



RAINBOW PE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to a new term.

All staff and committee at Rainbow hope you had a very enjoyable summer.

Welcome back to our 2nd year children and a special mention to all the new starters and families joining us.

Please remember due to our children with extreme allergies, we do not allow any sweets, chocolate covered biscuits or cakes, chocolate pancakes, anything containing nuts and eggs and if you are packing grapes or large berries they should be cut into quarters as they present a choking hazard if left whole.

Weather

The weather has been very changeable, could we please ask that all children bring a named / labelled waterproof coat, wellies (to leave here) and spare clothes, even if the day starts off sunny and warm. We aim to play outside in all weathers and hope to arrange visits to the park.

Rainbow's Committee

As you may be aware the Pre School has a Parent Committee who volunteer their time to organise various fundraising events and activities throughout the year alongside the Aunties.

We want to stress the importance of the Committee and introduce you to the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

The Committee are responsible for the management of the Pre School and all associated liabilities. All decisions on the operations of the setting are the responsibility of the Committee. The Committee can delegate the implementation of some decisions to staff, but will still retain their responsibility.

As a constituted (Committee run) setting which is registered with the Charity Commission, we have charitable status and must abide by Charity Law and our Constitution. Our Constitution is the set of rules by which we operate as a charity. The Constitution must be re-adopted annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Should the Committee not contain enough parent volunteers, then the Pre School would close. The Committee has to have a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and at least 2 other members.

Bethanie Henderson is the Chair

Briony Shaw is the Treasurer

Claire Henderson is the Secretary

If you would like to become a member of the committee or take on one of the roles, please let the current Chair (Bethanie) or Secretary (Claire) know.

As the Pre-School is a registered charity we rely on fundraising to help give your children a great experience and provide them with excellent resources and equipment.



Bags 2 School

This is a great fundraising opportunity for Rainbow, as well as an excuse for you to have an Autumn clean. Any items of clothing that you are looking to get rid of can be bagged up and brought to school on Thursday 27th November before 9am.

They will be collected, and Rainbow will receive a payment which will go straight back into the school. Unfortunately, we cannot accept bedding, curtains and towels



Do you work for a large corporate company?

Mum's, Dad's and Grandparents, if you work for a large company there is a good chance your firm offers matched funding/giving. This is a huge fundraising opportunity for us with minimum effort from you.

Please let us know if your company offers this. We can provide email templates, letters and any support needed.



Photos

We have our photographer coming in on Thursday 6th November for Xmas themed photo gifts. If your child doesn't attend this day, please speak to the office to arrange a time to come in.

Siblings are also welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term	Tuesday 3 rd September – Friday 13 th December
Cake Sale	Week Commencing 29 th September
Autum Disco 3.30pm-4.30pm	Friday 10 th October
Pre-school Closed Staff Training Day/New Entrant Open Day	Friday 17 th October
October Half Term	Monday 21st October – Thursday 31st October
Photographer	Thursday 6 th November
Bags 2 School	Thursday 27 th November
Christmas Fete 11am-2pm	Saturday 29 th November
Spring Term	Tuesday 6 th January – Friday 27 th March
February Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 21 st February
Pre-school Closed Staff Training Day/New Entrant Open Day	Monday 23 rd February
Easter Half Term	Monday 30th April – Friday 10th April
Pre-school Closed Staff Training Day/New Entrant Open Day	Friday 22 nd May
Summer Term	Tuesday 13 th Apr – Thursday 16 th July
May Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
School Leavers only Party 9.30am-11.15am	Friday 17 th July 2025



Easyfundraising App



Another way to help with fundraising is by downloading the app called [Easyfundraising](#).

You can use the app for on line everyday shopping and in doing so will give free donations to Rainbow!

The app has lots of different shops from your weekly shop at Asda to booking holidays, Ebay and John Lewis.

When downloading, make sure you choose the correct Pre-School search for Rainbow Pre-School - Wickford

Don't Forget Our New Project For our Book Corner

Could we please ask that families share a photo of their families and extended families (Nan, Grandad, Aunties and Uncles). A photo of the outside of your home, and photos of places in Wickford you like to visit and any hobbies (Park, Swimming pool etc)

This is to create a folder of all the families that attend Rainbow Pre-school. This helps new starters to settle and to give all our children a sense of belonging to an extended family.

Afterschool Club

We are running an afterschool club from 3pm till 3.30pm

This is going very well.
The children are enjoying
our afterschool activities.

If you would like your child to join our afterschool club at Rainbow Pre-school.

We are charging £4.00
to cover our staff costings.
Please let Auntie Donna or one of the
Office Staff know.

Invoices!

Are emailed to you individually each month!

Please can we remind everyone that the due date at the bottom of your invoice is not flexible. Should you have any issues with paying, please talk to us.

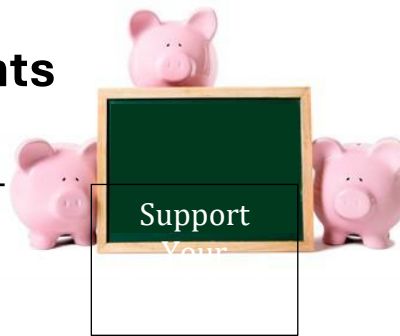
Invoices are due one month in advance and this is clearly detailed in our Information Booklet, which everyone is issued at the start. If you do not pay your child will not be allowed to attend the setting.

Invoices are sent by e-mail once a month. Please remember to check your e-mails regularly. If you have not received emails from us, then please speak to us to check your contact details are correct. Paper copies will only be provided on request

Fundraising Upcoming events

Cake Sale – Week Commencing 29th

September we will be selling cakes alongside our Autumn Disco Tickets



Autumn Disco – Friday 10th October

Christmas Fete – Saturday 29th November

11am-2pm

We would be very grateful for donations of unopened and unwanted gifts, toys, books and teddy bears. Please bring these items into the school as soon as you can. Also, donations of cakes to be brought to the bazaar on the day.

We are running the Christmas market alongside our bazaar. If you have a small business or know anybody who would be interested in hiring a pitch at our event, please speak to any of the committee member.

A note from Auntie Donna

Welcome to all our families!

The new children are all settling in so well, you should be very proud of them.

All new children have been allocated a key person who you should have been introduced to.

Please remember to dress your children in old clothing for pre-school and supply spare clothes/shoes/wellies, we encourage children to be independent in putting on aprons for painting, and playing with sand and water, we can get very messy.

A gentle reminder!

Can I remind all parents to please label everything that belongs to their child, to prevent them going home with someone else's belongings

Thank you, to all our families for your continued Support!