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NEWSLETTER

August 2026

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NEW BABY ROOM PLACES

Places are **now available**.

We have one of the largest baby units in Padiham & Burnley and all our qualified team receive mandatory additional training specifically for babies. We are registered to provide 30 hours **FREE** childcare for children aged 9 months

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PLACES NOW AVAILABLE

We're pleased to say that we now have places available, including the 15 & 30 hours free childcare, for 2, 3 & 4 year old's. Please just call in, or email padiwacks@gmail.com for further details.



FREE CARE AVAILABLE TODAY FOR TWO YEAR OLD'S PROVIDING:-

- Your child was two before 1st September 2026.
- If you get income support, JSA, ESA or Universal credit
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit



INTERNET ONLINE SAFETY

We do explain to all the children about internet safety at Padiwacks. We also have dedicated boards highlighting internet safety and take the matter very seriously at Padiwacks. We also have a 'mobile phone and social networking policy' which we've had in place for many years and this covers internet safety. It's important that we all safeguard and protect our children online. We'd recommend all parents go to <https://www.childnet.com/> to access internet safety for your children. If you have any questions please speak to Olivia or Chloe.

We will continue to share information to families with further updates, links or flyers throughout 2026 because internet safety is extremely important for our children.



AUGUST EVENTS

We aim to participate in a number of activities every month and may link to the curriculum / Early Years Foundation Stage if appropriate and relevant to nursery aged children. In respect to the Out of School club we do have a weekly plan (theme) and may also plan additional activities as per the monthly events as per the children's interests.

23rd July to 2nd August - Commonwealth Games

4th - International Owl Awareness Day

6th - National Playday

8th - International Cat Day

10th - World Lion Day

12th - World Elephant Day

13th - World Calligraphy Day

14th - Pakistan Independence Day

14th - Championship Season Starts

15th - World Honey Bee Day

15th - VJ Day

15th - Indian Independence Day for Kids

16th - European Athletics Championships - Birmingham

19th - World Humanitarian Day

19th - World Photography Day

19th - International Orangutan Day

21st - Premier League Season Starts

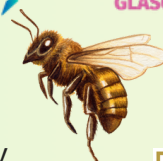
23rd - US Open Tennis

26th - International Dog Day

26th - Ganesh Chaturthi

30th to 31st August - International Bat Night

31st August - Bank holiday (**Padiwacks closed**)



commonwealth games
GLASGOW 2026



More families now eligible



PLAY,
LEARN
& GROW

Government funded early education & childcare places available here.

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HOLIDAY CLUB.. All Inclusive



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Holiday club places are still available. Go to our website and check the holiday club section for our exciting plans. Please email padiwacks@gmail.com for more details, or just call in.

LANCASHIRE WALK AND TALK

We are continuing to support and work with the Lancashire Walk and Talk Initiative. Walk and Talk is about inspiring families to go outside and communicate with each other. Talking to young children during everyday activities can help them learn communication skills such as:

- listening
- attention
- turn taking in a conversation
- learning new words



WHAT HAVE YOUR NURSERY CHILDREN BEEN DOING?

We want to know what your nursery children have been doing so we can link to their planning, what they've learned at home (milestones) and practically anything that helps us to get the best out of your children including trips to the zoo, holidays etc. The bond between parents, children and staff is really important.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2026

Starts 1 September 2026 (INSET day)

Half-term 26–30 October 2026

Ends 22 December 2026

Pupils Premium / Parents week

We are continuing to use our pupils premium money in the Summer term for staff training and we're specifically focussing on Mathematics (23% of kids struggling from 2yrs +), Personal Social and Emotional Development (20%) and finally Communication and Language (20%). These are the key 3 areas which we've highlighted following assessment in the summer term. We will discuss further in our term feedback In August with parents. The pupils premium money is designed to help support children in nursery to get the best start in life. We will continue to update our plans every month but the child and staff focus is also on continuous development in respect to all funding we receive.



PADIWACKS LIBRARY

We now have library books available on our ground floor. We would like children to take the books home so please help yourself to the books and then bring them back. There is no 'signing them in or out'. We just want the children to enjoy reading at home.



NEW HEALTHY MENU

All the children enjoy homemade meals at our setting. A new summer menu was released at the end of July so please check our menu both online and it's also available on the front door.

