

Autumn 2025

Newsletter



Is your child going to school in September 2026?

If your child turns 4 years old between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 you can apply for a school place via the council's website.

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/apply-school>.

Deadline for applications: Thursday 15th January 2026

National offer day: Thursday 16th April 2026

Boomerang Kids Virtual Book Fair

**Courtesy of Gobbledy Books
from Friday 14th – Sunday 23rd November 2025**

We are hosting another Virtual Book Fair; giving parents the chance to buy quality books at a discounted price whilst supporting the nursery at the same time.

***For every 5 books purchased by parents
the nursery receives 1 free book.***

**Perfect for Christmas gifts - more details
to follow**



Important Dates

INSET DAYS 2025/2026

Tuesday 7th April 2026

Friday 28th August 2026

Come & Visit

Pre-school - Wednesday 15th October

5pm-5.45pm

Bunnies - Thursday 23rd October

5pm-5.45pm

Children in Need

Friday 14th November 2025

Virtual Book Fair

Friday 14th – Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christmas Holiday Dates

Wednesday 24th December 2025
to
Thursday 1st January 2026

**Last nursery day open - Tuesday 23rd
December 2025**

First day back - Friday 2nd January 2026





Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

We are delighted to share that following our Ofsted inspection on 1st July 2025, Boomerang Kids Nursery has been awarded an **OUTSTANDING** grade. This achievement is a true reflection of the dedication of our team and the ongoing support from our families—thank you for helping make Boomerang Kids the special place it is.

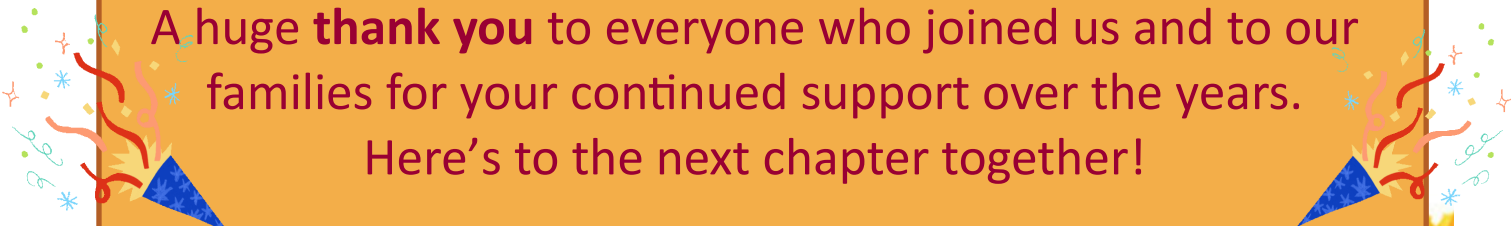


Celebrating 20 Years of Boomerang Kids!

We were delighted to welcome children, families, and friends into the nursery for our special open afternoon to mark **20 wonderful years of Boomerang Kids**.

It was fantastic to see so many happy faces enjoying the celebrations — from craft activities and bubble stations to face painting, balloon modelling, and more!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who joined us and to our families for your continued support over the years. Here's to the next chapter together!





Home Learning



This term we are welcoming new faces and have said goodbye to our lovely school leaver friends. We will be focussing on spending time getting to know new faces playing lots of team and small group games. This will require lots of turn taking and sharing. Playing turn taking games at home will support with this, for e.g. pairs, Jenga etc.

We will also be welcoming Autumn and the changes that occur. At home you could go for a walk to observe the changing colours of leaves, listen to the sounds around you, and collect natural items like leaves and pine cones. You could also create an indoor or outdoor scavenger hunt for autumnal objects, such as different coloured leaves or pinecones. You could even then get arty and draw, paint, or create collages inspired by autumn themes, such as making hedgehogs with brown paper spikes or a giant leaf picture. As always please let us know how you get on, we love to see any pictures on tapestry.

Staff News

Welcome to the team!

Ella has recently joined us as part of the **Barn** team as she begins her journey to become a qualified Early Years Educator.

Takarra has recently joined us as part of the **Lower Annexe** team as she starts her journey to become a qualified Early Years Educator.

Mollie will be returning to Boomerang Kids! She'll be offering her wonderful support to children who benefit from a little extra care and guidance.

Goodbye & Good luck

We said farewell to **Kelly**, who has left Boomerang to explore other career opportunities. We wish her every success in her next chapter!

Other updates

We're delighted to share the wonderful news that **Coral** has recently welcomed her baby girl. Although her little one arrived a bit earlier than expected and is receiving some extra support, both mum and baby are doing well. Sending love and warm wishes to them both.

You may have noticed that **Rhian** hasn't been around quite as much at Boomerang recently. That's because she is currently focusing on her SEN career – an exciting step forward that we're so proud to support! Don't worry though, you'll still see her smiling face at

Early Years Funding

As you may know, the government has introduced new Early Years funding to help families with the cost of childcare. We are delighted that more children will now have access to funded hours, which is such a positive step for early learning and for families.

However, we also want to be honest with you about what this means for nurseries. The funding we receive from the government does not fully cover the actual cost of delivering high-quality childcare. This includes staffing, resources, training, meals, and maintaining safe and stimulating environments for your children. Like many nurseries, we are facing increasing pressures with rising costs, and while we are committed to offering the best possible care, we have to carefully balance what the funding allows with the true costs of running our setting.

We want to reassure you that your children remain at the heart of everything we do. We are proud of the nurturing, enriching environment we provide, and we will continue to go above and beyond to support their development. At the same time, we ask for your understanding as we navigate these changes. It may mean that nurseries, including ours, need to review session structures, introduce small charges for extras, or limit funded hours to remain sustainable.

Most importantly, we want to thank you. Your trust, support, and partnership mean the world to us. By working together, we can continue to give your children the very best start in life.

Boomerang Kids Uniform

As we start to go into the colder weather, we would like to remind you that we have Boomerang Kids logo printed sweatshirts available to purchase as well as t shirts.



Sweatshirts - £10

T shirts - £5



If you are interested in purchasing some uniform, please contact the office.

As a registered charity we are always looking for ways to raise extra funds for the nursery. Therefore, we also have a selection of pre-loved uniform for sale at the low cost of £2 per t-shirt and £3 per jumper. Please pop into the office to take a look through what we have. All purchased items will be added to your invoice.



FINANCE MATTERS

ABSENCES/HOLIDAYS & TIME OFF

It is important that parents of **ALL ATTENDING CHILDREN** inform us if their child is going to be absent from nursery as we need to keep accurate attendance records for all our children.

CHILDREN USING FUNDED HOURS have their attendance audited by the Early Years Team at Brighton Council to ensure that funded education places are used to their full potential.
If the absences total more than 15 days a term, we are required to inform them, and this may then become a matter for further investigation by the council.

Thank you for your co-operation.

15/30 HOURS

DON'T FORGET TO RE-VALIDATE YOUR CODE!

Families should receive email or text reminders from the childcare service to **reconfirm their codes**. Please respond promptly to these reminders.

Boomerang Kids will also continue to issue alerts through our newsletters, so please log on to your childcare account to re-validate.

<https://www.gov.uk/childcareaccount>.

NON PAYMENT OF FEES OR FEES OWED

Your Parent contract states that fees must be paid on or before the 1st day of the month. It is your responsibility to ensure that fees have been sent successfully, if in doubt, please contact Penny: finance@boomerang-kids.co.uk

Reminders are not routinely sent.

Please do let us know if you are having any problems making payments as there are a number of ways we can help.

INVOICES

Please note:

Invoices that show brackets around the total figure indicate a **CREDIT** balance.

Therefore, if the invoice states:

Total due for April (£100.00)

This means £100.00 will be carried over towards payment on your May invoice and there is nothing for you to pay for April .

If in doubt, please contact **Penny**
finance@boomerang-kids.co.uk



As we average our invoices over 12 months, your December invoice will be the same as every other averaged month.
Your monthly fees have already been discounted to reflect the Christmas closure.

