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NEWSLETTER

November 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

Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Starts: Monday 4 January 2027

Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027

Ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

DECEMBER / JANUARY HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

21ST to 23RD normal 7am to 6:15pm. 24th December **7am to 4pm**.

Friday 25th & Monday 28th December closed. 29th & 30th

December **8am to 5pm**. 31st December **8am to 4pm**. 4th

January 7am to 6:15pm



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

NOVEMBER 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 - All Saint's Day

2nd - All Souls' Day

4th to 10th - Children's Book Week

5th - Bonfire Night

5th - Guru Nanak's Birthday

8th - Diwali

10th to 14th - Anti Bullying Week

10th - World Science Day

11th - Nhai Dooj

11th - Remembrance Day

11th - St Martin's Day

13th - BBC Children in Need

16th to 22nd - Road Safety Week

22nd to 30th - National Tree Week

30th - St Andrew's Day



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HOME LEARNING

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 Monday 16th November 2026 @ 9am-9:15am. 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 for more details. This term may be similar and we have already invested in new resources and training in October (all about quality high level interactions) and in November (enhanced curriculum training). Three attendees then share their new skills with all the team. The Pupils Premium is ongoing throughout the term and we finalise all the information in December 2026.,



Please speak to Chloe or Olivia about Pupils Premium

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

A further update on a menu has come out on 2nd November 2026. Please check our website for the latest update (click on the tab Healthy Food). We have a dedicated cook at Padiwacks.

