



December Newsletter



Term Dates and Upcoming Events	
Thursday December 12th, 2024	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday December 13th 2024	Last day of term 2
Friday December 13th, 2024	Christmas Lunch & Santa Visit
Wednesday December 18th, 2024	Caterpillars & Dragonflies Stay and Play
December 16th 2024- January 3rd 2025	Christmas Break- No Funding
December 24th, 2024	Christmas Eve Nursery Closed at 2pm
December 25th 2024- January 1st 2025	Christmas Holidays- Nursery Closed
Thursday 2nd January 2025	Nursery Reopens 8am
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of term 3- Funding Begins
Friday 14th February 2025	Last day of funding for term 3
Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term- No Funding
Monday 24th February 2025	First day of term 4- Funding Begins
Friday 28th March 2025	Last day of funding for term 4
Monday 31st March- Friday 18 April 2025	No Funding
Friday 18th April 2025	Good Friday- Nursery Closed
Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Monday- Nursery Closed
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	First day of term 5- Funding Begins
Monday 5th May 2025	Ealy May Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of funding for term 5
Monday 26th May 2025	Late May Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed
Tuesday 27th May-Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term- No Funding
Monday 2nd June 2025	Frist day of term 6 Funding Start
Tuesday 29th July 2025	Last day of funding for term 6
Wednesday 30th July 2025- Monday 8th Sept 2025	Summer Holidays- No funding
Monday 25th August 2025	August Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed

Christmas Break

Monday December 16th, 2024- Friday January 3rd, 2025

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. If you require your term time only child to attend the week of the 16th December please get in touch as soon as possible so that we can look at our availability for you. Please note that the nursery will also be closed from **2pm Tuesday 24th December** up to and including **Wednesday 1st of January**. We will be back open as normal from 8am on Thursday January 2nd 2025.

Primary School Applications

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

Primary school applications are now open 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.



Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Visit

This year's Christmas Jumper Day will be on Thursday 12th December. We will also be having Christmas lunch and a visit from Jolly Old Saint Nick on Friday 13th December. If your child normally brings a packed lunch but you would like them to have the Christmas lunch please email parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com as soon as possible so we can get this added on for them.



Packed Lunches

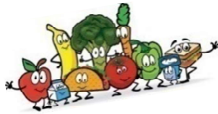
Please can we remind all parents to follow our packed lunch policy.

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



Now that winter is in full swing, could you please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play. This may include jackets, wellies, hats, gloves, 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
Practitioner: Courtney

Apprentice: Amber
Apprentice: Avery

Book of the Month

- Gruffalo's Child

Songs of the Week

- *Jingle Bells
- * Christmas Pudding

Themes & Activities

- We will be making Christmas cards & Christmas paintings along with exploring Christmas pudding play dough & fake snow

Now that the winter weather is here could you please ensure your little one has appropriate clothing for outside. We continue to try and get them out whenever possible and want to ensure they are dry and warm.

If possible could we also please ask that all items brought into the nursery be labelled so that we can ensure they are returned to the correct owner



Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Room Leader: Ellie
Practitioner: Stephen

Practitioner: Emily
Practitioner: Casey

Apprentice: Alyssa

Books of the weeks

- One snowy night
- That's not my Robin
- Snow
- That's not my Christmas tree

Themes for the month

- Snow, Ice & snowmen
- Christmas & Reindeers
- Bright Colour and Lights
- Arctic Animals

As the weather is changing and we are preparing for cold and wet days could we please ask that if possible children bring in named gloves, hats, wellies and puddle suits so that we can continue to enjoy our garden.



Dragonflies



Room Leader: Leyla
Supervisor: Demelza

Practitioner: Emily
Apprentice: Suzie

Apprentice: Renee

Books of the weeks

- Aliens Love Panta Clause
- The Christmas Pine

December 18th: We will be joining up with the Caterpillars for a Christmas stay and play. This will be an opportunity to explore your child's current and future rooms while enjoying some festive activities. There will shortly be a sign up sheet available on our door so please make sure to add your name if you wish to attend as spaces are limited. Could we also please ask that only 1 parent per child attends.

If anyone has any spare Christmas baubles that they no longer need and would like to donate for us to use in our festive activities we would greatly appreciate them.

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: Lucie
Supervisor: Shay

Practitioner: Libby
Apprentice: Molly

Apprentice: Lucie G

Books of the Weeks

- Aliens love underpants
- Stickman
- The dinosaur that pooped a reindeer

Wednesday 18th December- Come and join us for a festive stay and play. Sign up sheet will shortly be available on our door. Spaces are limited so please make sure to sign up if you would like to attend. Unfortunately due to space we can only accommodate 1 parents per child for this event.

With the weather becoming increasingly cold and wet could you ensure you are sending your little one in with labelled weather appropriate clothes including coats, wellies, hats and gloves so that we can continue to get outside whenever possible.



Butterflies



Room Leader: Stevie
Supervisor: Katy

QTS: Gosia
QTS: Summer

Practitioner: Keira
Practitioner: Lainey

Books & Themes of the week:

- Stickman
- There is an elf in my book
- Pine Tree

Themes:

- Christmas
- Winter
- Ice
- We will also be focusing on our Christmas songs and Christmas themed artwork

Thursday December 12th- Christmas Jumper Day

Friday December 13th- Christmas dinner and Santa visit

Christmas Carol Concerts- Fridays the 6th and 20th December. Please speak to a member of the team if you are unsure of which day your child will be singing.

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>

Happy Holidays



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