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NEWSLETTER

October 2026

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BURNLEY BEES
Out of School Club

The Newsletter is also available online if you go to our homepage www.padiwacks.co.uk or If you would like a copy of this newsletter please speak to Olivia or Sharon



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

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.



TERM DATES

Starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026

Half term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026

Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Starts: Monday 4 January 2027

Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027

Ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

More families now eligible



PLAY,
LEARN
& GROW

Government funded early
education & childcare
places available here.

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

OCTOBER EVENTS

We aim to participate in a number of activities every month and may link some of the events to the curriculum / Early Years Foundation Stage if appropriate and relevant to their age group. 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.

1st to 31st - The Big Draw
1st - National Poetry Day
3rd to 4th - Simchat Torah
4th - World Animal Day
4th to 10th - World Space Week
4th - St. Francis' Day
4th to 31st - Harvest
5th - Harvest Festival
6th to 12th - Libraries Week
8th - World Octopus Day
14th - The Battle of Hastings
15th - Global Handwashing Day
24th - The United Nations Day
25th - International Artist Day
31st - Halloween



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HOME LEARNING

We are focussing on home learning in October. The first month of a new term involves helping the children get settled into a new environment and in some cases a new routine. We are introducing home learning bags and the aim is to continue with a strong Parent relationship.

The children learn through play and we are happy to share how they're progressing.

PARENTS MEETING

The next parents meeting will be on Wednesday 14th October 2026 @ 2pm. Please speak to Amy if you are interested in joining this meeting.

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.



Pupils Premium

We identified 3 main areas for children's development in the Summer and we specifically focussed on Mathematics (23% of kids struggling from 2yrs +), Personal Social and Emotional Development (20%) and finally Communication and Language (20%). Please check the parents update board by the front entrance for more details.

We spent around 8k on training, meetings with professionals, resources, 1to1 specific care and the end of year trip. We continuously focus on each child in their development. Please speak to your keyworker or Olivia for any further details.



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

The new menu commenced on 28th September. Please check our website for the latest update (click on the tab Healthy Food). We have a dedicated cook at Padiwacks.

