



Childrens Learning Centre



AUTUMN 2025 NEWSLETTER

A New Term

Welcome to the Autumn term and a special warm welcome to all our new children. We would like to thank you once again for your continued support. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Funding Eligibility Codes

For those claiming additional funding, as well as 9 month and 2 year funding, we must receive your eligibility code before we can reduce your bill. The government also require you to revalidate online **every 12 weeks**, failure to do so will mean your funding is removed. Please keep track as the weeks go by very quickly, check your spam.

Please make sure you contact

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to see your entitlement for any funding you may be able to claim. Please remember you can only claim the **term after your child turns the threshold age i.e. 9 months, 2 years and 3 years, and government criteria is met.**

Those parents claiming just the universal funding given to all 3 year olds, the term after they are 3, do not require an eligibility code.

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE – For those parents who do not use work vouchers, **please remember** you can access: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to get £2 for every £8 childcare costs. **DON'T MISS OUT! EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM (EYPP)**

Some families may be entitled to extra funding that we can use to help support your child's development and enhance our learning environment for your child, including any additional training for staff to benefit your child's development. If you are claiming any form of benefits, you may be entitled. When your child is funded, more information can be found on your grant form. Please speak to Jacky or Hayley if you think you are eligible.

Nursery Objectives 2025/26

As our focus is on the EYFS

The 3 I's are integrated into our planning and learning experiences, where we plan what children will learn (**Intent**), how they will be taught it (**Implementation**) and then observe and assess the outcomes for each child (**Impact**). By focusing on these 3 areas, we can ensure that our approach is purposeful, meaningful, and effective, leading to high-quality learning and experiences for all children.

Reminders to Parents Labelling

Please can we remind you it is essential that all removable clothing, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. are **labelled** clearly. This year, yet again we took black bin liners full of clothing to charity shops. As you can imagine so much valuable time can be wasted during our nursery day, searching for items. With this in mind, we have a **labelling scheme**, which provides you with incredibly long-lasting labels that are easy to apply to clothing, bottles, lunch boxes etc. If you use this scheme, they will also provide the nursery with commission that we could use towards equipment. Please visit **MyNametags** on www.MyNametags.com and use our school ID 94949.

Pick Up Times

A reminder to all parents of how important prompt pick up times are throughout the whole day, especially 11.55 am and 3.55 pm, as these determine staff breaks are completed on time to ensure safer eating ratios are maintained and allow us to give feedback before the 12 pm and 4 pm finishing times.

As I'm sure you are aware, especially on afternoon pick up times, we have more parents waiting and it may take a little longer to get your children out to you. Thank you for your patience. We would also appreciate that children who remain here until **5.55 pm** are also picked up on time allowing for feedback. As I'm sure you are aware, we shut at **6 pm** and our staff also finish at this time.



Holly

Welcome to all our new starters. As the Autumn begins, please may we ask that you **name all clothing and water bottles.**

During our garden time, we feel it is important for all Holly children, **including non-walkers**, to have **full access** to the grassed areas during the winter, therefore would ask that all children **bring named wellies and waterproofs** to Holly.

We would like to welcome back Kirsty from her maternity leave. She will be working Mondays and Wednesdays this year.

DROP OFFS – Please can we ask that you make drop offs to Holly as quick as possible. This can be a very tricky time for our new little ones, and they can become very upset. If you need to give any further information, please do not hesitate to call us after you have dropped off and we will be free to talk to you.

We are currently still using the Holly side entrance at the moment. It is much more settling for the new little ones to be dropped off this way. We are hoping to have a roof built to shelter parents during hand over. Once the weather gets colder, we may have to go back to using the front door. We will keep you posted.

PICK UPS – We want to be able to give you information about the lovely experiences your child has had that day. Please could you allow at least 5 minutes before collection time for us to give feedback.

Pick up will also remain at the side entrance at the moment

REMINDER TO HOLLY PARENTS – If hair grips must be worn then please could we ask that they are large ones, as some are a choking hazard. Thank you.

SUN CREAM – Please read our sun cream section.

POTTY TRAINING – We are always available for help and advice about toilet training and are happy to guide you through the process before you start. Please do not hesitate to speak to Amy or Jacky.
No Juice in water bottles please.

Mulberry and Willow

A big welcome to our new children in Mulberry and Willow.

Tracey, from Willow who was term time only is now with us all year round, which we are really pleased about. As a result, she will now work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the year. Paige from Holly and Lorraine will be joining Willow on a Thursday and Friday.

As Willow and Mulberry children are encouraged to be more independent at nursery, please could we ask that parents try and encourage their children to put their own shoes on at home (remember **no laces** please). All children will need **their own named welly boots.**

The **Tote Bags** given to each child must go home every day and be replenished with change of clothes as needed. Please could we ask that **you only use the tote bags provided**, as with more children now joining us, **your bags from home are too big.** Topics this term for both rooms are, All about us, Autumn and Autumn Festival, Cooking and Christmas.

Willow Christmas Concert will be held at Rowlands Castle Parish Hall on **Monday 22nd December.** All willow children will be dropped off at Rowlands Castle Parish Hall at 10 am and **parents are invited back to watch the concert at 12.30 pm**, more details to follow. **Please put this date in your diaries.**

Redwood

We offer our after-school club with collection from St James's on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Contact the office for availability. Please can we remind all Redwood parents to contact us **before 3pm** if they do not need their child to be picked up that day, as this can affect how many staff need to go on pick up, thank you



Welly Boots and Outdoor Weather Gear will also be needed this term

As I'm sure you are aware, all children at the CLC have access to our outdoor area in all weathers. Please ensure they come to nursery with **named appropriate outdoor clothing**, including **named welly boots**, (please remember our labelling scheme). To ensure the pre-school children are given full opportunity to gain some independence in self-help skills, **please could all Willow and Mulberry children have labelled footwear they themselves can easily put on and remove i.e., no laces.** Thank you



Car Park

It is vital that all parents take very special care when entering and driving around this area. Please could all parents not allow their children to roam freely around the car park especially along the front of the building, as cars find it difficult to turn safely in this area. Please could you also not allow your children to play on the tree stump outside Holly. Thank you.

Parents Evening

We are planning to have our parents evening for all rooms the **week beginning the 10th November.** Days and times will follow shortly

Office

Hayley is available to help with enquiries Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. If you have any office queries, please do not hesitate to contact her.

Water Bottles

Individual water bottles are essential, and we require every child to bring their own **named bottle each day**. You can find our labelling scheme on the first page. Can we remind all parents we are a **juice free** nursery. Please can you only put water in your child's bottle, thank you. . **Please ensure you collect them daily and clean them thoroughly at home, many thanks.**



Sun Cream & Sun Hats

Although we are now in Autumn, we may continue to have sunshine! We would ask that all children wear sun cream and bring a **named sun hat** on a sunny day, just in case! Children attending all day sessions must have the **'all day' sun cream** applied. This refers to any sun cream that will last **6 hours** or more. These creams were freely available last year and priced much the same as ordinary sun cream. Children who are attending for a **single morning or afternoon must have sun cream applied before they arrive at nursery.** **We will assume your child already has sun cream applied before they come to nursery unless you tell us otherwise.**



Photographer

We have a new photographer (Becky Hill Photography) booked to come during the morning of **Tuesday 7th October**. All children attending that morning will have their photo taken ready for Christmas photos.

We have also booked her for **Wednesday 8th October** during the afternoon. Children attending, who were not here Tuesday will have their photo taken.

Any parent may return to have photos taken between 3 pm and 4.45 pm. Siblings and other family members are welcome to come.



Requests

Our supply of card has now stopped, and we would please ask that any card, such as **flat** cereal boxes and similar card be donated if possible. (**No thick box card needed**). Many thanks.

This newsletter will also be on our website, if you have not already taken a look, please do so, www.clcemsworth.co.uk. We also have a few home learning ideas for you to use, just click the link. We will be adding new ideas throughout the year. For those who have given permission to display photos on our website, there is a lovely gallery. We will update as the year goes on

Term Dates

Autumn 2025

Full Time: 1st September – 23rd December

Half term: 27th – 31st October

Spring/Summer 2025

Full Time: 2nd January – 28th August

February Half term: 16th– 20th February

Easter Half term: 30th March – 10th April

May Half term: 25th – 29th May