



The Red Roof Children's Day Nursery
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Parent Newsletter: Spring 2026



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.

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would firstly like to welcome all our new nursery families to Red Roof. We understand your child starting nursery is a big step and there may initially be tears but your child's key worker will be here to support them to adapt to their new routine.

We hope all our families have had a good Christmas & New Year break and are now looking forward to the term ahead. We have lots planned for this upcoming term. To keep yourselves informed there will be information on your child's daily sheet, on Facebook and some upcoming learning ideas will be sent out to parents on WhatsApp.

We always like to see what experiences, activities and learning children do at home to help inform our planning in nursery and to see how their skills are developing! Photos can be shared on WhatsApp for your child's key worker to see.

Newsletters are sent out once per term and it is important that parents read these to keep up to date with what is happening, term dates, events etc.

Nursery contact details are:

Tel: 01977 610931 / Mob: 07877486954 / Email: cstephenson@kinsley-fitzwilliam.org.uk

Attendance, Absence & Lateness

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 if their child is going to be late or absent to let us know.

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

If your child is attending on an EYFE (Funded) place it is important that they attend for their agreed session hours. Missing hours regularly could result in your child's EYFE place being reviewed and potentially withdrawn.



Attendance Matters



**February half term: 16th Feb until 20th Feb
(1 week)**

**Easter break: 30th March until 10th April
(2 weeks)**

Nursery is CLOSED for:

Bank Holidays - **Friday 3rd April**
Monday 6th April

Early closures:

Thurs 30th April at 5pm
Mon 18th May at 3.30pm

Summer term starts on 13th April

Nursery Policies

Updated / amended policies have been sent out to all families so please refresh yourselves with these for the upcoming term.



Due to health and safety children can no longer wear crocs, clogs or unsecured sandals as their main footwear to nursery.

If your child brings food from home for their meals it is important you read and follow our food & drink policy.



Home Learning Opportunities

We put a focus on communication and language at nursery; this helps children to develop their speaking, listening and understanding skills.

For parents to support this we encourage reading at home for all children.

Toddlers:

- We have nursery rhyme and story sacks available with puppets and props.

Preschool:

- We have a preschool library where children take a book each week which is then returned and swapped the following week.

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.

If we gain enough interest we will also be offering some **parent workshops** all about learning in the early years, child development and communication & language with practical advice and support from nursery staff.

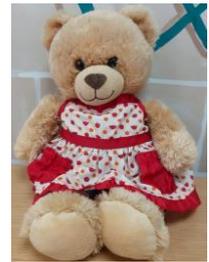
If you are interested in either of these please register your interest with Carly.

Community: Nursery Bears

We have 2 nursery bears called Betsy & Buddy who love to spend time with the children at home!

Your child's key worker will send the bear home with a book to share at bedtime when it is their turn.

Parents can then share photos of their activities to be added to our community displays.



Super Star Sport



We have had sessions for over a year now and the children consistently enjoy taking part and learning new skills.

We now have 3x sessions on a Wednesday morning for both our toddlers and preschool children.

The day of the session is changed termly depending on coach availability so children get the opportunity to take part.

Hemsworth Food Pantry Donations



Thank you to everyone who made donations for the food bank in December.

We were overwhelmed with the generosity shown.

We hope to do further donations throughout the year to help the local community.

Supporting Our Community:

- Bring & take children's clothing basket
- Wellbeing checks (including blood pressure and swap to stop) available
- Information stand in nursery reception.
- Signposting to other services



Parent Reminders:

- Children should bring a bag to nursery each session which includes spare clothing, wipes and nappies if needed.
- Children need appropriate footwear and a coat for the colder weather
- No toys from home should be brought into nursery.

Survey Monkey: Parent Feedback

Thank you to all parents who completed our Autumn Term Feedback.

We were so pleased with the feedback we received and will ensure any constructive suggestions are added into our future plans to aid continual improvements.



Spring Term Feedback form will be live from February half term. The link will be sent out to parents and shared on Facebook.

Spring Term Menu Changes:

Chinese New Year:

- Selection from battered chicken, sweet & sour sauce, chicken curry, egg fried rice, noodles & spring rolls.
 - Mon 9th Feb
 - Thurs 12th Feb
 - Tues 17th Feb

Shrove Tuesday:

- Pancakes with corned beef hash / beef stew
 - Wed 11th Feb
 - Fri 13th Feb
 - Mon 16th Feb



If you would like any advice or support to help your child or family we are here to help. Please come and see us!

Preschool Places - Summer Term



If your child is in our toddler room and will be 3 before Easter it is important you let us know if you would like a place in our Preschool.

Places in preschool are limited and will only be allocated if parents request them.

Stay & Play Session

18th May 2026 / 4pm-6pm (Nursery closing at 3:30pm)



We are hosting our annual stay & play in the Summer Term - please add the date to your diaries! This year all children that attend will be offered a free sports session with a Super Star Sports coach. Whilst children are doing sports parents will have the opportunity to participate in a healthy lifestyles session with our wellbeing champion. As always parents will have the option to explore nursery and spend time joining in activities with their child.

More information will be available in our Summer Term Newsletter.

50 Things Champion

We are now a 50 thing champion setting!

All children will be having a leaflet sent home with all the 50 things to do before you're 5 activity ideas!

We have also added a tracker to learning journeys and have certificates available for children who complete the activities at home and nursery.



Use the below link for their webpage and to download the mobile app:

[50 Things to Do | Wakefield](https://www.50things.com/)

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 are once per month 10am-11am / dates available from Red Roof Centre.



What's on for families?

There is lots going on in and around our area for families. Keep up to date with information by following:

- Cedar's Family Hub on Facebook [Facebook](#)
- Wakefield Growing Healthy 0-19 Team on Facebook [Facebook](#) or download their growing healthy app.

Wakefield Libraries

Across Wakefield the Winter Mini Challenge has just started for children aged 4-11 years to promote reading and literacy development.

Libraries are also available as a warm space for families.

For more information please visit: [Facebook](#)

In The Red Roof Centre...



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS

MONDAY CAFE 10-2PM
Citizens Advice - 10-12pm
Keep Fit Aerobics - 10-11am
Healthwatch Wakefield - Monthly
Carers Digital Sessions - Monthly

TUESDAY CAFE 10-2PM
Stay & Play - 9.30-11.15am
Step Up - Career Advise 9-4pm
(2nd Monday of the month)

WEDNESDAY CAFE 10-2PM
Yoga - 11.30-12.30pm
The Exodus Project - Family Club 3.30 - 4.45pm -
Kidz Club - 5-6.30pm - Rock Solid - 7-8.30pm
(Term Time Only)

THURSDAY CAFE 10-2PM
Blood Pressure Checks 12-3pm
Swap2Stop 12-3pm
Neighbourhood Watch Contact Point - Monthly

FRIDAY CAFE 10-2PM

Red Roof CENTRE
WAKEFIELD ROAD, KINSLEY, WF9 5BP TEL:01977 610931

Help at the Hub

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.



HELP AT THE HUB The New Service in your area to help you

What is it? A new service to help everyone deal with the impacts of the COVID crisis on jobs, finances and much more

Can everyone use it? Yes, it is free for all to access

Where is it? Advisers based in nine community locations around the district

What help can I access? Help with finances, benefits, debts, rent & mortgage arrears or access to mental health and wellbeing services

Upcoming sessions:

- Family Health Matters:
 - Local people's voices are key to improving NHS services. By listening to families about what works, what could be better, and what's needed, services can better meet the needs of our community.
- Cancer Awareness:
 - Informative drop in session to find out what services offer support to those living with cancer and signs and symptoms to look out for.

More information available later this term.



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](#)