



Fees and Funding

Payment of Fees

We like to keep things as simple as possible and look to provide predictability and stability for families by avoiding confusing multi-tier fee structures and hidden costs.

Our private fees include everything: meals (all cooked on our premises by our dedicated chef), nappies, wipes, gloves, aprons, tissues, Calpol, formulas etc, and all activities carried out with your children, including excursions.

Charges are always for the month in advance, and payable on the 1st of each month via direct debit or Tax-Free Childcare accounts.

Monthly fees are calculated using the following calculation:

(Weekly Booking x 51 weeks) / 12 months = annualised monthly invoice amount.

Full time fees (5 full days per week) are calculated over 50 weeks, giving you one-week free childcare per year but keeping your invoice the same amount each month.

If your child starts/leaves mid-month, fees are calculated accordingly.

Stretched Funding

11.18 hours of funding a week, for 51 weeks of the year = up to 570 hours a year

22.35 hours of funding a week, for 51 weeks of the year = up to 1140 hours a year

We offer wraparound funded sessions all year round, stretching the annual 570 hours to up to 11.18 hours per week and stretching the annual 1140 hours to up to 22.35 hours per week.

Additional hours of care and education outside of the funded hours are charged at our private session rates.

Funding only covers the essential aspects of childcare, as per government guidance.

Funding received excludes any additional hours and consumables.

When is my child entitled to funding from?

Your child's birthday is between:	Funding entitlement from
1 January to 31 March 2025	Term starting on or after 1 April 2025
1 April to 31 August 2025	Term starting on or after 1 September 2025
1 September to 31 December 2025	Term starting on or after 1 January 2026

Please note - funding can be claimed up until the last day of Summer Term before your child leaves to go onto school.

When your child leaves the nursery, we may calculate what we have claimed to that point and make any necessary adjustments so your final invoice may vary.



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Consumables Fee

Funded hours only cover the essential aspects of childcare, as per government guidance, and does not cover freshly cooked meals on site, snacks, nappies, wipes, tissues, outings, events and celebrations, extracurricular activities, Calpol, sun cream etc.

When accessing funded hours, from September 2025, there will be a charge called a 'consumables fee' on your invoice. You will only be charged a consumable fee on the days that your funding hours are allocated.

The consumable fee is charged at an hourly rate of £1.40, and it is only charged for the amount of funded hours we are able to apply to your booking pattern.

(Consumable hourly fee x funded hours x 51 weeks) ÷ 12 months = annualised monthly consumable fee.

Please see breakdown of this consumable fee below:

- Meals £0.95 per hour
- Non-food consumables 24p per hour
- Extra optional activities 21p per hour

This fee must be voluntary; therefore, we provide a clear and concise list of what this fee covers to ensure full transparency.

This fee ensures that we are able to continue operating and maintain the highest quality of care and education for your children.

One term's notice is required to opt out of contributing to the consumable fee once you have opted in.

If you are unable to make payment for the voluntary fee, we offer a basic service where no consumables are provided by the nursery:

- All meals – parent bringing their own meals must adhere to our Packed Food policy (Breakfast, snacks, 2 course lunch, 2 course tea). Any uneaten / leftover food must be taken home daily.
- Nappies, wipes, suncream, nappy sacks, tissues, formula, Calpol, must be brought in and taken home daily.

All consumables must be provided by parents. Failure to bring these items daily will result in the consumable fee being charged for the funded hours that day.

Children who do not participate in the voluntary extras (in opting out of the consumable fee) such as

- Outings / trips
- Extra-curricular activities
- Enhanced learning experiences
- Events, celebrations and parties etc as listed above

alternative activities will be provided to ensure all children are continuing to learn and develop under the EYFS statutory framework.



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Funded Hours

We apply our funded hours as follows:

08.30 – 18.30 (10hrs) Monday to Friday

There is no obligation to attend additional private hours outside of these funded hours. However, places will be determined subject to availability, occupancy, staffing levels and business needs.

We review each application on a case-by-case basis in order to support the most vulnerable families such as low-income families and children with additional needs.

Parents wishing to access funded hours only can remain on our waiting list until a session becomes available if we are unable to offer this immediately.

What else do I need to do?

We'll provide you with a Parental Declaration form to complete and return. It grants us permission to claim your child's funding from the Local Authority for the full academic year. Funding confirmation and claim processing depend on the submission of this form. Please be aware that late applications may result in funding refusal by the Local Authority, which is beyond our control and full fees will be applied.

Additional Information

Eligible parents are also able to access Tax-Free Childcare through the same application system. You can apply for Tax-Free Childcare at any time. However, you don't need to apply for Tax-Free Childcare to be eligible to apply for Government funding.

The nursery is open 51 weeks a year. We close only between Christmas and New Year and Bank Holidays. Nursery fees are based on the opening hours of 07.30 – 18.30

We require 2 weeks' notice in writing should you wish to reduce sessions.

We require one months' notice in writing if you no longer require the place.

A deposit of £100 is applicable to every funded only application and will be refunded within 6 weeks after your child has officially started the nursery. This deposit is non-refundable if we do not receive one months' notice of no longer requiring the place.

A non-refundable registration fee of £150 is applicable to all applications excluding funding only – see above (£75 for siblings).

The information contained herein is effective from September 2025 and until further notice.



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Applying for Government Funding

Funding is allocated as follows:

- 15 hours entitlement for Families in Receipt of Additional Support for 2-year-olds (11.18 hours stretched – ref stretched funding)
- 15 hours universal funding for all 3 and 4-year-olds – no application online needed (11.18 hours stretched – ref stretched funding)
- 30 hours for eligible working parents of children aged 9 months and above (22.35 hours stretched – ref stretched funding)

Working parents funding can only be applied at the nursery if you have made a successful application online here [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

You'll need to make sure you have the following information to hand before starting the application:

- Your national insurance number (or unique taxpayer reference if you are self-employed)
- The date you started or are due to start work.
- Details of any government support or benefits you receive.
- The UK birth certificate reference number (if you have one) for your child.

You may find out if you're eligible straight away, but it can take up to 7 days. Once your application has been approved, you'll get a code to give to the nursery, along with your National Insurance number and your child's date of birth. Please give your provider the code from the website beginning with 50, as this is your permanent digital code for your child. Parents will be asked to reconfirm that they are still eligible for the support every 3 months and will be reissued their code. For more information, please visit the government website to check your eligibility for funding <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>