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NEWSLETTER

November 2025

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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 STILL AVAILABLE TODAY FOR TWO YEAR OLD'S PROVIDING:-

- Your child was two before 1st September 2025
- If you get income support, JSA, ESA or Universal credit
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), AND your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax

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 2025 because internet safety is extremely important for our children.



More families now eligible



PLAY, LEARN & GROW

Government funded early education & childcare places available here

Call in to discuss your child's needs.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Places are now available for before and after school care. Breakfast club £8, After school £11 (we're registered so you **can claim up to 85% of fees back**). We collect from the following schools: St. Leonard's, Padiham Primary, Padiham Green, Padiham St. John's, Ightenhill, Rosegrove, Lowerhouse, Whittlefield, Holy Trinity & Hapton. Fees include collection and homemade meals.



NOVEMBER 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.

- 1st All Saints' Day. 2nd All Souls' Day. 3rd Bhai Dooj.
4th to 10th Children's Book Week. 5th Bonfire Night.
10th to 14th Anti-Bullying Week. 10th World Science Day
10th to 14th World Nursery Rhyme Week. 11th Remembrance Day.
11th St. Martin's Day. 14th BBC Children in Need.
16th Road Safety Week. 22nd to 30th National Tree Week
30th St. Andrew's Day



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PARENTS MEETING & OPEN PLAY SESSION

We are inviting parents to attend our setting and join in activities with children on **Tuesday 11th November 2025, 1pm to 3pm**. You can join in with arts and crafts (which the children really enjoy). Please speak to Olivia if you are interested. Coffee & Cake provided.

Pupils Premium

The pupil premium is a government grant designed to help certain nursery children to achieve their full potential. We support these children through resources, focussing on the 1:1 learning and also with specific staff training to help all the children in their ongoing development. We also hold meetings to discuss these children and will cover this in more detail during parents week which will take place in December.

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.



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.



SCHOOL TERM DATES (Lancashire County Council)

Autumn Term 2025

Half term: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025

Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half term: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

Ends: on Friday 27 March 2026

NEW HEALTHY MENU

Our new menu is now available online from 27th October 2025.

