



October Newsletter



Term Dates and Upcoming Events	
November 4 th 2024	First day of term 2- funding begins
December 13 th 2024	Last day of term 2
December 13 th , 2024	Christmas Lunch
December 16 th 2024- January 3 rd 2025	Christmas Break- No Funding
December 24 th , 2024	Christmas Eve Nursery Closed at 2pm
December 25 th 2024- January 1 st 2025	Christmas Holidays- Nursery Closed
Thursday 2 nd January 2025	Nursery Reopens 8am
Monday 6 th January 2025	First day of term 3- Funding Begins
Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of funding for term 3
Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term- No Funding
Monday 24 th February 2025	First day of term 4- Funding Begins
Friday 28 th March 2025	Last day of funding for term 4
Monday 31 st March- Friday 18 April 2025	No Funding
Friday 18 th April 2025	Good Friday- Nursery Closed
Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter Monday- Nursery Closed
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	First day of term 5- Funding Begins
Monday 5 th May 2025	Ealy May Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day of funding for term 5
Monday 26 th May 2025	Late May Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed
Tuesday 27 th May-Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term- No Funding
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Frist day of term 6 Funding Start
Tuesday 29 th July 2025	Last day of funding for term 6
Wednesday 30 th July 2025- Monday 8 th Sept 2025	Summer Holidays- No funding
Monday 25 th August 2025	August Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed

October Half Term

Monday October 28th, 2024- Friday November 1st, 2024

Funding will not be applied to fees over this period and any children who are on term time only contracts will not be booked to attend

Collection & Drop off Times

Could we please ask that parents be mindful of the times they are booked to drop off and collect their children. While it may seem like just 10 or 15 minutes it may result in members of our team having to stay late at the end of their day or that we are no longer compliant regarding our staff to child ratio. Repeated failure to collect one's child on time may also result in a £30 charge for the first 30min and an additional £30 for every 30min thereafter. We do understand that things can happen and that parents will at times be held up. However in these instances we would ask that you call us to let us know you are running late and when you estimate your arrival. Similarly if you need to drop your child off early we would ask that you call ahead to check with the staff that they can accommodate this or if it is in advance send an email to parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com so we can book the early drop off in.



Primary School Applications

Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2020 & 31 Aug 2021???

Primary school applications will open from 1st November, 2024 via the Kent county website <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>. All applications must be submitted by Wednesday 1st January, 2025. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff.



Packed Lunches

Please can we remind all parents to follow our packed lunch policy.

Lunches should **NOT** include-
Chocolate bars- Twix/Mars etc.

Sweets

Juice/Fizzy Drinks

Nuts, Nut Products or any items that may contain nuts



Sandwiches should not include

Sweet spread fillings- Jam/Honey/Nutella
Nut Spreads- Peanut butter, almond butter etc.
Salty Fillings such as Marmite

For further information relating to your child's packed lunch please see our packed lunch policy which can be found on our website or from our administrator.



Outside Wear & Spare Clothes

With the Autumn weather creeping in and winter just around the corner, could you please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play. This may include jackets, wellies, hats, spare clothes, and/or all in one rain coats if necessary

We like to get the children out even in inclement weather and don't want anyone to miss out.

Could you also please ensure that you send in at least two changes of clothing for your little one including socks and underwear. We love to get the children involved in messy play and want to ensure they always have something warm and comfortable to change into afterwards if needed.

Lastly could any borrowed clothing please be returned to the nursery so that we have extras on hand should another child need them.





Ladybirds (Babies)



Room Leader: Ciara
Supervisor: Hayley

Practitioner: Stephanie Apprentice: Amber
Apprentice: Renee

Books of the Month

- Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes
- The Colour of me

Songs of the Week

- *Incy Wincy Spider
- *5 Little Pumpkins
- *If you're Happy and you know it
- *Wheels on the bus

Themes & Activities

- Harvest Festival- We will be planting herbs ready for Christmas Dinner
- Grandparents Day 6th Oct- Please could you send in photos of your child's grandparents so we can explore this at nursery.
- Library Week 2nd-8th Oct- We will be exploring a range of book baskets with different themes, sensory items, colours and flaps
- Halloween- We will explore this through lights and colours.

Could also please ask that all clothes, shoes, coats and bags be labelled with your child's name so that we can ensure that all items go home with the correct child at the end of each day.



Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Room Leader: Ellie
Practitioner: Stephen

Practitioner: Emily
Practitioner: Casey Apprentice: Alyssa

Books of the weeks

- Families
- Dinosaurs
- There's a dragon in my book
- Supertato
- That's not my witch

Themes for the month

- Autumn & Autumnal Colours
- Woodland Animals
- Pumpkins & other Harvest Vegetables
- Natural Resources
- Halloween

Could we please ask that children do not bring into the nursery toys from home unless it is for a specific planned activity. Items brought from home can often be broken or lost and we do not want any of our bumblebees to be upset. Also with the change in weather could you please ensure your little one come in with appropriate outdoor clothing including puddle suits, coats, wellies, hats, gloves and lots of spare clothes. We want the children to be comfortable as they continue to explore our garden throughout the Autumn season.



Dragonflies



Room Leader: Leyla
Supervisor: Demelza

Practitioner: Courtney
Apprentice: Suzie

Books of the weeks

- The Tiger who came to tea
- What the ladybird hear
- I Love Halloween

Themes

- Families
- Feelings
- The Changing Weather

October Home Activity

Take a walk in the woods to explore nature.
Can you find some of these seasonal items?

- *Pine cones
- *Coloured Leaves
- *Acorns
- *Conkers

Please send in photos or upload them on blossom so we can share your exploration with the other children

Please could you ensure you are sending your child in with lots of spare clothes including socks, jumpers and a jacket. Please could you also ensure all items sent in are labelled with their names so we can get them returned.



Caterpillars



Room Leader: Sarah
Supervisor: Lucie

Practitioner: Shay
Apprentice: Molly

Apprentice: Avery
Apprentice: Libby

Books of the Weeks

- Mr. Magnolia
- The Leaf Thief
- Leaf Man
- Funny Bones

Themes of the month

- Feelings and Habits
- Autumn, Seasons and Changing Colours
- Harvest Foods & Thanksgiving
- Space

We will be celebrating grandparents day on October 6th. Please can you send in a photo of your child with their grandparents so we can share and explore with them.





Butterflies



Room Leader: Stevie
Supervisor: Katy

QTS: Gosia
Practitioner: Lainey

Practitioner: Keira
Apprentice: Hannah

QTS: Summer

Books & Themes of the week:

- Handas Surprise- Celebrating harvest festival and exploring different fruits
- Grandparent Book- Celebrating grandparents' day
- The Leaf Thief
- A Squash and a Squeeze- Looking at Habits
- Pumpkin Soup- Celebrating Halloween

10th Oct- Grandparents Stay and Play 2pm-2:45pm- Please note that if you have not already signed up we are unfortunately now full for this stay and play. For those that have grandparents attending could you please send through a photo, their name and if we do not already have one a password so we know who they are when they arrive.

16th Oct- Recycling Week. We will be introducing the children to recycling and how to care for our planet.

Themes:

- The world around us
- Habits of animals
- Buildings
- Out Environments

Could we please ask that all clothes including coats, shoes/boots bags and lunch boxes are all labelled with your child's name. This will help us to ensure the correct items are returned to the child at the end of the day.

TAX Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare.

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider. This is paid via an online childcare account that you set up for your child.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



Do you know who you can talk to?

If you have any queries or concerns, big or small, or you would like to talk to someone about your child. We are here to help!



Ting Healey Owner-
Invoices, Funding,
Sessions and FEES



Emily Sargeant
Setting Manager-
Designated Child
Protection Officer,



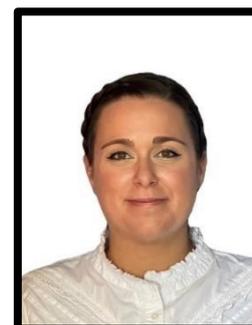
Emma Wilson Deputy
Manager- Special
Educational Needs and
Disability Officer, Deputy
Designated Safeguarding



Tracey Leighton Duty
Manager- Health and
Safety Officer, Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Chloe Tidy Duty
Manager- Online
Safety Co-Ordinator,
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Brenley Martin
Administrator- New
Applications,
Funding Support,
Sessions and FEES

Community Support & Wellbeing Resources

Food & Essentials

The Salvation Army: salvationarmy.org.uk/Folkestone

Hythe Pantry: www.facebook.com/RainbowCentre01

Dover Pantry: www.facebook.com/doverpantry twitter.com/Doverpantry

Bechange Community Fridge: www.bechange.org.uk/support-services/community-fridge

Folkestone Community Fridge: www.facebook.com/Folkestonecommunityfridge

The Bread & Butter Thing (weekly food bags): www.breadandbutterthing.org/members

Food Sharing Apps: OLIO (Connects neighbours with each other and local businesses)

Too Good to Go (Anti food waste app linked to local café's & restaurants)

Financial Support

Help for Households: www.helpforhouseholdscampaign.gov.uk

Cost of living Support: www.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Citizens Advice: citizensadvice.org.uk/dept-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living

Home Essentials in a Crisis: kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis

Mental Health

NHS Psychological Therapies Service- www.nhs.uk/services/mental-health/find-a-psychological-therapies-service (Common mental health issues including anxiety, depression and the need for counselling)

Folkestone Safe Haven: www.hestia.org/folkestone-and-hythe-district

South Kent Mind: www.southkentmind.org.uk

Lighthouse43: www.lighthouse43.co.uk

Samaritans: Call 116 123

Mind Information Line: 0300 123 3393

Rethink Mental Illness Helpline: 0808 801 0525