

NEWSLETTER

September 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:-

1. Your child was two before 1st September 2025
2. If you get income support, JSA, ESA or Universal credit
3. Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
4. 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, Christ the King, Whittlefield, Holy Trinity & Hapton. Fees include collection and homemade meals.



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.

1st to 11th Getting to Know You Week!
1st - World Letter Writing Day
2nd to 6th - The Great Fire of London
3rd to 8th - Tour of Britain
4th to 5th - Al-Mawlid Al-Nabawi
6th - National Read a Book Day
8th - International Literacy Day
13th - Roald Dahl Day
15th to 21st - Jeans for Genes Day!
15th - Battle of Britain
19th - Talk Like a Pirate Day!
22nd to 2nd Oct - Navarati
22nd to 24th - Rosh Hashanah
22nd - Autumn Equinox
26th - World's Biggest Coffee Morning
30th - National Sporting Heritage Day



Our aim is to provide quality childcare with the motivation of Lancashire County Council and OFSTED. We aim to work hard in the community, helping raise money and also work closely with other nurseries and childcare settings in the area.

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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 16th September 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.

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 (Lancashire County Council)

Autumn Term 2025

Starts: Monday 1 September 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

SEPTEMBER 2025 AFTER SCHOOL (4YRS TO 11 YRS)

THEMED ACTIVITIES

WC 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025 – MEET NEW FRIENDS, GAMES & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

WC 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025 – ALL ABOUT ROALD DAHL AND WONDERFUL BOOKS

WC 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025 – ALL ABOUT SPACE

WC 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025 – ALL ABOUT COUNTRIES IN EUROPE (FOOTBALL TEAMS, MAJOR SPORTS)

WC 29TH SEPTEMBER 2025 – ALL ABOUT SPAIN – SPORTS, FOODS ETC

CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO FOUR DIFFERENT ROOMS, INCLUDING A MOVIE ROOM, GAMES ROOM. WE HAVE XBOX'S, PS4 (FIFA & MINECRAFT) AND LOADS OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

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. In respect to the nursery children please feedback anything useful or helpful and we will add it to the planning for your child.



NEW HEALTHY MENU

Our new menu is now available online. We are extremely proud to provide healthy homemade meals to ALL the children who attend, including the nursery, afterschool and holiday club.

