



Nursery Handbook

2025—2026



Welcome

We are very excited to welcome you to Bredenbury primary school's recently opened nursery. We are delighted you have chosen us as the place to be part of your child's learning journey. At Bredenbury we are proud to offer child specific learning in a small, friendly, rural setting. Each child is part of our 'family' but treated as an individual with respect and their individuality celebrated. We look forward to supporting your child throughout.

Our Nursery offer's a stimulating, happy and safe environment for your child. We have many opportunities to explore and learn new things. It is a place where your child will make new friends and share their learning experiences. Within Nursery we value all of the children's interests and delve into these to incorporate them into our planning. We do lots of our learning through explorative play. As well as learning inside the classroom we take our adventures outside too. We use our free flow area for different messy activities, construction, gardening, music and we have at least one Forest session every week.

The period from birth to age 5 is known as the foundation stage. The foundation stage curriculum is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage document which is statutory framework used by all Nursery settings. This means that if your child has attended another setting, their learning will continue and progress in the same way.

Throughout Early Years we cover the seven areas of learning and development.

These are;

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Literacy

Maths

Understanding of the world

Expressive Arts and Design



Nursery Staff

Our nursery will be run on a daily basis by Mrs Ruthwell and Mrs Martine, assisted by Mrs Haynes as required. It will be overseen and supported by both Mrs McAtear (Head of School) and Mrs Williams. (EYFS lead and class 1 teacher). All the nursery staff are suitably trained and have paediatric first aid. Mrs Ruthwell has a range of teaching experience in her role as a HLTA and Mrs Martine has gained valuable experience over many years as a nursery nurse.

All staff members will spend time with your children but Mrs Ruthwell and Mrs Martine will be key staff supporting the children to reach their full potential whilst here at Bredenbury, getting to know each child on an individual basis. They will support physical needs too, helping with issues like nappy changing, toileting and dressing. They will strive to build up a good relationship with both your child and your family being a point of contact for parents and carers. Tapestry will be used as a communication platform which will show your child's engagement with their learning through play as well as send you messages when required. Registration information for this app will be provided separately.

Session Times and Costs

Below are the Nursery session times. We are a term time only setting. We accept 15 hour and 30 hour government funding. This funding covers an AM or PM session.

AM Session	8:45—11:45	£12:50
PM Session	12:00—3:00	£12:50
Additional hours	1 hour	£5.00
Breakfast Club with breakfast	8:00—8:30	£2:50
Afterschool provision	3:00—4:30	£5:00

There is a 15 minute transition period during the morning and afternoon sessions which is not charged.

Sessions are booked termly using our booking form. Once these have been handed in you will get an email confirming your sessions. Unfortunately sometimes we cannot offer you exactly what is wanted but we will do our very best to provide alternatives. We will be as flexible as we can and offer changes if available.

Amendments can be made throughout the term by emailing the school office on admin_bred@tcatschool.org. A confirmation email will be sent to you regarding changes.

Lunch

Children will be required to bring a packed lunch and a drink and snacks as required. Water and milk will be available at school as well as healthy (fruit) snacks.



Our Daily Schedule

AM Session

9:00—9:30am—Our morning session starts at 9:00am. We start with free play.

9:45—10:15am—Toileting and snack time. We provide a carton of milk and fruit every morning for those children who would like it. Your child must be provided with a drinks bottle for the day. A healthy snack such as fruit or veg is provided, but you can bring your own healthy snack in from home if your child prefers.

10:15 –11:30am—Outdoor/Physical play. This could be Forest activities, PE in the hall, playing with the bikes and trikes on the playground or music and movement. We use the programmes 'Dough Disco' and 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle!' to help the children develop both gross and fine motor skills, essential for future skills such as writing.

11:30—11:45am—This is where we sit the children on the carpet for some singing and a story before parents begin to arrive to collect those not staying for the afternoon session.

This concludes our Morning Session.

PM Session

12:00—12:30pm—Lunch Time.

12:30—12:45pm—We start our afternoon session with a circle time. We also talk about what activities we will be doing that afternoon.

12:45– 2:30pm—Each afternoon has a different focus as well as the children's free choice. We have an afternoon of creativity, role play, arts and crafts, cooking or messy play. We encourage the children to choose which activities to take part in and help them to build friendships with their peers.

2:30—2:45pm—This is time for children to toilet and wash their hands ready for a snack. They have their own drinks and we supply them with a snack such as a piece of fruit or breadstick.

2:45 - 3:00pm—We have a carpet time at the end of the day. This gives us an opportunity to speak to all of the children about their day in pre-school. We talk about anything new we have learnt and what we have enjoyed. We ask the children if there is anything they would like to learn about. We do some singing together and finish with a story.

3:00pm—Home Time.

This concludes our Afternoon Session.



Our Outdoor Areas

Here at Bredenbury primary school, we are extremely lucky to have the use of a wide range of facilities that the nursery children can use. Just some of these include;

Use of the school hall for PE sessions

A vast Forest School areas to explore and use for activities such as den building, nature exploration and camp fires!

A willow caterpillar for hide and seek and bug hunts

Adventure playground for practising climbing and balancing skills

Access to local fields

Trained Forest School Staff

Outdoor Classroom

What Your Child Will Need at Nursery

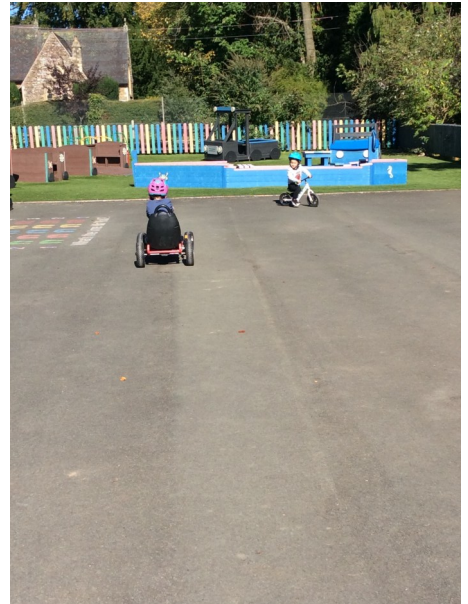
When bringing your children's belongings to Nursery please can they all be clearly named, this saves confusion for the staff and the children themselves.

Drinks bottle containing either water or sugar free squash. Water is available through the day to refill bottles. Coats and appropriate clothing - hats, scarves and gloves for the cold weather and sunhats for the warmer weather.

Change of clothes - sometimes accidents do happen so its always safe to bring a set of spare clothes.

Wellies - we do love to get outside into the school grounds and we don't want to be ruining any shoes. We do have storage to keep wellies throughout the term if you'd like to leave a pair. Please do remember to write your child's name in them.

Nappies - if your child is still in nappies/pull ups, please ensure there is enough in their bag, along with wipes and any creams.



Healthcare

We are only allowed to administer medication to your child if prescribed by the GP and have your written consent. You will be asked to fill out a medication form on the first day of bringing the medication into the setting documenting the dosage and timings. A log of medication given in school by a qualified first aider and witnessed by whom is kept in school as a running record.

If your child requires an inhaler please can you ensure that two are available so that we can keep one in school (with a spacer) and another is available in an emergency. An asthma healthcare plan will be written for your child.

Toileting and Nappy Changing

Nursery have their own toilets, available to use all throughout the day. Staff are always available to support children with toileting, as well as children being able to take themselves independently. For those children wearing nappies, they will be checked at regular intervals, before lunch and before home time and at intervals in between, as and when needed the nappies will be changed. We are also more than happy to assist with toilet training. We do ask that if your child is toilet training that you pack lots of spare clothes as accidents do sometimes happen.

Admissions

To register an interest or have your name placed on the reservation list please complete the attached provisional booking form. All other relevant forms which will need completing before your child attends their first session are available from the school office. We will also need proof of your child's date of birth (birth certificate) and any supporting documents for funding or Early Years Pupil Premium.

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