

# Fakenham Children's Daycare Centre

High Field Lawn, Field Lane, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 9QP

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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.

## A very big thank you to...

Rochy at RJ Woods Painting & Decorating for decorating our staff room, hallway, Sunflowers, Caterpillars and Butterfly rooms, giving the areas a brand-new and updated look, thank you for your consistent effort and commitment over the festive period.

MD Williamsons for laying some beautiful flooring in the staff room, sensory room, kitchen, Caterpillars and in the Sunflowers. Completing our new look for the new year ahead of us! Thank you.



Everyone who took part in the Christmas Squares, we are pleased to announce that we raised **£261!** Giving us a really lovely total in our fundraising money pot which the room leaders can use to buy new resources and toys for all of the rooms around the Centre. Thank you so much!

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## 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.

Kayla is continuing to work hard towards her Level 5 in 'Leadership and Management'. Louise also continues to work hard towards her Level 3 SENCO award which she is on the final home stretch for. Louise has also completed her Level 2 Food Hygiene, some 'Writing support plans' training and participating in the Communication Hub and SENCO network. Billie and Kayla have completed 'Positive Behaviour, Positive Relationships' training. Becca and Niamh have completed training to engage and captivate children's imaginations when reading a story and how to expand their learning through story telling. Emma B has taken part in a webinar on 'Poetry and Rhyming' and how this is important for children's learning and development. Emma W has completed her Paediatric First Aid. Kate, Jemma and Kayla have completed 'Data Training'. Kayla has also completed some 'Global Development' training and refreshed her 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' training alongside Jamie.

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

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## Upcoming Events & Dates:

### Spring half term:

For those of you who use our Holiday Club, the Centre will be open 8:00am-6:00pm during the February Half term (16th-20th), please get in contact to book your sessions.

### Easter Holidays:

For those of you who use our Holiday Club, the Centre will be open 8:00am-6:00pm during the Easter holidays (30th March-13th April), please get in contact to book your sessions.

## Practitioner News

Charlie is on maternity leave with her beautiful baby boy Max, born in November, and already loved by everyone!

We are ecstatic to announce that Jemma is pregnant with her first child, expected on the 22nd June 2026, Congratulations to Jemma and her husband, Ashley!

Niamh is excited to be starting a new adventure in Wales where she will do a season working in a holiday park.

We have two new Early Years Practitioners joining us this January: Pamela who started on the 7th. And Charlotte, who is undergoing her Masters in Play Therapy started on the 9th, who you will see in Butterflies every Friday.

Butterfly room welcomes Ruby and Sunflower room welcomes Emma W for this term to contribute to their work experience hours in their relevant Early Years qualifications.

## 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 so we can put new procedures specific to your child in place.



## What have we been up to?

### Funding Information

The majority of our families are now in receipt of government funding from a range of packages now in place to support child care and education. This has had an obvious impact on the hours and sessions that families are able to access. If you would like to extend, amend or purchase additional sessions, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we can look for availability. If you know of any families who may be considering using childcare in the future, please do urge them to get on the waiting list. We will do our best to get them in.

Following on from Halloween, Fireworks Night and Remembrance Day, the Sunflower children have been enjoying learning about all things Christmas! The babies have made some wonderful little keepsakes to take home to their families, as well as lots of sensory play, walks around the community including to the Christmas Tree Festival, the Garden Centre to see the beautiful Christmas lights and the Library. They also thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Party with 'Munchkin and Me' with lots of singing, dancing and sensory play, the Sunflower ladies really enjoyed seeing and speaking to all of the babies parents during this time too. This next term the babies will be focusing on the topic of 'Winter' where they will enjoy a snow man builders tray, dress up, painting, printing, lots of sensory imaginative play and trips to the library for Winter-themed books.

The Caterpillar children have enjoyed learning all about Autumn and all things Christmas too with lots of messy crafts, making lots of beautiful marks with a variety of different objects to make reindeer and snowman pictures with painting and printing techniques. They have also enjoyed decorating homemade biscuits and Christmassy cupcakes, enjoying their Christmas party where they also made some lovely keepsakes to take home. The children have also been loving a couple of visits around their local community to see the Christmas Tree Festival and the beautiful lights and decorations at the Garden Centre. Their next topic for this term will be 'Winter' focusing on dark, coldness, keeping yourself warm etc. alongside the book of 'Oh dear! Look what I've got!', a new book from the man who bought you 'We're going on a bear hunt' - Michael Rosen.

The Butterfly room has had a change around ready for Christmas and the New Year where the children responded positively to the new layout, exploring the toys and engaging in some beautiful play with each other. During Halloween the children enjoyed threading their own spider webs, spooky sensory trays, decorating their own cupcakes, pumpkin carving and more. During the last term, one of the topics was

'People Who Help Us' and the children were lucky enough to receive a visit from Fakenham Fire Service and a Policeman during this time who spoke about how they can keep us and the community safe. All children across the Centre enjoyed looking at and exploring the service vehicles that came to visit us too. Butterflies then also did anything and everything Christmassy: Christmas baking, writing letters to Father Christmas, exploring candy cane gloop, gingerbread playdough, visiting the Garden Centre to see the beautiful lights and decorations and also making many little Christmas crafty bits to send home for their families. What a busy term it has been for all three rooms!

All teams across the Centre would like to express their happiness on how well transitions have undergone across the Centre over the last few months. If you have any concerns about your child transitioning between the rooms, please get into contact with any of practitioners who can offer advice and guidance to make the transition as smooth as possible for your child in order to support them best and their families too.

## Polite reminders and messages...

As we welcome the Winter season, we expect the weather to be a bit more on the chillier side. We politely ask that your child arrives to the Centre with everything they may need for the day, this could include: warm rain coats, wellie boots, gloves, and all-in-ones for those wetter and colder days. While every effort is made to return belongings to their rightful owner, it can be harder for practitioners to do so without there being labels present within their clothes. If parents/carers wouldn't mind labelling their children's clothing, this would be much appreciated to help us keep track of everything.

As we are always encouraging your child to embrace their creative sides, we also politely ask for a spare change of clothes for your child as they engage in lots of messy play as we play outdoors in all weathers, do lots of painting and baking etc.

Thank you in advance.

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The kitchen staff have rejigged the menu to align with current allergies and intolerances across the Centre. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the menu, please do not hesitate to get into contact with the Centre.

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Chicken Korma Rice Green beans Naan Bread	Pasta bake Garlic bread Sweetcorn Peas	Roast chicken Roast potatoes Yorkshire Puddings Carrots & Broccoli Gravy	Cheesy mashed potato Gammon Baked beans	Fish fingers Mashed potato Spaghetti Hoops
Pudding	Shortbread	Jelly	Yogurts/Soya yogurts	Chocolate crunch	Mousse/Alpro yogurts
Dinner	Baked beans on wholemeal toast Chicken slices Veggie sticks	Pizzas Veggie sticks Mini sausages	Wraps (of variety) Chicken nuggets Crisps Veggie sticks	Hot dogs Diced veggie bowl Cous cous	Sandwiches (of variety) Sausage rolls Chicken nuggets Veggie sticks Crisps

WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic bread Sweetcorn	Sausage casserole Cous cous Green beans	Roast chicken Roast potatoes Yorkshire Puddings Carrots & Broccoli Gravy	Jacket potato Cheese Chopped Ham Baked beans	Fish fingers Mashed potato Spaghetti Hoops
Pudding	Pineapple upside down cake with cream	Jelly	Yogurts/Soya yogurts	Chocolate Oaties	Mousse/Alpro yogurts
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