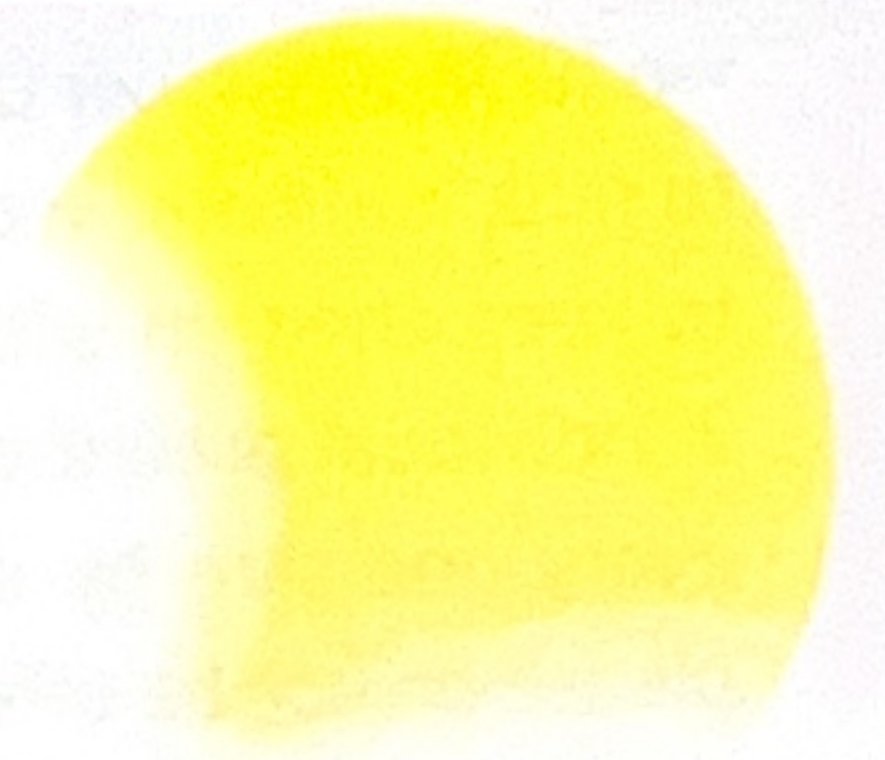


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Welcome!

To all of our new children and their families who have become a part of our setting within the last few months, we look forward to the many enriched adventures and playful experiences we will be sharing with you.

We are proud to offer full daycare services where skillful and qualified Early Years Educators draw on their experience, training and knowledge to finely balance a package of care and education. We pride ourselves in forming secure relationships with the children to effectively support them in a nurturing and safe environment so that they can play and explore in their own time. These learning experiences along with checkpoints that your child has accomplished are reflected upon within their learning stories, which you can request to see at any time.

Food Hygiene Visit...

On the 5th September, we had a visit from a local Food Hygiene Inspector who was very impressed with our kitchen, food preparation areas and meals across the Centre. With this, she gave us a 5 Food Hygiene Rating. Congratulations to both Tasha and Claire, our Centre cooks for this achievement!



Thank you!

Thank you to **Ambience Renewables and Renovations Ltd.** for the installation of multiple air conditioning units across the Centre, keeping the staff and children cool during those warmer days throughout the Summer. And a thank you to Andrew Smith from **ServiceMaster Clean** for deep cleaning all of our carpets ready for the new academic year.

Recent Staff Training

At Fakenham Children's Daycare Centre, we continue to offer a wide range of training and continuous professional development to all of our practitioners in order to keep ourselves up-to-date and relevant, as well as ongoing improvements to our practice. The training the practitioners undergo ensures that we, as a Centre, provide the very best care and education to the children.

After all of their hard work and continuous studying, Ella and Niamh are now fully qualified Level 3 Early Years Educators, congratulations to both of you! Kate has completed 'Safer Recruitment' training too. Kayla has attended a 'Safer Conference' giving details about the Daisy Project. Charlie and Amanda have both completed their Paediatric First Aid training. Jamie is continuing her studying for her Level 6 qualification in Early Years Initial Teacher Training.

Congratulations to all staff for continuing to improve their practice and personal development.



Upcoming Events & Dates:

Halloween:

For those of you who use our Holiday Club or term-time only funding, the Centre will be open 8:00am–6:00pm half term (25th Oct–1st Nov) week.

Costumes and any form of dress up is encouraged (but optional) all Halloween week, where the children will be taking part in a number of spooky activities!

December/New Year Funding:

For those on term-time only funding, there will be no funding from the 23rd December to the 6th January inclusive.

Christmas:

Holiday club runs on 23rd (8:00am–6:00pm) and 24th December (8:00am–2:00pm).

New Year:

Holiday club runs on 2nd–7th January (8:00am–6:00pm).

Please book all holiday club (both October half term and Christmas/New Year) sessions asap. Thank you.

Practitioner News

Caterpillar room leader Jemma got married in August to her long term partner Ashley. Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. King. Have a lovely honeymoon!

One of our students Billie, is now undertaking her Level 3 Early Years Educator course as an apprentice within the Centre. Billie will be working across the Centre.

We wish the best of luck to Abbie-Jayne who will be studying 'Primary Education' at University. We will still see Abbie-Jayne working across all areas of the Centre on Thursdays and Fridays alongside her studies.



Allergies/Intolerances

We have a number of allergies and intolerances that we manage within the Centre including a severe allergy to milk and oats. We have a number of different procedures in place to ensure that we do everything we can to keep children with allergies and/or intolerances safe. This includes all menu ingredients being checked by 2 individual practitioners from different rooms for such allergens before consumption. Please help us to keep every one safe by ensuring that your child does not attend the Centre with snacks or food in their bags; please do not be offended if we remove such items from their bags, this is to protect others' health.

If your child develops an allergy or intolerance, please do not hesitate to contact the Centre.



Funding Information

Nurseries are a step closer to being able to roll out the largest ever expansion of funded education and childcare.

In April 2024, we expanded 15 hours funded childcare to include all 2 year olds who meet the eligibility criteria.

In September 2024, this funding also applies to childcare for babies aged 9 months to 2 years, who meet the criteria.

By September 2025, it has been proposed that working parents will be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare from 9 months old until they start school. Twice as much as we are seeing our current three year olds receiving.

With this in mind, if you would like to extend your hours or add extra days, then please get in touch ASAP so that we can add you to our waiting lists.

What have we been up to?

The Sunflower children have been learning all about the 'Jungle' throughout the Summer, whereby they have enjoyed lots of water play, making animal footprints in the sand, animal print pictures, playing in their Jungle Jeep, exploring different textures in the sensory trays and completed some wonderful painting. Katie E took a trip to Pebbles Nursery and came back with many new toys and resources for all the children across the Centre to enjoy! For the next term, the babies will be learning all about Ducks, incorporating lots of water play and trips to the rivers/ponds around Fakenham.

The Caterpillar children have been learning about colours and 'Under the Sea' where they have walked on and painted rainbows, painted with ice, celery fish stamping, pasta necklaces, paper jelly fish, fish wrap pizzas, octopus pipe cleaners and made some pretty tie-dye items too! For the next term, the Caterpillars will be learning about 'Light and Dark' and 'All About Me' as they welcome several new children into the room.

The Butterfly and Holiday Club children have also been learning about the topic 'Under the Sea' as they have turned themselves into pirates, princesses, scuba divers and surfers, as well as making treasure maps, sponge painting ice creams, walking the plank, junk modeling boats and exploring whether items we find around the room sink or float! This term, they will be learning 'All About Me' as we help children moving up from Caterpillars to settle throughout this transition time. We will also be learning about 'Dear Zoo' as we read the book alongside this topic.

We have recently re-vamped the lunch menu's, incorporating new and fresh ideas ready for the new season ahead of us and introducing a biweekly rotating menu. If you would like to feast your eyes on the new menus, please see the copy included within this newsletter or ask a member of staff.

Transitions across all rooms have been amazing. Thanks to all the team, including our very supportive parents and obviously the little superheroes who have adapted so well to their new rooms. Good luck to all of our Butterfly children of 2023/2024 as they headed off to big school at the start of September!

Could you help?

We are in desperate need of parent representatives on our Voluntary Management Committee, a legal requirement for a charity such as Fakenham Children's Daycare Centre. Our Management Team is a collection of individuals who work together to make decisions in the best interests of the Centre. They have diverse opinions, skills, experience, interests and are crucial to the overall running of the Setting. If you think you could commit to a one hour meeting in the evening, once every six weeks. Please drop us an email: office@fakenhamchildrenscentre.com. This post will be subject to the usual suitability checks, including a Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS).

Our decking has sadly come to the end of its life, and we need some help to remove the existing decking and lay some bark as a temporary alternative. In the long run, we hope to lay some composite decking in its place.

As we will be displaying a Christmas Tree this year in Fakenham Church, please come and support us throughout the festival which runs from 27th November (Christmas tree switch on) to the 6th December.

Polite reminders and messages...

As we welcome the Autumnal season, we expect the weather to be a bit unpredictable. We politely ask that your child arrives to the Centre with everything they may need for the day, this ranges from sun cream on the nicer days, to rain coats, wellie boots and all-in-ones for those wetter days. As we are always encouraging your child to embrace their creative sides, we also politely ask for spare changes of clothes for your child as they engage themselves in lots of messy play with sand and water we play outdoors in all weathers, do lots of painting and baking etc.

Thank you in advance.

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Lunch	Creamy coconut chicken korma, brown rice and green beans	Roasted pork loin in gravy, with apple sauce, roast potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Fish cakes, creamed potato and baked beans	BBQ chicken fajitas, natural yoghurt and cheese dip, cous cous and baby corn	Chocolate chilli beef, brown rice, broccoli and sweet corn
Pudding	Chocolate Sponge Cake	Jelly and ice cream	Apple and cinnamon flapjack	Traybake cake	Jam tarts
Dinner	Jacket potatoes, cheese, beans and cucumber	'Build your own wrap' with ham, cheese, cucumber and vegetable rice	Sandwiches, veggie sticks and sausage rolls	Pasta, with a tomato vegetable sauce, cheese and sweetcorn	Pizzas with veggie sticks and cous cous
Pudding	Yogurts/Soya yogurts	Cupcakes	Yogurts/Soya yogurts	Shortbread Biscuits	Jelly & ice cream

WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Creamy chicken and garlic pasta bake, garlic bread	Herby ragu tomato pork mince, cous cous, carrots and peas	Fish fingers, creamed potato and baked beans	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots, sweetcorn, green beans and gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with vegetables
Pudding	Chocolate sponge and custard	Cornflake tart and ice cream	Chocolate oat cakes	Jelly and ice cream	Sticky toffee pudding
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