



TOY LIBRARY
Ealing Anchor Foundation

Newsletter

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Spring - Summer 2026 Update



A very warm welcome to our new families, and a big welcome back to those who are already part of our community. We're so pleased to have you with us and proud to support SEND families through play, connection and learning in our Toy Library.

Loan a Toy & Win!

Borrow a toy from our Toy Library by 15th May and you'll be automatically entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a £20 Smyths Toys voucher!



It's easy to take part:

1. Choose and borrow a toy from our Toy Library
2. Make sure your loan is before 15th May
3. You'll be entered into the draw – no extra forms needed!

It's our way of saying thank you for making the most of our Toy Library and supporting your child's play and development. Happy playing – and good luck!

NEW: Toy of the Week

We're excited to introduce our **Toy of the Week**, where we spotlight a different toy each week to spark play, creativity, and new ideas for your children. You can find the weekly feature on the Toy Library poster displayed in the children's centres, or simply ask Maggie (our Toy Librarian) or any member of staff—we're always here to help.

Borrow • Play • Return • Repeat So Many Toys to Explore!

Parents often share how hard it is to predict which toys will genuinely match their child's interests and needs. When a toy ends up unused, it can feel like money (and time) wasted.

Our Toy Library gives families the chance to:

- *Test toys at home, where your child feels most comfortable
- *Find out what captures your child's attention most
- *Rotate toys regularly without the build-up, clutter, or unnecessary waste.

Tailored Support and Friendly Advice

We support SEND families, so we know how important it is to find toys that suit your child's preferences and needs. We can:

1. Suggest toys that are a good fit for your child
2. Use play to help build skills in key development areas
3. Help you choose toys that support confidence, self-regulation, and fun.

Play-based learning is a meaningful way for children to make sense of the world and practise new skills.



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Help Shape the Toy Library – Tell Us What You’d Like to See



We'd love the Toy Library to grow in a way that's guided by what families actually need. Are there particular toys, sensory items, or pieces of equipment you'd like us to add? Is there something your child really enjoys or something you feel would support them? Send us your suggestions anytime. We welcome your feedback and we're committed to building the Toy Library together with you.

Opening Times & Practical Information

Tuesdays & Fridays:

10:30am – 12:15pm

Tuesdays only: 1:00pm – 2:15pm

Borrowing is simple:

Borrow **up to 2 toys at a time for 14 days**

You can **extend the loan at no extra cost**

To be fair to all families, continuous reservations are limited to **3 consecutive periods (6 weeks)**

For **higher-value toys**, a **refundable deposit** may be required



Collection, Payment & Returns

Collection & payment Membership fees and any additional payments—such as a **refundable deposit for high-value toys**—must be paid **upon collection** from **Windmill Children's Centre, 135 Windmill Lane, Greenford, UB6 9DZ**. Payments can be made by **debit/credit card, SumUp card reader, or PayPal**

Delivery Larger toys can be **delivered to your home address upon request**.

Returns Please return toys **on time**, as late returns may affect other families waiting to borrow the same toy and reduce the time available for us to **clean and prepare items** for the next loan.

Battery-operated toys All battery-operated toys are **checked and fully charged before collection** so they're ready to enjoy.

Clean, and Caring Service

We take pride in maintaining high standards. If a toy ever appears damaged, dirty, or not as expected, please let a member of staff know straight away.

New Membership Update

Annual subscription is just **£10 per year**, giving you access to toys including batteries, for 14 days per toy, throughout the whole year with the flexibility to **extend your loan or swap items sooner**. Everything is straight forward, with more opportunities for play and discovery. It's a simple, affordable way to explore a wide range of toys without the pressure of buying.



Support from Our Toy Librarian

Maggie, our Senior Play Leader & Toy Librarian, is available during sessions to support families with toy choices, bookings, and any questions you may have.

Email: toylibrary@ealinganchor.org.uk You can also browse and reserve toys online at: <https://carriestoylibrary.lend-engine.com/>