

Risby Preschool Spring Newsletter 2026



**Risby Preschool
& Childcare Services**
Charity no. 1030761

Welcome back from the Christmas holidays we hope you all had a wonderful time with your families and friends.

A big welcome to our new children and their families, we hope you enjoy your time with us.



Winter Clothing & Slippers

Please ensure your child comes to Preschool with the appropriate clothing for going outside, including wellie boots as the children will be able to play outside in all weather conditions. Please **NAME** their clothing and footwear.



You may leave their wellies at preschool if you prefer. We will be asking children to soon remove their outdoor shoes when they are indoors at Preschool so please provide slippers, plimsoles or indoors shoes to be worn.

Please can you ensure you clearly name your child's following items

- Coat
- Hat
- water bottle
- lunch box/bag
- items of clothes if possible



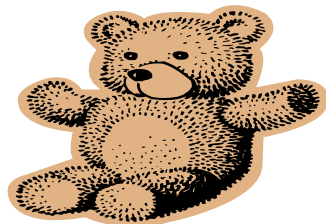
Please do not leave inhalers & medicines in your child's bag on the coat stand as we need to safeguard all children from having access to medicines whilst in the setting. We can only administer prescribed medication from a doctor so please give to a member of staff who will place it in our medical box away from the children and ask

They will need to be clearly labelled including name, DOB and dose to be given.

Barty Bear

Each child this academic year will have an opportunity to take home 'Barty Bear'. He is our teddy bear who comes with his own items in a rucksack i.e., clothes, pyjamas, toothbrush, passport and log book.

If the parent can write in the log book what Barty Bear has done with the child whilst staying at their home and then when Barty returns back to Preschool a member of staff will read out to the other children all the things he has been doing.



Child Illness

If your child is ill, please give us a ring or send an email just to let us know why they are absent.

If your child has a bout of diarrhoea or a vomiting bug please can you notify staff straightaway. You will need to keep your child away from Preschool for 48 hours after the last incident which will help stop spreading the virus to others. This is the recommendation from the Health Protection Agency.

Child Absence

When your child will not be in for a session due to holidays/appointment please can you send us an email or inform a member of staff as this helps us with future planning for your child. Thank you!

Your Child's Keyperson

If you have any concerns about your child or wish to discuss anything, please talk to the member of staff at the Preschool door in the morning or at the end of a session. If you would prefer to talk privately then please let us know and we will arrange somewhere private to talk at a convenient time

Your Child's Learning

Each child's learning starts here at Preschool and continues into Reception class at Primary School. Both the Reception class and Preschool work to the same Framework which is the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' (EYFS)

Here at Risby each child has a Learning booklet which staff log the outcomes for the seven areas of learning when achieved.

The 7 areas of learning which we teach the children through their play are:

Prime Areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Communication and Language
Physical Development

Specific Areas:

Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts and Design

Each week you will be emailed some photos of the preschool children taking part in activities and each day at pick up a member of staff will let you know some of thing things your child has played with that day so you can discuss these with your child. On our notice board you will see our weekly focus learning theme for our school leavers and also the weekly focus theme that their keyperson will teach them.

Water Bottles

Please can water bottles only have water in them (no squash) to follow our healthy eating policy.

Makaton in Preschool

At morning carpet time, the children will learn a different Makaton sign each week.

A few examples are mummy, daddy, sister, hello, goodbye, please, thank you, happy, sad, dog, cat, stop, milk, water, lady, man, look, listen, sit, apple, banana and orange,

Our typical day at Risby Preschool

9.00am – Preschool opens

The children are greeted by a member of staff at the door, who encourages them to walk independently into the preschool room.

The children are supported to put their coats on the peg and place their water bottles and lunch bags on the shelves, to wash their hands and to go and play.

9.00am-3.00pm - Free flow play outside and inside

Our Preschool children have the opportunity to have continuous play both inside and outside from 9.00am to 3.00pm. We have a rolling snack around 9.30am so the children choose if they stop their play to come and eat/drink.

Our staff follow 'In the moment planning', so children choose where their learning takes place and is based around the child's interests and choice. The staff will observe what the children are doing and where appropriate will extend their learning there and then. This means next steps for individual children are not something that will be delivered at a point in the future, but right there 'In the Moment'

11.40am- Carpet time

The children are encouraged to sit on our carpet with a member of staff and do morning registration. This is where the member of staff will learn the Makaton sign of the week, go through the Golden Rules and sing some Nursery Rhymes with our soft toy foxes (Felix and Frieda).

12.00am - Lunch time

The children will all sit down at a table and supported by staff to eat their lunch together. Once they have finished, they are encouraged to independently put their lunch box and drink bottle away and then continue with playing.

Indoors - We have various activities on the tables and mats around the room

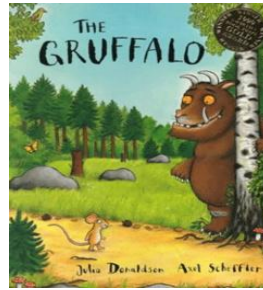
Examples are: small world play, playdough, sensory table, construction equipment, maths equipment, ICT equipment, kitchen role play, dressing up clothes

Outdoor – The children have a choice out activities and equipment that are all out to play with every day.

- bikes/ride-on's
- balancing equipment
- mud kitchen
- builders /construction site
- water play
- sand tray
- bubbles
- climbing frame

Afternoon activity – Phonics activity (school leavers only)

Key person weekly Theme. Each week your child will be taught by their key person about a different theme throughout their play. For example, about Garden Birds, Recycling, Oral Hygiene, People that helps us, Sea and Oceans, Farm animals, Life cycle of a frog and many more.



Children's Library in foyer

You are welcome to take one of our books from the library box in the foyer and share this with your child at home. When you are finished reading the book please return it to the box and your child may then choose a new book. Please log the book number and title next to your child's name on the sheet of paper with the books. When returned please put a line through the book number and title.

Risby Preschool Logo Clothing, Hats and Bags

You can purchase any of Risby Preschool sweatshirts, polo shirts, t-shirt, bags and sun hats online with a local printing company and they will be delivered free to preschool for you to collect.

Sweatshirt £10.95

Child's T-Shirt £5.99

Navy Drawstring Bag £5.99

Junior Book bag £8.49

Child's Polo-shirt £7.99

Navy Rucksack £14.95

Legionnaires Hat £6.99

Order instructions

Log onto corporatetiger.co.uk

Click on 'Schools/clubs' tab

Find Risby Preschool and double click

Select items you wish to order

Click on FREE local collection and your items will be delivered to Preschool



School Leavers additional activities

In the year before your child goes to Primary School, they will take part each week in a Phonics and Theme Learning activity. Please look at the notice board outside to know what they are learning each week

Phonics activity

This is where we teach the children in a group the basic foundation to enable them to read and write when they get to Primary School.

We teach them in this year Phase 1 phonics which simply is activities around:

- Rhythm and rhyme in songs and phrases
- Listening to the sound in our environment
- Syllables in words through clapping or beating a drum
- Alliteration (recognising the same initial letter of different words in a sentence)
- Recognising different musical sounds
- Different sounds we can make with our body

Children's Named Trays in Foyer

You will find located in the foyer a designated named draw for your child's art work and letters to take home. Please keep an eye on their tray.

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Our Prices for All Services

	Permanent Pre Booked	Block or Ad-hoc Bookings
Early Birds (school child) 8am-8.45am	£10.75	£11.25
Early Birds (Preschool Child) 8am-9.00am	£10.25	£10.75
Preschool Children 2-4yrs 8.45am-9.00am	£4.25	£4.75
Preschool 9.00am-12.00pm	£22.00	£22.50
Lunch Club 12.00pm-1.00pm	£10.25	£10.75
Preschool Children 2-4yrs 3.00pm-3.30pm	£7.50	£8.00
After School		
3:30pm - 4:30pm	£10.25	£10.75
3:30pm – 5:00pm	£12.25	£12.75
3:30pm – 5:30pm	£15.25	£15.75
4.30pm – 5.00pm	£7.50	£8.00
4.30pm - 5.30pm	£10.25	£10.75
Extra 1/2hr		£8.00
Late fee after 5.30pm		£16.00

Bank Account Number: 00019281 Sort Code: 40-52-40

Please quote your Child's Name as reference

Our Website

www.risbypreschoolsuffolk.co.uk

Please look at our website for information on the setting throughout the year.

Term Dates 2026

Spring Term

Monday 5th January
Tuesday 6th January
February 16th - February 20th
Friday 27th March

PD Day
First Day of School
HALF TERM
Last Day of School

Summer Term

Monday 13th April
Monday 4th May
Friday 22nd May
May 25th - May 29th
Friday 17th July

First Day of School
Bank Holiday
PD Day
HALF TERM
Last Day of School

