

Welcome to Otley All Saints CE Primary School Nursery.

We are very excited to welcome your child into Nursery and we look forward to getting to know and your children better over the next year.

Finding out More

You are welcome in the nursery by arrangement or a quick chat at the beginning and end of sessions. The nursery staff are happy to explain the learning value of all our provision and activities, or answer any question or queries you may have.

Half term and fortnightly planning, including suggestions for things you can do to support your child's learning at home will be shared on Tapestry. Photos of your child, observations, and information regarding what is happening in nursery will all be shared through Tapestry.

Settling In

Each child is unique and different and you are the best judge of your child's needs. Some children may need no support to settle into nursery, others benefit from their parent's presence in nursery. Some children make a 'fuss' just for their parents and settle quickly as soon as they have gone. Please talk over with us what you feel is the best approach for your child. You will be welcome to settle your child to an activity in the outdoor area and stay as long as you feel is necessary. We advise that you talk to your child about this before their first day so that they understand what is going to happen.

Developing Independence

Developing children's independence is an important part of our work in nursery. We have high expectations of what young children can do, and with support, they usually live up to these. We encourage them to look after the apparatus and equipment and to put things away when they have finished with them. We encourage them to speak and ask questions clearly and in sentences, often by modeling what they need to say. They are encouraged to listen and respond to instruction and direction. When they move between the indoor and outdoor areas they are encouraged to find their coats, put them on and fasten them or ask for help in doing so. You can help them to become more independent by having similar expectations at home. Of course, it is often quicker to do things for your child, but not in nursery when there are up to 26 of them! You can also help by putting them in clothes they can manage; shoes and boots which fasten with Velcro are always going to be easier to manage than

trainers with laces. Jeans and belts are difficult and cumbersome when they need the toilet but joggers or leggings are easy. As part of becoming independent learners, children need to be learning to manage their personal needs before they start nursery so it doesn't cause stress and unhappiness for them.

We understand completely that children have 'accidents' are very happy to change them as often as needed but we are not equipped to change nappies. If your child has no additional needs that is preventing toilet training, they need to be in pants and we can work with you and support you in the toilet training process. .

Children's Learning Journeys

The work your child does and the progress s/he makes in nursery is observed and recorded on our online learning journey "Tapestry". You will be invited to access Tapestry and then you can read the observations, see photographs, and access planning on the click of your mobile phone!!!

Parents Helping

We welcome parents helping in the nursery. We are grateful for your support in such intensive activities as reading stories, playing number games, baking and, of course, talking! Parent who help on a regular basis are required to complete a DBS form which will be provided by the school. We also need parent support to take children out on trips, visits and walks in the local environment.

Milk, Snack and Lunch

All children receive free milk and a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable each session. Our milk is provided by 'Cool Milk' and you need to register with them so that we receive their milk. Please go on line to register to the milk scheme. If your child doesn't drink milk, we can give them water. In line with our healthy eating ethos and the rest of school, we discourage children from bringing juice to nursery. Children staying all day need to bring a packed lunch. We ask that it contains food that your child likes! And in line with school policy doesn't contain sweets or fizzy drinks.

Nursery Fund

Nursery Fund is a weekly voluntary contribution we ask parents to make. Most people put in about 50p per week. It is important as it enables us to buy such disposable items as baking ingredients, play dough ingredients, corn flour, etc. You will find the Nursery Fund tub near the question table.

Every day vs. Flexible sessions

All 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery education each week. This can be taken as 5 mornings (8.50-11.50am), 5 afternoons (12.15-3.15pm) or one full day and 3 halves or 2 full days and one half. **Please note, if your child is staying for a full day, you will be charged a small amount (to be confirmed) per full day to cover the cost of lunchtime supervision.**

We are usually able to give you your preferred sessions for 3 terms but parents who are lucky enough to have 4 or 5 terms of nursery education for their children will often have to take what is available for the first term or two.

When deciding on the sessions you would like for your child, we ask that you think very carefully about their needs. Full days are very long for 3 year olds and some find it is too long to be away from you. Others take to it easily and have no difficulties. It is still recognised that for children of at least one non-working parent, and wherever possible, 5 mornings or 5 afternoons in nursery with the rest of the time spent with a familiar, caring adult is what is best for most three and four year olds.

And finally....

- Our tight security relies on parents keeping doors and gates closed at they arrive and leave
- Please keep us informed about who will be collecting your child.
- If your child is ill and not coming to nursery, please phone and leave a message to let us know. **Phone calls are better than emails for letting us know your child is poorly or not attending nursery as emails are not always checked first thing in a morning.**

Telephone

The school phone number is; 01943 464703.

It will be answered at the reception desk where messages can be left.

Email Address office@otleyallsaints.co.uk

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Information for parents about our practice and provision



Our Headteacher is:

Mrs Di Palma-Heath

Our Nursery Staff are:

Teacher: Miss Julia Wilson Monday-Tuesday
Teacher: Louise Norris-Green Wednesday-Friday
Nursery Nurse: Mrs Hayley Craddock
Lunchtime Supervisor: Mrs Liz Game