

September Newsletter

Term Dates and Upcoming Events	
Monday 4 th September 2023	Term 1 Funding Begins
Friday 15 th September 2023	Dragonflies Stay and Play
Monday 18 th September 2023	Parents Evening- Bumblebees & Caterpillars
Tuesday 19 th September 2023	Parents Evening- Ladybirds, Dragonflies & Butterflies
Friday 20 th October 2023	Last Day of Funding for Term 1
Saturday 21 st October 2023	Radnor Park Open Day
Monday 23 rd -Friday 27 th October 2023	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	Term 2 Funding Begins
Thursday 14 th December 2024	Last Day to sign funding forms for terms 3/4
Friday 15 th December 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 2
Monday 25 th December -Monday 1 st January 2024	Christmas Holidays Nursery Closed
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Nursery Re-Opens from 8am
Friday 5 th January 2024	Term 3 Funding Begins
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 3
Monday 12 th February- Friday 16 th February 2024	Half Term
Monday 19 th February 2024	Term 4 Funding Begins
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last Day to sign funding forms for terms 5/6
Friday 29 th March 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 4
Friday 29 th March 2024	Good Friday Nursery Closed
Monday 1 st April 2024	Easter Monday Nursery Closed
Monday 15 th April 2024	Term 5 Funding Begins
Monday 6 th May 2024	Early May Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 5
Monday 27 th May 2024	Late May Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
Tuesday 28 th May 2024-Friday 31 st May 2024	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Term 6 Funding Begins
Wednesday 18 th July 2024	Last Day to sign Funding Forms for Term 1/2
Monday 22 nd July 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 6
Monday 26 th August 2024	August Bank Holiday Nursery Closed

We would like to wish a warm welcome to all of our new and returning children and parents. We are looking forward to another great year here at Radnor Park Kindergarten!



Parents Evening

Following your child's recent assessment we will be holding parents evenings, allowing you the opportunity to speak to your child's key person about any questions or concerns you might have. The evenings will be held over two day so please ensure you check which date is for your child's section.

Monday 18th September 6pm-7pm: Bumblebees & Caterpillars

Tuesday 19th September 6pm-7pm: Ladybirds, Dragonflies & Butterflies

Signup sheets will shortly be available at section entrances.

Collection Password

Could we please ask that all parents register a general password for people other than themselves picking up their children which we can keep on file. If all password submission could please be sent to parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com we would greatly appreciate it. If you recently registered with the setting and provided a password on your application form you do not need to send it through again.

Mobile Phone Use

Just a reminder to parents and careers that mobile phones are not permitted to be used in or around the nursery setting due to our safeguarding policy. This includes collections and drop offs. Please ensure that when you are visiting that you keep your phones in your pockets or bags for the safety and security of our little one. Many Thanks.



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

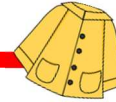


Sandwiches should not include

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

As we sadly say goodbye to summer and hello to Autumn, could you please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play including coats, boots, hats and spare clothes.

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: Ellie
Supervisor: Vicky

Apprentice: Emily
Apprentice: Tierney

Story of the week

- Colours
- Owl Babies
- Autumn Time
- That's not my squirrel

Themes of the Month

- Autumn, pumpkins & The changing of leaves
- Vegetables
- Woodland animals with special attention to the hedgehog
- Colours (Orange, Red & Yellow)

As Autumn approaches can you please ensure you are sending your little ones in with weather appropriate clothing in their bags.

Baby Recipe's

There are baby weaning and play dough recipe's available on the baby room front porch. Please feel free to take one home to try with your little one.



Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Room Leader: Leyla
Supervisor: Katie

Practitioner: Demelza
Practitioner: Hayley

Books of the week

- Autumn
- The Hungry Caterpillar

We will be doing lots of sensory based activities this month allowing the children to explore and discover new textures. We will also be creating an autumn tuff tray full of sticks, leaves, wooden logs and animals.

Could we also please remind parents of our packed lunch policy. Peanut butter and other nut products are not allowed within the setting due to allergies. Unfortunately if nut products are sent in with lunches we will not be able to provide them to your child.



Dragonflies



Room Leader: Stevie
Supervisor: Katy

Practitioner: Stephanie
Apprentice: Sophie

Apprentice: Keira

Colour of the Month: **Brown**

Book of the Week

- We're going on a bear hunt
- This is our house
- Families
- Hello Autumn

Activities

- Exploring all about us: houses, families & our differences
- Textures: Painting with different tools
- Autumn: Exploring leaves, sticks and Autumnal colours

We will be holding a stay and play on Friday 15th of September 4:30-5:15

Please make sure to add your name to the signup sheet if you would like to attend.



Caterpillars



Room Leader: Sarah
Supervisor: Arpana

Practitioner: Stephen
Practitioner: Lucie

Apprentice: Amber

Book of The Week

- Elmer
- Never grow up
- Pirates love underpants
- The tiger who came to tea

Activities

- We will be making a family tree in our room. Could you please bring in or email a family photo for your child to add.
- It will be Roald Dahl's birthday on the 13th of September and to help celebrate Roald Dahl day we will be exploring lots of his books throughout the week



Butterflies



Room Leader: Ciara
Supervisor: Shannon

Practitioner: Shay
Practitioner: Lainey

Throughout the month we will be continuing to welcome and support our returning children as they settle back in after the summer break. We are very excited about the new term and all the fun we will share together. We would also like to create a family board in our room so that the children can share pictures of their families with each other. Please could we kindly ask you to either bring in or email a family photo for your child to include.

Books of the week:

- The colour monster
- Aliens love underpants
- There's no place like home
- What ever next

Themes of the Month:

- Autumn and the changing of seasons/weather
- 5-4-3-2-1 Blast Off in space!
- All about me and our emotions
- Woodland animals and fairies

Please could we ask that children's belongings are named and that they bring a bag to nursery where they can keep their belongings.

**“By all these lovely tokens, September days are here.
With summer’s best of weather and autumn’s best of
cheer.”**



Funding & Tax Free Child Care Guide

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.

Tax free Childcare can be used for approved childcare cost including:

- Deposits
- Fees
- Additional Meal cost

Your eligibility depends on:

- if you are working
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your child's age and circumstances
- your immigration status

If you are working you can usually get Tax-Free Childcare if you (and your partner if you have one) are:

- in work
- on sick leave or annual leave
- on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave
- If you're on adoption leave, you cannot apply for the child you're on leave for unless you're going back to work within 31 days of the date you first applied.

If you're not currently working you may still be eligible if your partner is working, and you get Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance, Carer's Allowance or contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance.

You can apply if you're starting or re-starting work within the next 31 days.

For additional information or to register for a tax free childcare account please visit

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

3 & 4 Year old Government Funding

All children in England are entitled to 15 hours per week government funding for 38 weeks of the year. This will come into effect the term following your child's 3rd birthday and

Child Turns 3 Between	Term child first becomes eligible for	Funding start date
1 st April 2023-31 st August 2023	Autumn Term 23	4 th September, 2023
1 st September 2023-31 st December	Spring Term 23	8 th January, 2023
1 st January 2024-31 st March 2024	Summer Term 24	15 th April, 2024
1 st April-31 st August 2024	Autumn Term 24	2 nd September, 2024

The 15 hour entitlement is automatic and there is no need to apply for it. However you will need to sign off funding form which is provided and held by the nursery.

Some 3 to 4 year olds are also eligible for the extended 30 hours funding. To check your eligibility or to apply for the funding please visit www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

You can apply for your funding code once your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old.

Once you have received your funding code please send this to parents @radnorparkkindergarten.com along with the name, date of birth and national insurance number of the parent who applied for it.

Using your Funding at Radnor Park Kindergarten

At Radnor Park we have some specific policies relating to the use of government funding. The policies can be found in our FEE structure. If you have not received this or need a new copy please contact parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com for your copy. Please see below however for a guide to using you funding.

- Once child turns 3 their funding will take effect the following term.
- Parents must sign off a funding form provided by nursery or we will not be able to apply for your funding.
- If your child will be using **15 hours** government funding they must either:
 - Attend afternoon sessions M-F 1pm-6pm which will incur no additional weekly fee's or:
 - If you would like them to attend morning/all-day session than your child will need to be registered for a minimum of 16 hours a week. The charge for the 16th hour is £24.80. Any additional hours on top of the 16 hours will be charged at £6.80/hr.
- Please ensure you provide this information to us to prevent your child incorrectly being registered for the funded afternoon sessions.
- If your child will be using **30 hours** government funding you will need to first provide your funding code and parent information to us so that it can be verified.

- Then if you require any additional session you must let us know what they are so that we can check for availability and reserve their space please do this as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out on your desired spaces. Please be aware when deciding on sessions that they must either:
 - Attend afternoon sessions M-F 12pm-6pm which will incur no additional weekly fee's or:
 - If you would like them to attend morning/all-day session than your child will need to be registered for a minimum of 31 hours a week. The charge for the 31st hour is £31.65. Any additional hours on top of the 16 hours will be charged at £6.80/hr.
- Please ensure you provide this information to us to prevent your child incorrectly being registered for the funded afternoon sessions.

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!



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Invoices, Funding,
Sessions and FEE'S



**Emily Sargeant Setting
Manager-** Designated Child
Protection Officer, SENCO



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



**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](https://www.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