



Welcome To Nursery



All about us - A day in Nursery

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to our Nursery. Starting Nursery is an important milestone, and we are committed to making this a happy, secure and exciting experience. We value strong partnerships with parents and carers and look forward to working with you to support your child's development. We are a 52-place Nursery, welcoming children from the September following their third birthday. Our experienced team is led by a qualified teacher who oversees the whole setting, delivering a play-based curriculum shaped by children's interests, development and next steps.

Our day begins with doors opening at 8:45am and closing at 9:00am. The Nursery operates as an open-plan environment. During key times, such as the morning routine and phonics, children are organised into four groups, each supported by a familiar adult, with the teacher overseeing all groups. The morning begins with self-registration, followed by calendar and story time, helping children develop an understanding of time, including "now" and "next," days of the week and months of the year. Following this, children take part in focused sessions for mathematics and communication and language, including our FFT First Steps to Phonics programme. Children develop their understanding of number through practical, real-life experiences, alongside exploring shape, measure and pattern.

Children then move into continuous provision, exploring both indoor and outdoor environments. A healthy snack is shared, promoting social skills and independence. Enriching experiences such as Yoga, Dough Disco, making playdough, and preparing simple foods like overnight oats and porridge further support learning across the Early Years Foundation Stage. At 11:45am, our morning session ends. Children staying for lunch remain in Nursery until 12:45pm. Those attending all day continue with play-based learning, a final snack, and a rhyme and story session before home time 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, and caters for vegetarians. You can find more details in the Nursery Menu, within this pack.



Working Together

We believe that children thrive when home and Nursery work in partnership. We encourage open communication and are always happy to talk about your child's progress and development.

We use 'Evidence Me', an online platform, to share 'wow' moments from Nursery and to record learning. We also encourage parents to share experiences from home, which children can talk about during circle time.

This shared approach helps us to build strong relationships and supports our belief that parents are a child's first teacher.

Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2026

Term starts: Thursday 3rd September

Holiday: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Term ends: Friday 18th December

Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027

Term starts: Monday 4th January

Holiday: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Term ends: Thursday 25th March

Holiday: Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Term starts: Monday 12th April

May Day: Monday 3rd May

Holiday: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Term ends: Wednesday 21st July

Holiday: Thursday 22nd July – Wednesday 1st September.

*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

All families of 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 funded hours per a week. Working parents may be entitled to 30 hours of free child care. More information can be found by following the link: 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. 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 one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

Any child formerly looked after by a local authority in England or Wales through adoption, a special guardianship order or a child arrangements order, they are also eligible.

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

If you're learning and need help with childcare, there are special schemes for:

- Parents under 20
- Parents over 19 studying for NVQs, BTECs or PGCEs
- University students

Pupil Premium funds are spent to improve outcomes for children.

To check if you are eligible for support, you can visit: <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours-support/working-families/>

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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