

Little Owls Nursery

Welcome to Nursery!

Little Owls Nursery is a 52 place nursery, that offers 15 hour places to children aged 3-4 years. We offer morning or afternoon sessions which are allocated first come first serve basis. Children start with us the half term after their third birthday. If you are unable to get the session you want, you are welcome to swap when a place becomes available.



Nursery morning sessions are from 8.30am until 11.30am. Given that the rest of the school begins at 8.50am, we operate a 'soft start' system so parents can drop their nursery children off at nursery any time between 8.30-8.50am.

Afternoon sessions are 12.30 until 3.15/30pm. Given that the rest of the school finishes at 3.15pm, parents are able to collect Nursery children any time from 3.15-3.30pm.

We offer lots of transition opportunities and visits to our nursery, including home visits, parent and child play sessions and a toddler group. Our toddler group runs every Tuesday morning 9am—11am in the Key Stage One hall.

The children learn through a mixture of child initiated learning and adult led planning. During child initiated learning, the children choose what activities they would like to explore, this can be inside and outside. We work towards the Early Years curriculum and each child will receive a Learning Journey, where we record observations, photographs and assessments. We have an excellent indoor learning environment as well as a wealth of outdoor areas, resources and space to access. The Early Years curriculum includes the following areas: Personal, Social and Emotional development, Communication and Language, Physical development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design.

The Nursery and School work closely to ensure that learning and transition into full time school are as successful as possible. The term before each child starts school, a wide range of transition activities and sessions are provided in order to ensure that children are ready and best informed to start school. We will offer a home visit and visits to our toddler group. There will also be a play session for you and your child to attend before they start Nursery.



Other Key Information

Adult Led Group Time

Children are allocated a key group when they join Nursery. This is so that they can get to know key members of staff. The staff rotate around the three key groups each term. During group time, adult led tasks are undertaken and new learning is introduced.

Parent Partnership

Each term we organise various parent sessions this can include trips offsite as well as Early Maths, Early Reading and Forest school parent sessions. We also invite parents to events throughout the year and to our annual Christmas production.

Book Folders

Children will receive a free Ashwood Park book folder when they begin Nursery. They will need to bring this once a week to choose a book to share at home and will then use this every day if they attend our school.



Forest School

Nursery will visit Forest School during their time in nursery. They will need to wear old clothes and bring along wellies to change into, as well as a warm coat. Learning and playing in the forest school area encourages the children to explore the outdoor environment and develop lots of skills. All Nursery staff and children attend and thoroughly enjoy building dens, making mud pies and enjoying the woodland environment.

Hall Visits

Each week we visit the school hall, we undertake activities to help us be physically 'ready to write', as well as to assist with our gross motor skills, strength and growth. We use various programmes in school including Write Dance, Squiggle while you Wiggle and Yoga.

Visits from Class Teddy

Each week, the class teddy will come home with one child, this is a real treat and enables the children to share their home and weekend adventures with their friends in Nursery. A diary will also come home so that the children can draw and collect pictures as well as the adults being able to write recounts or share exciting moments.

Newsletters

Each week a newsletter will be sent home outlining key dates, events and information. Included in this newsletter will also be a 'Challenge' which is rotated for each year group, so be sure to look out for Nursery's Newsletter Challenge!

Snack Time and Lunch Club

Each day Nursery children get a piece of fruit and carton of milk at snack time. We also have our own lunch club, for an additional charge, children can stay for an extra hour each day and either bring their own lunch box from home or have a hot school lunch from our dining hall. We recommended that the half term before starting school, all our school children try our lunch club, this is in transition for when they join Reception.

Nursery Registration

If you would like to register for a place at our Nursery, then you will need to collect a Registration Form from the school office. This will enable us to register your child's details and ensure that we can contact you, at least the half term before your child's third birthday.

We have 52 places which are allocated based on child's date of birth. We recommend registering for your place as soon as possible.

The term before your child is due to start, you will be contacted by school to arrange their start date and transition activities. Please ensure we have updated contact details for you. If we are unable to offer you a nursery place but a place later becomes available we will contact you.