

Spring Term 2025 Newsletter

At Red Roof we aim to be responsive to the needs of our local community; raising aspirations for all children and families who access our provision whilst offering a safe, caring and stimulating environment.



Happy New Year!

I hope all our children and families had a lovely Christmas break and made lots of memories together!

If you would like to share any photographs of home life with your child's key worker please send them via email or Facebook.

Our staff know it can be difficult for parents when they are leaving their children for the first time but be assured we have lots of exciting plans for the Spring term and will work together with parents to settle children into nursery.

Attendance & Absence



Good attendance is important for all children in nursery to ensure consistency, routine and a positive start to their education.

It is important that parents contact nursery when their child is going to be absent to let us know why and when they will be returning. Nursery contact details are on the bottom of your child's daily sheets.

If parents fail to inform us of a reason for absence we will follow the procedure for unauthorised absence set out in our attendance policy.



Spring term starts back on **Monday 6th Jan 2025**. We do not have inset days so your child will start their agreed sessions from this week.

Feb half term is for 1 week:
Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb

Easter break is for 2 weeks:
Mon 7th Apr - Fri 18th Apr

May half term is for 1 week:
Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May

Term time children break up for the Summer holidays on **Friday 21st July**

Children will then return to nursery for the Autumn term on **Mon 1st Sept**

Nursery is closed on all English Bank Holidays

Parent Training & Workshops

We are offering **free online paediatric first aid courses** to our families. These are completed at your own pace with a certificate available after completion.

We will also be having some **parent workshops** this term all about learning in the early years, child development and communication & language with practical advice and support from nursery staff.

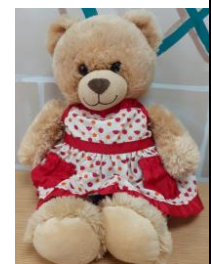
If you are interested in either of these please register your interest with Carly.


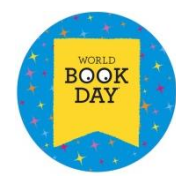


Nursery Bears

We have 2 nursery bears called Betsy & Buddy who enjoy going home with children to visit their families and have adventures!

This is a fantastic experience for the children and the bear also comes home with a story book to share with your child.

Your key worker will ensure your child has a turn taking one of the bears home but if you would like a certain date please let us know.



<p><u>Supervised Toothbrushing Scheme</u> Toothbrushing in nursery was introduced during the Autumn term and is going brilliantly. We have fitted it into our routine to promote learning and development opportunities. Toddler children brush their teeth at around 9:40 and preschool children brush their teeth after lunch at 12:45. Initially this is being funded by Wakefield council so all supplies will be purchased and replaced by nursery.</p> <p><i>Nursery toothbrushing is in addition to their normal morning & evening toothbrushing routine and is not designed to replace toothbrushing at home.</i></p>	<p><u>Additional Opportunities This Term:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool have a coach who attends weekly on a Tuesday afternoon to do a sports session. They are currently learning mini rugby! • After amazing feedback last term, we are hoping Toddlers will be continuing with their weekly Mini Maestros session. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates! • We are working with Hemsworth Library and will be inviting their staff in to nursery to do some stories and activities with the children. Their first session is booked in on Thurs 6th Feb.
<p><u>Red Nose Day!</u> Friday 21st March 2025</p>  <p>We will be doing lots of activities on this day to mark Red Nose Day. Children are encouraged to come to nursery wearing something red!</p> <p>Nursery are not accepting donations so please use the official website if you wish to donate.</p>	<p><u>World Book Day!</u> Thursday 6th March 2025</p> <p>Books, stories and rhymes are so important in supporting children to develop good communication, language and vocabulary.</p>  <p>On this day children can dress up as a character from a book and are encouraged to bring their favourite book from home to share.</p>
	<p><u>Nursery Staff Training & Development</u></p> <p>We want our staff to be the best they can be so have planned nursery staff training and development sessions this term which means that nursery will be closing slightly early on some days. Details are listed below:</p> <p>Thursday 27th February - Nursery to close at 5pm Tuesday 11th March - Nursery to close at 3:30pm</p>
<p><u>Stay & Play Sessions</u></p> <p>Tuesday 25th March // 5pm-6pm</p> <p>After our stay and play session was a huge success last year we are doing it again this year but bigger! Both playrooms will be opened up to parents to come and see what children get upto in nursery and have the opportunity to look at their child's learning journey.</p> <p>All children that attend will need to be supervised by their accompanying adult throughout.</p> <p>Due to health and safety we are unable to allow any siblings to attend this event and no more than 2 adults per child.</p> 	
<p><u>Easter Activities</u></p> <p>Our planned Easter activities this year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter egg hunts will take place week commencing 31st March 2025 • Our Easter bonnet competition will be drawn on Friday 4th April 2025 - Bonnets must be decorated at home and brought in to nursery ready for this day. • Week commencing 14th April 2025 we will be having some Easter picnic lunches. 	

Community Events & Activities

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all who came and had cake and coffee at our coffee morning! It was a brilliant event with many professionals available to give advice; including children's therapy services, 0-19 health visiting team and Wakefield libraries!



We raised a huge £660!!!!

Christmas Events

We had some amazing Christmas events going on last term. We had our annual Pantomime, winter wonderland and children's Christmas party! Again, as a community centre and nursery we had great feedback from parents and local families and we are already thinking about Christmas 2025!!

Super Star Sport Camp

In February half term super star sport coaches are hosting a half term camp at King's Meadow Academy for primary school aged children. For more information please pick up a leaflet from nursery reception, call 07359431480 or email info@superstarsportwakefield.co.uk To book please go to their website: www.superstarsport.co.uk/booking and search for the postcode WF2.



Neighbourhood Policing Teams Contact Point

If you have any concerns, queries or information you would like to share with the NPT or if you would like to ask for advice they are now using the Red Roof Café as a contact point. They will be here, 10am-11am, on the following dates:

23rd Jan / 13th Feb / 6th Mar / 27th Mar / 17th Apr
8th May / 29th May / 19th June / 10th July

In The Red Roof Centre...

Help at the Hub

Do you need advice or help with housing, bills, benefits, jobs and skills?

At The Red Roof Centre we have advisors available to listen to your situation and work with you to find solutions and give support to help improve things for you. We are able to signpost to relevant agencies and help you to get in touch with the right people.



Families & Babies (FAB) Drop In



Whether you're preparing for your baby, or already have your little one, our drop in sessions are here to support you!

Private, 1:1 space available to speak to one of our Trained Peer Supporters. No need to book, just turn up.

You'll find FAB at:

**Red Roof Centre
Wakefield Road, Kinsley WF9 5BP
on the 3rd Tuesday of every month
9:30am - 11:00am**

17th Dec, 21st Jan, 18th Feb, 18th March



www.familiesandbabies.org.uk
Helpline: 01924 851901
24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Blood Pressure Checks

There are 2 blood pressure wellness champions at The Red Roof Centre, Tracy & Rachael. They are offering a drop in service on a Thursday 12pm-3pm where you can pop in and have your blood pressure taken. ***A simple check could save your life!***

Swap to Stop

The NHS Swap to Stop service is now available at The Red Roof Centre. This service is to encourage smokers to swap to less harmful alternatives to cigarettes.

Weekly Activities

Monday: Keep Fit = 10am-11am

Leeds Credit Union = 9.30am-3pm drop in

Citizens Advice Bureau = 10am-12pm drop in

Step up career advice - Once a month = 9am-4pm

Tuesday: Stay, play & weigh = 9.30am-11.15am

Karate = 7pm-9pm

Wednesday: Yoga = 11.30am-12:30pm

Line dancing = 7.15pm-9.15pm

Thursday: Blood pressure checks & swap to stop = 12pm-3pm

Red Roof Café

10am-2pm

term time only



**Eat in or take out
01977 610931 Ext 3**

Websites / Information for parents, carers & families...

- Wakefield safeguarding children's partnership:
 - [Home page - Wakefield Safeguarding Children \(wakefieldscp.org.uk\)](http://wakefieldscp.org.uk)
- Wakefield Families Together:
 - [Wakefield Families Together – Wakefield Families Together](#)
- SEND Local Offer:
 - [Wakefield SEND Local Offer | Wakefield SEND Local Offer \(mylocaloffer.org\)](http://mylocaloffer.org)
- Wakefield 0-19 service:
 - [Growing Healthy Wakefield 0-19 Service - Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust \(hdft.nhs.uk\)](http://hdft.nhs.uk)
 - [Facebook](#)
- Family Hubs:
 - [Family Hubs – Wakefield Families Together](#)
 - Cedars - [Facebook](#)
 - Havercroft - [Facebook](#)
- Childcare choices - Help paying for childcare:
 - [Homepage | HMRC Childcare Choices](#)
- Tax free childcare:
 - [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- Safe sleep:
 - [The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families](#)
 - [Facebook](#)
- Toilet training / toileting support:
 - [Home - ERIC](#)
- Supporting children's learning and development:
 - [BBC Tiny Happy People](#)
 - [BookTrust: Getting children reading | BookTrust](#)
- Mental health support:
 - [Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to listen](#)
- Men's mental health support:
 - [Andy's Man Club | #ITSOKAYTOTALK | Andy's Man Club \(andysmanclub.co.uk\)](http://andysmanclub.co.uk)
 - [Facebook](#)



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