



# Welcome To Nursery





## **All about us - A day in Nursery**

We are a 52 place Nursery that welcomes children the September after their third birthday. We have an experienced, dedicated teacher-led staff, who plan for a play-based curriculum which focusses upon child interest, stage of development and emerging next steps.

We open our doors at 8:45am and close them at 9:00am. We run two Nursery classes, both staffed by a qualified teacher, and operate sub key groups across four classroom spaces. The morning routine comprises of registration, calendar and weather time. Our daily routines are used to teach about Number in real-life contexts, being able to subitise confidently, develop a deep understanding of number, simple time including now and next, days of the week and months of the year. In mathematics, we also learn about size, shape and measures, as well as patterns in number and patterns in shape. During the morning, the children will have focussed sessions for mathematics, communication and language, speaking and listening time, which also introduces our children to our FFT First Steps to Phonics programme.

Following on from our morning routines, the children are then free to explore the indoor and outdoor space of Nursery and engage in activities planned to inspire and extend the children's play and learning. During the morning session, the children enjoy a healthy snack time, alongside their peers, with a focus on promoting social skills and table manners. Exciting activities such as Yoga, Dough Disco and 'my Happy mind' also add to the Nursery curriculum which aims at fostering skills across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. At 11:45am, it is time to say goodbye to our first group of friends. Children who stay for the lunchtime session will eat their meal in the Nursery setting, with their home time being 12:45pm. For the children who stay with us for the afternoon session, we continue with our exploration and learning through play, have a final healthy snack, then enjoy a rhyme and story time before getting ready for home at 3:15pm.

## **Extended Provision**

We offer additional wrap-around care for children, from 7:45am until 8:45am before the start of school, and again at the end of the school day from 3:15pm until 5:30pm. For more information, including pricing and policies, please speak to a member of staff.

## **Lunch**

We offer children who stay for lunch, the option of a cooked meal from our school kitchen. This will be at a cost of £2 a day and is payable via Parent Pay. The menu consists of two options a day, the daily main or a jacket potato and filling. You can find more details in the Nursery Menu, within this pack.



## **Evidence Me**

We use 'Evidence Me', an online platform, to record learning moments. We share 'wow' moments with parents through this platform. We ask that parents share home learning with us, using the same online platform which enables your child to share things they have done at home with their friends during circle time. This is one of the ways that we can work together to build a strong teacher-parent relationship, underpinning our belief that parents are their child's first teacher.

## Information for Parents

### Autumn Term 2025

**Term starts:** Tuesday 2nd September

**Holiday:** Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

**Term ends:** Friday 19th December

**Holiday:** Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

### Spring Term 2026

**Term starts:** Monday 5th January

**Holiday:** Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

**Term ends:** Friday 27th March

**Holiday:** Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

### Summer Term 2026

**Term starts:** Monday 13th April

**Holiday:** Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

**Term ends:** Monday 20th July

**Holiday:** Tuesday 21st July – Monday 31st August

\*INSET Days will be communicated to parents via the Headteacher's weekly Newsletter.



## Uniform

We ask that our children wear a school uniform when they join us. This consists of:

- grey trousers / skirt / pinafore
- blue gingham dresses or grey shorts in the summer months
- white polo shirt or white blouse / shirt (school logo optional but preferred)
- royal blue cardigan / jumper (school logo optional but preferred)
- blue school book bag (£4)
- PE bag (£4) to contain a spare set of clothes, to be kept in school.
- white / black / grey socks (we would like your support in discouraging character themed socks)
- flat black sensible school shoes



## Holidays

Parents have a legal duty to make sure their children attend school regularly. Although Nursery education is non-compulsory, when joining Five Ways parents accept the terms of our Attendance Policy. All absences not linked to illness or planned medical visits require a 'Time off during Term Time' form, to be completed and returned to the main office. Attendance at our school is monitored closely and holidays taken within term time may be subject to a penalty notice, issued by the Local Authority. Therefore, we ask that you choose to take holidays outside of term time.

In addition to this policy, parents accepting a place at our Nursery, agree to their child attending each morning session in order to receive their 15 hours entitlement of Nursery provision.

## 30 Hours Entitlement

Parents may be entitled to 30 hours of free child care. More information can be found by following the link: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

You can also discuss your eligibility with a member of staff.





## Early Years Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is extra funding paid to school which is used to provide additional support for children. Any child may be eligible for this extra help if their parents are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- Child Tax Credit (provided that you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In addition, a child will also be eligible if they:

- Have been looked after by the Local Authority for at least one day.
- Have been adopted from care.
- Have left care through guardianship.
- Are subject to a child arrangement order.

Pupil Premium funds are spent to improve outcomes for children.

For further information regarding your child's entitlement to Service Pupil Premium (SPP) please contact the main office.

## Parental Responsibility

In family law, parental responsibility refers to the rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority that a parent has in relation to the child. Everyone who is a parent, as recognised under education law, can participate in their child's education and has the right to:

- Receive information – such as pupil reports.
- Participate in statutory activities – such as voting in elections for parent governors.
- Be asked to give consent – such as agreeing for their child to take part in school trips.
- Be informed about meetings involving their child – such as reports from outside agencies.



## Parent Pay

Parent Pay enables you to pay for dinner money, trips, Extended Provision, wrap-around care and other items such as snack. We will send you an activation letter containing details to enable you to set up your Parent Pay account, once your child has started school.

## Our PTFA

We have a wonderful and dedicated PTFA that work hard to raise funds for resources and activities to enrich your child's experience in school. For more information, please visit their Facebook page: Parents, Teachers and Friends of Five Ways Primary School.

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