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VACANCIES: Please see our latest vacancy on [My New Term](#). All applications are done directly through them.

Subscribe to our website [calendar](#) to see events and important dates on your phone. You can also follow our Twitter page [@IcknieldL](#)

CHILDREN:

Class Attendance winner

Congratulations to 4Banksy who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 98.7%! Every child in 4Banksy will receive 2 house points.

Class Teacher Awards

Nursery - David, **Zimmer** - Evie, **Rosen** - Paige, **Anning** - Quinn, **Attenborough** - Olivia A, **Banksy** - Isla-May.

Kindness award

Fillip in 4Banksy got a kindness award this week. Well done Fillip!

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Joseph in Year 2 who passed stage 3 in swimming.

Hotshots Basketball Club Y2-4

All children were sent home with a letter from Hotshots with details on how to book your child onto the class. If you need a copy of this letter, these are available from the school office.

Please note that the classes are a Monday lunch time for Years 2+3 and a Thursday at 5pm until 5.45pm for Years 3+4, and **not a Friday lunchtime**. Year 3 have the choice of Monday or Thursday, so please ensure you let Hotshots know which you would prefer for your child when booking them on.

Street Dance lessons

To book your child into this club please see details on the letter below, here is the [link](#). This is available for students in **Reception to year 4** on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Art Club - Y2-4

To book your child into this club please see details on the poster below, here is the [link](#). This is available for **years 2, 3 and 4** on a Tuesday from 3.15-4.15pm.

Lunch payments

For those students in Y3-4 who pay for lunch, ***please ensure your child's account is topped up.***

Special menu 5/10

See below for the special menu on Census day.

Bike it Breakfast

Thank you to the parents and students who scooted/biked to school and in the playground. We hope you all enjoyed having a healthy start to your day.

Flu vaccine

As per the Arbor message sent 25/9. Your child's Annual Flu Vaccination is now due, please complete this [consent form](#). **The deadline to complete your child's consent form is 5th October.** We cannot guarantee any forms

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submitted after this date and time will be accepted at the school session. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless. The nasal spray is the most effective vaccine for children. If you do not wish for your child to receive the spray due to it containing porcine gelatine and would prefer for them to have the injectable vaccine, please contact us on the number provided below. Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccines in schools have had the immunisation. If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on: 0300 790 0594

PARENTS:

Our hero

We have our very own hero here in the school. Mrs Swann in the office helped a child to get home safely when she was in danger. This reminds us to help those in need when we can, both in school and in our local community.

Short tail trail

DILS are proud to announce that they will be taking part in this exciting initiative run by Keech Hospice. Thank you to Louise who came along to our whole school assembly today to introduce this exciting fundraiser to the children. We will be in touch with more details of how you can support us with this shortly, in the meantime please click here to find out more information: <https://keech.org.uk/whats-on/the-short-tail-trail/>



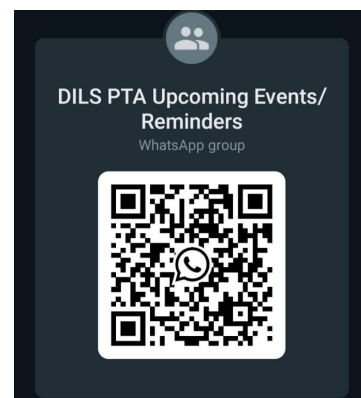
FOILS AGM

Thank you to the parents who came along to the annual FOILS AGM. We are delighted to inform you that Katy and Romona will be co chairing the PTA this year. It's not too late to get involved please contact dilspta@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

Please look out for a letter coming soon about our Halloween disco/party which will be taking place on the 1st November and will be run by Personalised parties.

FOILS WhatApp group

If you would like to join the WhatsApp group for our PTA group, FOILS. Please scan this QR code. On this group they will send reminders of upcoming PTA events and other activities happening.



Miss Lynch - Family Support Worker

Today we said goodbye to our Family Worker, Miss Lynch who is starting a new adventure at a new school. We wish her all the best with her new role and thank her for all that she has done for DILS.



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For any families who are currently being supported by Miss Lynch, we will be in touch to confirm your new point of contact.

Playtimes at DILS

As per the Arbor App message, sent 28/9. We are looking at our playtimes and thinking about how we can improve them by introducing the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme. Can you help? We really want to know what you think of playtimes now. Please fill in this [survey](#). Thank you in advance. Please see the Arbor App message sent 28/9 and the letter below.

Starting School 2024

Please see the email sent today, 22/9 to all nursery parents regarding applying for a place for your child in Reception, in September 2024. Note that **EVERY** child in our current Nursery needs to apply for a Reception place, a place is not guaranteed just because they have a place in our nursery. Applications for Reception to Year 4 are processed by CBC admissions team through this [link](#).

Priory open evening

All Y4 students were sent home with a brown envelope this week, with details of the Priory open evening. If you would like to book onto one of the time slots on 12th October, please follow the instructions on the letter.

EYFS Prospective Parents afternoon

See dates below for the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) open afternoons.

Kidzzzone Holiday Club

Kidzzzone, the breakfast and after school club, are running their usual holiday club this half term. See further details on the poster below.

Knowledge Organisers

Pupils throughout the school use knowledge organisers to help with memory retrieval and teaching of vocabulary. If you would like to support your child at home with this, please do take a look at the knowledge organisers on the school website: [Knowledge Organisers](#).

MAT consultation meetings

Consultation period is for 6 weeks until October half term. Thank you to those who came along on Monday. There will be more opportunities for the whole school community to consult on the following dates and times:
Week 5 – Weds 4th Oct @ 9.00am
Week 6 – Thurs 12th Oct @ 6.00pm
All members of our school community are welcome to attend any meeting above.

Parent Governor vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Board. It is a very important, interesting and varied role. If you think you might be interested in the role, it might be useful to visit the National Governance Association website. More information can be found in the letter attached to this email.

Parents evening

Parents evening for Nursery to Year 4 is on Wednesday 18th October 3.30-6.30pm and Thursday 19th October 4-7pm. Details on how to book on Arbor will follow shortly.

Living Streets

Central Bedfordshire Council are once again inviting the residents of Burr Street to attend Dunstable Icknield School on Monday 2nd October at 17:00 to discuss the progress and the next steps of the Living Streets initiative.



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Do pop along to the main office entrance to be let into school if you are a resident on Burr Street and would like to attend.

Environment Agency - Winning certificates will mean vouchers!

We are working together with the Environment Agency (EA) on a new project which will bring our School Gates to life! And there are prizes up for grabs!

You may have seen interactive signs at the school. This innovative chat technology will help you and others to interact with, learn and feedback on topics such as flood risk and climate change in the area.

Please take two minutes to interact with this fun experience. Simply text the phone number or scan the QR code via the signs you may have seen at the school gates, and you're in.

You will be asked questions, can share thoughts, and will be given information and further resources. The more our school interacts, the more prizes and recognition we will receive. Each term, the interactions will change and we can receive certificates based on our level of interactions. Winning certificates will mean vouchers for the school to enhance the outdoor school environment e.g. creating a wildlife refuge or rain garden.

Academic calendar 23/24

This is available to view [here](#) on our website.

LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE COME AND CHECK LOST PROPERTY FOR ANYTHING YOUR CHILD IS MISSING. THIS CAN BE FOUND IN THE MAIN RECEPTION AREA NEXT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. IF IT IS NOT CLAIMED IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS IT WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILDREN'S JUMPERS AT HOME TO ENSURE THAT THEY BELONG TO THEM AS SOME CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GOING HOME WITH THE WRONG JUMPER. IF YOU HAVE A JUMPER AT HOME WHICH BELONGS TO ANOTHER CHILD PLEASE BRING IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THIS IS ALSO A REMINDER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES CLEARLY SO THAT THEY CAN BE EASILY RETURNED TO THEM.

Key Dates for Term 2	Subscribe to the calendar on the website to sync dates to your phone. Subscribe here
w/c 2nd October	Week 2 Menu here on our website
Monday 2nd October	Burr Street residents Living Streets meeting at 5pm at DILS
Tuesday 3rd October	Whole school Individual and sibling photos
Wednesday 4th October	Y3&4 Girls Football competition (specific pupils) All parents invited to MAT Consultation Evening (see above) 9am
Thursday 5th October	Special Superhero menu (YR-4 see below)
Tuesday 10th October	Reception - Year 4 Flu vaccine (see above)
Thursday 12th October	EYFS Prospective parent afternoon 3.45-4.45pm (come to the main office) All parents invited to MAT Consultation Evening (see above) 6pm
Wed 18th 3.30-6.30pm & 19th October 4-7pm	Nursery - Y4 Parents evening (see above)
Thursday 19th October	Year 3 Evacuee dress up day (see email sent 26/9)
Friday 20th October	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS - STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM



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Wednesday 1st November	FOILS Halloween Disco/party 4.30-5.30 (FS and KS1) 6-7 (KS2) More details to follow.
Thursday 9th to Friday 10th November	Diwali storytelling workshop- see details above
Friday 17th November	Whole School Children in Need (further details to follow)
Thursday 30th November	EYFS Prospective parent afternoon 3.45-4.45pm (come to the main office)

In App. messages/emails sent home this week
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S ARBOR RECORD

Information attached below -

- a. Art Club flyer
- b. Christina Marks School of Dancing
- c. Hotshots Basketball Club
- d. Special Menu
- e. Family Zone poster
- f. Opal letter
- g. Kidzzone Half Term Holiday Club



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DUNSTABLE ICKNIELD LOWER SCHOOL ART CLUB!

A friendly club where children make, build and create wonderful artwork to take home and treasure.

Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm

12th September – 17th October 2023 (6 sessions)

Open to children in **Years 2 – 4**

£40.80 – including all materials

Bookings open **Friday 14th July at 5pm**. Please visit:

www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft

**A new project
every half term,
exploring lots of
techniques and
processes**

**Improves fine
motor skills,
creativity,
confidence and
practical problem
solving**

**Lots of support
and
encouragement
from our friendly
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Dear Parents/Guardian,

I, Christina Marks will be offering the students of Icknield Street dance classes every Tuesday [lunch time.](#)

Class times will run from 12.15pm-12.45pm for Reception and Year 1, and 12:45pm-1:15pm for Years 2, 3 and 4.

To register and secure please use the link [here.](#)

Yours Sincerely,

Christina Marks.

Email- Christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com

Tel- 07525850232



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Dear Parents & Child

GREAT NEWS! The Hotshots school basketball club will be re starting on **THURSDAY 14th & FRIDAY 15th OF SEPTEMBER**, the club times will be (Every THURSDAY 5.00 – 5.45pm **YEARS 3&4**) & (Every FRIDAY Lunchtime **YEARS 2&3**) and will run **EVERY** week throughout the whole year. If you are in year 3 and you have a preferred day please indicate it on the form.

There are 28 places at the club for the children. The places will be on a **first come first served** basis. Should your child wish to attend the basketball club we ask that the parents fill in the form and email a **CLEAR PHOTO** of the form to:

daniel_smith1989@hotmail.com or send a picture message to **07891 021151**

No later than 5pm THIS "TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER". All children that get into the club will be notified by WEDNESDAY by 5pm.


*Please note if your child attended the basketball club last year will have a place reserved, **however** they must still have their slip filled in and returned by **Tuesday** at 5pm or their place **maybe lost**.*

The cost of the club is £4per session, and the subs are **£52 for the term** (13 sessions @ £4). Payments will be made directly to the coach or via BACS(details to follows). **Please ensure that this is given into the COACH at the first session or bacs by Friday 15th of SEPTEMBER.** (Please note if your child is on **PUPIL PREMIUM** there place maybe **FREE**, please see the school office to see if their place can be funded).

All children who gain a place at the basketball club must get changed into their PE kit and meet in the school hall every week on their allocated day. Whilst at the club, the children will be taught a variety of skills and rules, as well as playing in matches & tournaments against other hotshots clubs. There will also be prizes such as basketballs, t-shirt, certificates and monthly awards for the children to win.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Spatcher
Hotshots Basketball Club

Mark & Dan 

PLEASE NOTE THIS FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A PLACE

I confirm that I would like my child to attend the Hotshots school basketball club. I give the Hotshots Basketball Coach, who is first aid trained my consent for them to administer basic first aid should it be needed. **PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE FORM CLEARLY**

Please print in capitals.

Parents Signature.....Home Tel.....

Child's Name.....Age.....

Address in full.....

.....Postcode.....

Mobile No's.....Of..... Sch **ICKNIELD 23-24**

We must have at least 1 mobile number as we may confirm your child's place via text message

Medical notes (i.e. Asthma)..... Year.....Class (example 5SM).....

Email (Hotshots use only).....

Please tick if your child attended last year ☐ **YEAR 3 children preferred day (thurs) or (fri)**

Please tick one of the following: (Please note this section is only applicable to the after school clubs)

My child will be collected after basketball ☐ I give my child permission to walk home after basketball. ☐

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SUPERHERO

SPECIAL MENU

Thursday 5th October 2023

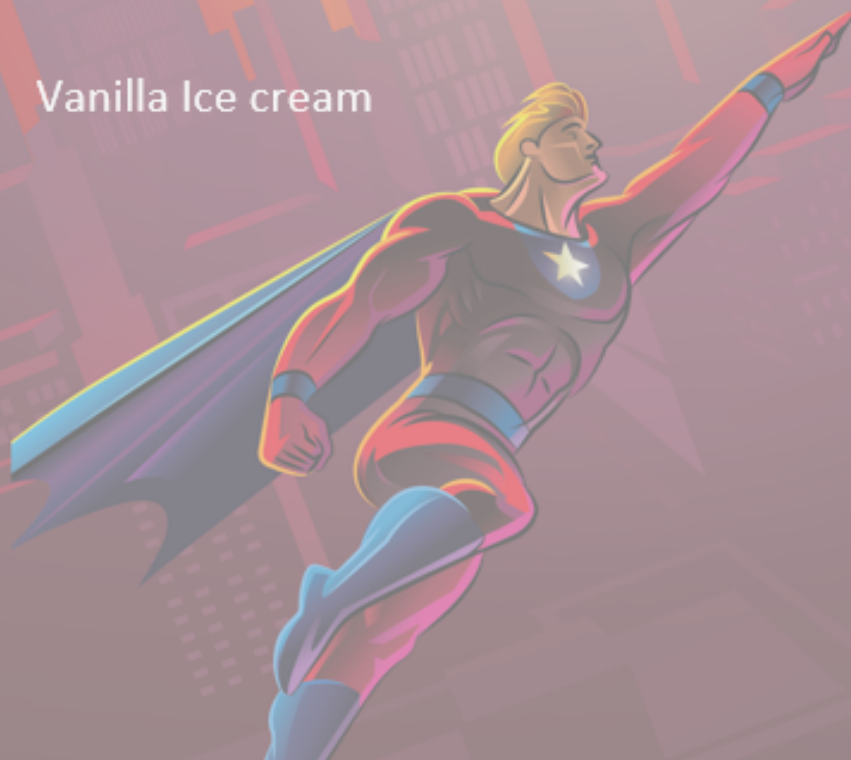
Breaded Chicken Nuggets

Or

Vegetable Nuggets

Served with Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn & Coleslaw

Vanilla Ice cream





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THE PLACE YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR...
For Families with Children in Education Other Than at School

Family Zone

A Social Support Group for the Whole Family

AT

KIDS IN ACTION
Unit 26, Apex Business Centre
Boscombe Road,
Dunstable LU5 4SB

Dedicated rooms for kids with SEN and disabilities with CCTV so you can watch and relax!

Refreshments provided. Cafe available for lunch

Tuesday
Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12
10am - 12 - Support Group for Parents/Carers
10am - 2pm - Supervised Family Fun

XBox
Air Hockey
Sensory Cottage
Table Football
Lego + more

Ball Pond
Musical Instruments
Tablets + more



Book Here

**We expect these events to be extremely popular.
Book early to avoid disappointment!**

For Families in Beds Borough and Central Beds

Carers in bedfordshire



**Rafferty says:
"I'll be there.
Come say Hi!"**





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Introduction to OPAL letter

Dear parents,

DILS is about to start a programme to improve opportunities for physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play.

In what ways, if any, do you think you benefited from playtime? Thinking about your own childhood, what did you like playing at school or at home? Children today don't have the same freedoms we once did, so we want to give children back time to really enjoy and learn from play. After all, it's a child's basic human right.

The Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme is the result of over 20 years of testing and development in over 800 schools and has been used in Spain, Canada, France and New Zealand. The programme has also been adapted and used in schools in Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Austria under the Play Friendly Schools project. In 2018, OPAL won first prize in an EU-funded award for the best active school's programme in Europe and two UK national playwork awards. In 2019, OPAL was awarded a quarter of a million pounds by Sport England to bring the programme to many more schools.

OPAL is based on the idea that, as well as learning through good teaching, your children also learn when they play. As 20% of their time in school is playtime, we want to make sure that this amount of time (equivalent to 1.4 years of primary school) is as good as possible.

One reason the school is carrying out this programme is that childhood has changed, and many children no longer get their play needs met out of school.

- Average screen time per day is six hours.
- Average outdoor play time per week is five hours.
- Percentage of UK children who only play outdoors with other children at school is 56%.

There are many proven benefits for schools that carry out the OPAL Primary Programme. They usually include: more enjoyment of school, less teaching time lost to disputes between children, fewer accidents and greatly improved behaviour.

Play is not messing about. It is the process evolution has come up with to enable children to learn all of the things that cannot be taught, while also having so much fun. There are certain things children **must** have in order to be able to play. These include:

- Having clothes that they can play in.
- Having things to play with.





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- Having a certain amount of freedom.

As the school improves play opportunities for your children, you may find the school is asking you for resources and is making changes about how the children use the school grounds. They may use more of the grounds, for more of the year. Your children may get a bit messier, be exposed to more challenges and have greater freedoms to play where, with whom and how they like. The experiences the school is fostering are essential for children's physical and mental wellbeing and are in line with all current good practice advice on health and safety, wellbeing and development.

The school will be supported by OPAL for 18 months and there will be an opportunity to come and talk to the OPAL mentor at your child's school. If you would like to learn more about the OPAL Primary Programme, please have a look at the OPAL website (www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk), where you will find lots of useful information and several videos about the programme.

In the coming 18 months you will be invited to events where you can come and see for yourselves what is happening and have the opportunity to join in too.

We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all children.

Best wishes

Mrs Makinson
Assistant Headteacher and School OPAL coordinator





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PROVIDING FUN FILLED HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 - 12



BOOK NOW
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October Half Term Multi-Activity Holiday Club

Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct 2023
Dunstable Icknield Lower School

Over 20 activities!

Enrichment Activities
Laser tag - Scooters - Nerf Wars - Disco
A different one each day

Restricted Spaces!

Our Ofsted registered Multi-Activity holiday clubs held at **Dunstable Icknield Lower School** is open from **Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct 2023**.
The venue has fantastic facilities including; indoor areas, indoor hall, playground, small astro area and outdoor exploring areas.
Each full day consists of 4 guided activity hours where children take part in 'Sports Starz' & 'Creative Starz' activities. Accompanied with free play and weekly themed activities, there is something for everyone!

10% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT available 'KZ10' exp 13.10.2023

WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER?



Mon 23 Oct
'Superstitions Theme'



Tue 24 Oct
'Monsters & Goblins Theme'



Thurs 26 Oct
'Pumpkins & Puzzles Theme'



Wed 25 Oct
'Team Challenge Theme'



**Fri 27 Oct
Halloween Party**

Activities to try...
Den building, Scooters, Themed Arts & Crafts, Puzzles, Quiz's, Circus Skills, Talent Show, Nature Explorers & more!

Sports we play...
Running Games, Dodgeball, Nerf, Indoor Curling, Archery, Ball Games, Football, Cricket, Outdoor & Adventure & more!

Free Play...
Football, Ball Games, Hoops & Skipping, Swing Ball, Air Hockey, Table Football, Ping Pong & more!

Childcare vouchers/tax free childcare accepted!

Email : hello@kidzzoneclub.com
Phone : 01525 591036
Website: www.kidzzoneclub.com



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PRICING & PAYMENT

Passes	Times	Price per day	Price per week
Normal hours	9:00am - 4:00pm	£22.50	£105
Normal hours "early bird"	8:00am - 4:00pm	£25.50	£120

Book now: www.kidzzoneclub.com (10% off listed prices: 'KZ10')

4 year old pass: Children age 4 can attend for 4 hours please contact hello@kidzzoneclub.com to arrange this - the 4 hours can be am or pm and the cost is £16.



Holiday Club Dates and Venues

VENUES

Dunstable Icknield Lower School,
Burr Street, Dunstable, LU6 3AG

DATES

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct 2023

Daily Activities..

Children will take part in 4 different activities each day linked to the daily theme; from the list below:

Sports Starz!

- Running Games
- Ball Games
- Nerf Wars / Curling
- Go-Fencing
- Arrows Archery
- Cricket / Rounders
- Tri Golf
- Tennis

Creative Starz!

- Themed puzzles / quiz
- Themed Arts & Crafts
- Nature Explorers
- Circus Skills
- Talent Show

Free Play!

A choice of:

- Balls
- Swing ball
- Hoops & Skipping



Holiday Club Activity Timetable

8:00am - 8:30am	Free play	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunchtime & free play
8:30am - 9:00am	Indoor games		
9:00am - 9:30am	Free play	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Creative Starz
9:30am - 10:30am	Sports Starz	2:00pm - 2:30pm	Free play
10:30am - 11:00am	Snack time & Free play	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Sports Starz
11:00am - 12:00pm	Sports Starz - Outdoor & Adventure activity	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Reward time 'presentation'

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please book online before your child's first day.
- Packed lunch, snacks and drinks are required. **Please note: all Kidz Zone Clubs are nut-free zones**.
- Please label all clothing and items being brought to the club.
- Please wear suitable clothing and trainers for indoor and outdoor activities: sun hats & sun cream during warmer days, or warm clothing & a waterproof when the weather is cooler or more seasonal.
- We suggest packing spare clothes.
- Sessions that are not attended are still charged unless 10 days notice is given.

