



# Newsletter

June 2025

## Welcome

Welcome to a new term at Rainbow, special mention to all the new children and families joining us. They have been amazing and have settled in well.

Lunch club is going well; the children seem to enjoy this sociable time with their friends.

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

**Your assistance to keep all children safe would be appreciated.**

This term we will be celebrating Father's Day, Sports day, our summer fete and school leavers with some other special occasions.

## Rainbow 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.

If you would like to become a member of the committee or volunteer on any of the events run throughout the year, please let the current Co-Chairs (Claire & Bethany) or Secretary (Charlotte Murphy) know.

We are currently planning lots of events to raise funds for the preschool.

If you have any ideas for events to run please let us know.

## Sports Days

### 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June (am sessions)

Sports Day will be held Wednesday and Thursday during the morning session (weather dependent, updates given at the time). Drop your little ones off at their normal session time and walk round to the back garden ready for sports day to start at approx. 9.30am. The races last about 15 minutes.

**For children that do not attend normally on these days, please let Auntie Donna know which day your child can attend for the sports day section only.**

## Pre School T-shirts and Jumpers

If you would like to buy either the Preschool T-Shirts or Jumpers, please speak to one of the Aunties. T-Shirts are £6 and Jumpers £12

## Fundraising Upcoming events

Ice Pole 50p– sold once a week at 3.30. Starting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Father's day – We have taken orders and will be handing out your gifts, this week.

Sports day – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June (Am sessions)

Summer Disco – Friday night Disco 27<sup>th</sup> June, tickets are on sale at the door £3 a ticket.

Summer fete – The annual summer fete is back so please put Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July in your diary. As always there will be bouncy castles, BBQ, Raffle, Face painter, Cakes, games and stalls as well as lots more! This is a great few hours out and always lots of fun.



**For the Summer Fete we would be very grateful for donations of unopened and unwanted gifts, toys, books and teddy bears. A box will be put outside the preschool closer to the event to collect any items you are able to donate.**



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.

## 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, they will give free donations Rainbows.



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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

## Wet Play July

If the weather is warm, can we please ask that children bring their swimwear and a towel for this week. Obviously, please name everything. In order to keep the children safe and protected, all in one body suits or T-shirt and short sets would be preferred rather than bikinis and trunks.

We will be trying to keep cool with a few water games.



## AGM/Open Evening

**Monday 30th June 7.00pm**

This event is a great opportunity to come and talk to your little one's Aunties and have a look through their lovely folders.

The Aunties and Parent Committee come together on this evening to briefly tell you about the fundraising that has taken place throughout the year and welcome a new Parent Committee.

**Unfortunately, we cannot let children attend this event.**



## Leavers Photos

**Thursday 19th & Friday 20th June**

We have a photographer coming into the pre-school during the morning sessions to take graduation pictures and group photos of all our children leaving us to go to School at the end of this term. You will have the opportunity to buy these photos.

## Leavers Presentation

**Friday 18th July**

For all the children who will be leaving us to start School in September we will be holding a leavers' presentation on the last day of term. Children will be invited to a leavers' party during the morning session 9.30am till 11.30am and families will be invited back at around 11am to watch the presentation of folders.

## ICEPOLE SALE

Once a week at the end of the day our committee will be selling Ice poles to keep us cool to raise extra money for our pre-school.



Dates for Sale are..

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

We would be very grateful for your support.

## Skills

As the preschool is a charity, we are very careful in how funds are spent with the majority we raise spent on new items for the children.

A wish list of items for the preschool is as follows:

Little Tike Cars  
New Fuse Box  
New tap and worktop for hand washing basin.

If anyone can help with the above. Please let the committee/aunties know as we would be grateful for the help.

If you have any other skills that would be beneficial, please let us know.

## Weather

The weather has been very changeable, could we please ask if all the children could bring a hat, waterproof coat, wellies and spare clothes, even if the day starts off sunny and warm. We aim to play outside in all weathers and hope in future to arrange more visits to the park.

**Can we also ask for children to wear trainers rather than sandals or crocs as they catch their feet on the climbing equipment and can't run for sports day practice.**

## A note from Auntie Donna

We have noticed that some coats, clothes, wellies, shoes, flasks and bags are not named.

Children will very often take something they like the look of and if it is not labelled, we are unable to know who it belongs to.

**Can I remind all parents to please label everything that belongs to your child, to prevent them going home with items belonging to someone else.**

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

I can't believe we are on our last term of this year.

Sports Day is always a popular event, and the children have put in as much practice as they can.

Your children's health and well-being are always our priority; therefore, we will not run this event if it is wet or too hot..... so, fingers crossed for good conditions. Please provide your child with trainers and a hat. The children will all be presented with a certificate. Our committee will be selling cold drinks and ice poles for everyone.

Can we ask that any clothes/shoes that your children borrow from us, are washed and returned.

**We need shoe donations:** Can we also ask if your child has outgrown their shoes, that you consider donating them to us for our spares box.

I would like to wish all our school leavers the best of luck at their new schools in September. We will all miss you, so please come back and see us when you can and send us photos of your new school uniforms. We would love to know how you all get on.

For our children returning and our new starters in September 2025, please be advised that we will require a new bottle of sun cream (Please check they do not contain nuts) the Nivea Sensitive Protect babies and kids factor 50+ is the one we recommend. This must be applied before the start of the session. We will only apply your provided sunscreen in the event that your child stays all day.

Can I ask that your child brings a Sip Cup of water or juice (Not a baby bottle) and a separate drink in their lunch boxes. We will also provide water and milk with their snacks. This is to ensure they drink lots, especially on hot days.

Please provide appropriate clothes for all the weather as we play out in the rain and sunshine. So, welly boots, sun hats, coats, raincoats etc.. Please ensure all clothing is labelled so they go home with the correct child.

Finally, please remember to let us know if you are going on holiday before the end of term, so that we know why your child is absent.

From myself and all the Rainbow Aunties, we wish you all a lovely Summer Holiday!

## Invoices!

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. Paper copies will only be provided on request.

## Big Thanks!!