

# NEWSLETTER

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



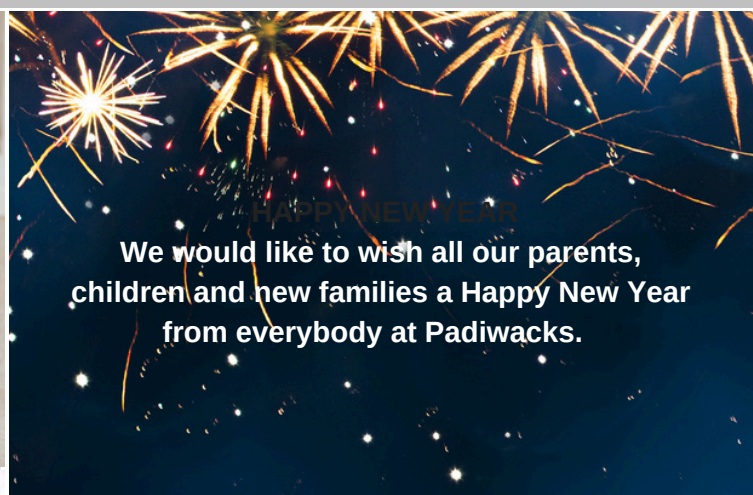
### FREE CARE AVAILABLE TODAY FOR TWO YEAR OLD'S PROVIDING:-

- Your child was two before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. You can also start in January if your child was two before 31<sup>st</sup> December 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



### 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



Government funded early education & childcare places available here.

Call in to discuss your child's needs.



### JANUARY 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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - New Years Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> January - Twelfth Night
- 6<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany
- 13<sup>th</sup> January - Lohri
- 20<sup>th</sup> January - Penguin Awareness Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> January - Red Squirrel Appreciation Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January - RSPB Birdwatch
- 25<sup>th</sup> January - Burns Night
- 25<sup>th</sup> January - Saint Dwynwen's 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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### OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

#### THEMED ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2026

**WC 5TH JANUARY 2026 – RSPB BIG BIRDWATCH**

**WC 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 – ALL ABOUT ASIA**

**WC 19TH JANUARY 2026 – CHINESE NEW YEAR**

**WC 26TH JANUARY 2026 – ALL ABOUT ITALY AND  
THE WINTER OLYMPICS**

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.

### SCHOOL TERM DATES (Lancashire County Council) Spring Term 2026

Starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half term: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

Ends: on Friday 27 March 2026

### Pupils Premium / Parents week

We have used our pupils premium money in the Autumn term for staff training, resources and also new furniture to expand our new pre-school room, including new resources and furniture for the toddler room. The pupils premium money is designed to help support children in nursery to get the best start in life. These changes help split certain age groups to spend more time focussing on a specific age range.



### 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

Our new menu is now available online.

