased focus on wellbeing:** Inspectors will now consider how schools support and promote the wellbeing of leaders and staff.
- **New evaluation areas:** Eight new evaluation areas have been introduced, separating out curriculum and adding a focus on developing routines and inclusion.

- **Scorecard system:** The inspection process will move away from single-word judgements to a scorecard system based on the Early Years Toolkit, with five outcomes.

- **Two-part notification call:** The notification call for inspections will be divided into two parts, with a focus on children with SEND and those who are disadvantaged or vulnerable.

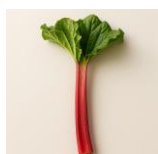
These changes aim to align the inspection framework with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and ensure a more comprehensive evaluation of early years settings.

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 Asparagus, Mint and Rhubarb



Learning and Development

This half term, we are focusing on **Traditional Tales**. Week one will be 'The Three Little Pigs', week 2 'The Gingerbread Man', week 3 'Jack and the Beanstalk', week 4 'The Little Red Riding Hood', and week 5 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff'. The children really enjoy listening to stories, and we hope you can support us by retelling these tales at home.

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.



We have some very egg-citing visitors coming to start their journey with us in the form of an egg, watch their hatching process from 9th March 26.