

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.



Upcoming Events & Dates:

October Half Term:

The Centre is closed for term-time only children from Thursday 22nd October for half term. For those of you who use our Holiday Club, the Centre will be open 8:00am–6:00pm half term week (23rd–30th). Please get in contact to book your sessions. We would love to see your spooky costumes during this week! If your child would like to dress up then please do.

Christmas Holidays:

For those of you who use our Holiday Club, the Centre will be open 8:00am–6:00pm during the Christmas Holidays. Please get in contact to book your sessions. We will be closed on the 23rd December at 6:00pm for Christmas. We reopen on 4th January 2027 at 8:00pm for our all-year-round children, and on 5th January for term-time only children.

A very big thank you...

To Mark, our Chairman, for his hard efforts in painting the front of our building, giving it a new lease of life as we welcome the colder months.

Upcoming events...

We have some exciting fundraising event ideas in the pipeline, including a "Bottle Raffle", with more details coming soon. Keep an eye out and watch this space!

Transitions...

As a Centre, we are very pleased with how smoothly transitions are occurring across the setting and believe that the children are adapting very well to their rooms and routines. The staff at the Centre are working tirelessly to ensure that the children feel comfortable and confident during this uneasy time. If your child is going to be transitioning to a new room and you have any worries or questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team or get into contact with the setting.

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.

Congratulations to Billie and Honey for passing their courses and are now Level 3 Early Years Educators. And also to Louise, who has passed her Level 3 SENCO course and Paige completing her Level 2 Early Years Educator and now starting her Level 3, big achievements, well done girls! Megan and Emma have taken part in 'How to be an amazing play partner', Megan has also completed some Signalong training and a course entailing how to 'talk, teach and thrive'. Becca and Charlotte have updated their Child Protection. Amanda, Emma and Ruby have updated their Safeguarding too. Kate, Megan and Abbie-Jayne have completed their Paediatric First Aid courses. Ruby has taken part in some Diversity, Equality and SEND training. Ruby, Paige and Emma continue to work tirelessly towards their Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications.

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

Practitioner News

We are pleased to announce that our Deputy Manager Gemma has given birth to a beautiful baby girl called Marnie Louise King on 3rd July. We have all enjoyed lots of baby cuddles and are so happy to welcome another little member to our FCDC family.

We also welcome Ellis to the Centre who will be working in the Caterpillar Team as well as welcoming Charlie back from her maternity leave. Charlie will be working in the Caterpillar room.

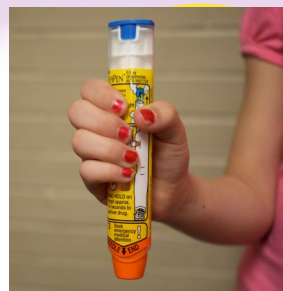
The Butterfly room welcomes a new apprentice: Roxanne as she undergoes her Level 2 Early Years Educator course.

We are incredibly sad to see Katie Eglon go, she is an outstanding practitioner who we have been lucky enough to have in the setting for 22 years! We wish her all the luck in the world moving forward. Louise and Laura will be stepping up to fill Katie's position in the Sunflower room.

Allergies/Intolerances

We have a number of allergies and intolerances that we manage within the Centre including allergies 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?

The Sunflower children have had a busy Summer with lots of little trips out to the allotments and Garden Centre to see the chickens, ducks, the fish and also what was growing. The babies have engaged in lots of water play - exploring lemons and limes to make their own lemonade, sensory experiences involving emptying and filling pots with different utensils, squishing summer fruits in bags and tasting home grown blackberries and tomatoes. They have even made lots of yummy cakes as there were a few birthdays across the summer holidays that they celebrated. The babies were creative and explored the sand-gloop with their hands, mark making with ice paints, investigating foam and water to make potions and even made their own fish cakes! This term, the Sunflowers will be focusing on their Personal and Social Development as they settle back into routine.



The Caterpillars have also had a busy Summer with lots of sensory play where they have made their own lemonade, exploring sand-gloop, building with kinetic sand, making pasta shakers and explored frozen paints to make some beautiful masterpieces. They have enjoyed walks around the community including to the Garden Centre and to see different animals around Fakenham. The children (and staff!) enjoyed their very own ice cream parlour, and have participated in lots of singing, music and stories in the sunshine. This term, the Caterpillars will also be focusing on the topic of 'Dear Zoo' and settling back into routine followed by Autumn.



The Butterflies and Holiday Club have had so much fun getting stuck into water and messy play over the Summer, they were so busy creating, experimenting and getting super messy and wet with a variety of sensory play! They embraced their creative side with lots of baking and made our own blackberry cake with blackberries we harvested ourselves. We enjoyed lots of colouring, painting, stickering, modeling and cutting and sticking activities where we made jelly fish, built boats from pool noodles, painted watercolour sea creatures and enjoyed lots of slime, sand and gloop play. This term, the Butterflies are focusing on the topic of 'Dear Zoo' followed by Autumn and Halloween as well as settling back into routine and getting to know our new little Butterflies.



Last year's Butterfly children graduated from the Butterfly room and made their move to big school! We had so much fun celebrating all of their accomplishments on graduation day and the team are very proud of each and every one of them. On behalf of FCDC, we wish you a tremendous amount of luck and well wishes. We are all so proud of you, so make some wonderful memories at school.

We are excited to introduce another week's menu that we will introduce into a 3 week menu rotation now. Packed with delicious, healthy and nutritious options, so there is plenty to look forward to that is cooking up in the kitchen with Claire, Megan and Bonnie.

Polite reminders and messages...

We can still expect the weather to be a bit unpredictable from week to week. We politely ask that your child arrives to the Centre with everything they may need for the day ranging from: rain coats, wellie boots, sun cream etc. for different types of days as we love to explore and play in the outdoors in all weathers. 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 in lots of messy play with sand and water, for painting, clay modeling and baking etc.

As we get busier and welcome more children into our setting, could we please kindly ask that parents/carers stick to their **allocated drop off and collection times** on the days your child/children are in attendance, this is to ensure that staff ratios are kept at the legal requirement at all times and to ensure the smooth running of our Centre.

We would like to kindly remind parents/carers that the Centre grounds are a **5 mph** zone and with young children walking across the car park, it is important to abide to this speed limit at all times to ensure that we maintain a high level of safety and security.

Thank you in advance.



WEEK 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken korma Rice Naan bread Green beans	Pasta bake Baguette slices Sweet corn	Roast Gammon Potatoes Carrots & Broccoli Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Chicken pot pie New potatoes Peas Gravy	Fish fingers Mashed potato Spaghetti hoops
Shortbread biscuits	Jelly	Melon and/or apple slices	Yogurts/soya yogurts	Ice Cream/Dairy-free ice cream
Beans on toast (wholemeal) Chicken slices Veggie sticks	Pizza Veggie sticks Mini sausages	Wraps (of variety) Veggie sticks Crisps Chicken nuggets	Crumpets Spreads (jam, marmite, cheese) Veggie sticks Mini sausages Apple ¼	Sandwiches (of variety) Sausage rolls Grapes Veggie sticks Crisps
WEEK 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Bolognese Pasta Baguette slices Sweet corn	Jacket potato Cheese Ham Baked beans	Roast chicken Potatoes Carrot & Broccoli Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Vegetable chilli Cous cous Tortilla Chips Green beans	Fish fingers Mashed potato Spaghetti hoops
Blueberry muffins	Jelly	Melon and/or apple slices	Yogurts/soya yogurts	Ice Cream/Dairy-free ice cream
Pizza Veggie sticks Mini sausages	Crumpets Spreads (jam, marmite, cheese) Veggie sticks Sausage rolls Apple ¼	Wraps (of variety) Veggie sticks Crisps Chicken nuggets	Beans on toast (wholemeal) Sausage Rolls Banana halves	Sandwiches (of variety) Mini sausages Grapes Veggie sticks Crisps
WEEK 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shepherd's Pie Cauliflower Broccoli Gravy	Sausages in a tomato sauce Savoury rice Peas	Roast chicken Potatoes Carrot & Broccoli Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Macaroni Cheese Garlic bread Veggie sticks	Fish cake Mashed potato Baked beans
Chocolate cornflake cakes	Jelly	Melon and/or apple slices	Yogurts/soya yogurts	Ice Cream/Dairy-free ice cream
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