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# NEWSLETTER

## September 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

### 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



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](mailto:padiwacks@gmail.com) for further details.



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

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



### SEPTEMBER 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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - World Letter Writing Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> - The Great Fire of London
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> - Tour of Britain
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - Al-Mawlid Al-Nabawi
- 5<sup>th</sup> - International Day of Charity
- 6<sup>th</sup> - National Read a Book Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> - International Literacy Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> - National Video Games Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Roald Dahl Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> - World First Aid Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> - Recycle Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> - Jeans for Genes Day!
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Battle of Britain Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - National Fitness Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> - Great British Beach Clean
- 19<sup>th</sup> - International Astronomy Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> - Yom Kippur
- 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> - International Week of Deaf People
- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> - Rosh Hashanah
- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Navaratri
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Autumn Equinox
- 25<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Sukkot
- 27<sup>th</sup> - World Rivers Day



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### OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

#### THEMED ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2026

**WC 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026 – GETTING TO KNOW YOU WEEK**

**WC 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026 – CELEBRATING ROALD DAHL**

**WC 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026 – ALL ABOUT BEACHES AND THE SEA**



**WC 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026 – ALL ABOUT RECYCLING**

**WC 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026 – ALL ABOUT THE RIVERS IN THE UK**

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



### 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 / Parents week

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

There will be a new menu coming out mid-September. Please check our website for the latest update (click on the tab Healthy Food). We have a dedicated cook at Padiwacks.

