

# Fakenham Children's Daycare Centre

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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.

To ensure that parents/carers are fully satisfied with their child's progress and development, we plan to re-send out some questionnaires at the beginning of January 2024 where you can confidently voice any compliments/concerns you may have for us.

## Thank you very much...

To all of the donations and sponsors that were raised for the 'Sponsored Obstacle Course' the children completed in the late Spring/early Summer time. We are happy to report that approximately £1400 was raised for our setting which has helped towards the purchases of a new mud kitchen in the Caterpillar/Sunflower outdoor area, sofa's and armchairs in the story corner of the Caterpillar room as well as numerous balance bikes for all areas of the setting.

Another huge thank you to all parents/carers who have kindly donated any Bingo prizes for our upcoming Charity Fundraising Bingo event. This will make for a fun evening and (fingers crossed!) raise lots of money for the Centre which will contribute to further purchases of equipment, toys and resources for the children.

## 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.

A huge congratulations to Kayla who has completed her Lead Safeguarding training and to Ella for recently completing some Prevent training. Becca has also recently completed a Level 3 in Early Years Professional Development after nearly 1 year of studying. Megan has recently completed some Behaviour and Co-Regulation training. Charlie and Megan have both completed their Introduction to Child Protection training. Ella, Niamh and Megan are continuing to work tirelessly towards their Level 3 in Early Years Education courses and are nearly fully qualified practitioners! Congratulations to all staff for continuing to improve their practice and personal development.



## Upcoming Events & Dates:

### Blue Bag Distribution:

W/C: 13th November.

*Blue bags will be available to all for any unwanted clothing.*

### Children in Need:

Friday 17th November.

*All are welcome to come dressed in pyjamas or spots.*

### Fundraising Bingo:

Saturday 18th November.

*Fakenham Community Centre. Opens at 6:45pm, eyes down at 7:30pm. Lots of great prizes!*

### Christmas Holiday Closures:

*We close at 6pm on Friday 22nd December and reopen on normal times from Tuesday 2nd January 2024.*

## Practitioner News

We welcome back Charlie as she returns from maternity leave from having her second daughter, Nova. Charlie will be working across all three rooms of the Centre.

We said goodbye to Zoe in September, a member of the Butterfly team, we wish her lots of luck.



## Allergies/Intolerances

We have a number of allergies and intolerances that we manage within the Centre including a severe allergy to milk, eggs and any other foods with an egg substitute. 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 3 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.



### Funding Information

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

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

By September 2024, this will also include 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 until they start school.

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 Caterpillars and Butterflies have been super busy learning all about Autumn and Halloween, with topics such as Fireworks, Bonfire Night and Christmas coming up! We can expect to see lots of messy play, baking, arts and crafts and all sorts of activities within the future during this busy but exciting time of year.

The Caterpillars enjoyed their end of Summer trip to Wells-next-the-sea, exploring the play park and enjoying a yummy lunch thanks to Plattens Fish and Chips, what a busy day!

The Butterflies were fortunate enough to head over to The Pumpkin House in Thursford in October to explore the grounds, choose their own munchkin-pumpkins and sit/play on some vintage style tractors, farm machinery, hay bales and of course, lots of jumping in muddy puddles! The Reverend also paid the Butterfly children a visit lately to talk about the Harvest Festival.

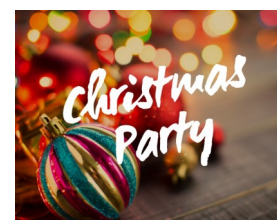
Katie has been taking the Sunflower children to Stepping Stones at Fakenham Parish Church on Monday mornings, where they can explore a new environment, be a part of a community and play with some new toys. Learn more information about this group on the Fakenham Parish Church's website.

Tasha and Claire have recently re-vamped the lunch and dinner menu's, incorporating their fresh ideas ready for the new season ahead of us. If you would like to feast your eyes on the new menu, please ask a staff member for a copy.

### Upcoming events

We know we shouldn't say it, but Christmas is just around the corner and each room is looking forward to hosting their own Christmas party for the children.

- Sunflowers: Monday 11th December
- Caterpillars: Friday 2nd December
- Butterflies: Thursday 7th December



### Polite reminders and messages...

As the colder weather is approaching us fast, we ask that your child is sent in with appropriate winter clothing: all-in-ones, wellie boots, coats etc. as we love to go outside and explore our gardens and outdoor areas no matter what the weather!

As this is such a busy and creative time of year, we also politely ask for spare changes of clothes for your child as they throw themselves in lots of messy play with water/sand, play outdoors in all weathers, do lots of painting and baking etc.

Thank you in advance.



For help with childcare costs, please check out: [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Crispy chicken and rice with vegetables and cucumber.	Pork meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta and garlic bread.	Shepherd's pie with green beans.	Roast chicken, potatoes, carrots, and broccoli with gravy.	Fish cakes, mashed potato and spaghetti hoops.
Pudding	Shortbread biscuits.	Jelly.	Pancakes and fruit.	Yoghurts.	Apple crumble and soya custard.
Dinner	Crumpets, sausage rolls and cucumber sticks.	Jacket potato and beans.	Sandwiches, chicken nuggets, salad sticks and crisps.	Melted cheese rolls with mini sausages.	Bean and ham pitta breads, cous-cous and sweetcorn.
Pudding	Yoghurts.	Chocolate crunch.	Cake.	Jelly.	Cornflake cakes.

