

OUR SCHOOL VALUES















Mission Statement: The academy will endeavour to raise the achievement and aspirations of every child.

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Nursery Room
Leader

OUR NURSERY STAFF



Nursery Teaching

Assistant



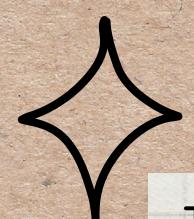
Mrs Mcleary
Nursery Teaching
Assistant



Miss Stuart

Nursery Teaching

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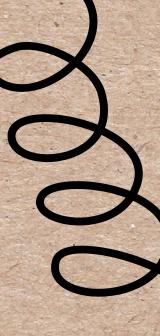
OUR DAY IN NURSERY

The morning session begins at 8:40am and ends at 11:40am.

The afternoon session begins at 12:30pm and ends at 3:30pm.

You may request a preference for morning or afternoon session on the admissions form but please note that we are unable to guarantee this preference.

We also offer 30 hours provision for those eligible or you can pay to top up your 15 hours to 30 hours. Please see the Admissions Policy on our website for more details and pricing.







All children age 3-4 are entitled to 15 hours free nursery care. However, some working families are eligible for 30 hours funded places which we offer at Hardwick Green Primary Academy. Find out if you are eligible at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

"Most of what children need to learn during their early childhood years cannot be taught: it's discovered through play" – Ruth Wilson

There is no such thing as 'just play'! There is overwhelming research that shows children learn best when they play and engage with activities that interest them. Our highly skilled team provide a learning environment that enables children to explore, create, experiment and play! Our resources, equipment and activities are all set up in a way that meets the developmental needs of each child. Our staff will regularly play with the children because it is our skilled questioning and support that helps them to progress. Throughout each day the children will play independently, in groups, with an adult, at a table, on the floor, writing in a book, writing in the mud! We encourage all of our parents to play with their children at home too. You will be amazed at what children are capable of when we meet them at their level.



WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN IN NURSERY?



There are 7 key areas of learning for young children which will be developed in Nursery. You can also help develop these areas at home!



Communication &
Language
Listening, attention and
understanding, and
speaking.

Physical Development

Gross motor skills and fine

motor skills



Personal, Social and
Emotional Development
Managing self, selfregulation and building
relationships.



Maths
Number and numerical
patterns



Expressive Arts & Design
Creating with materials and
being imaginative and
expressive

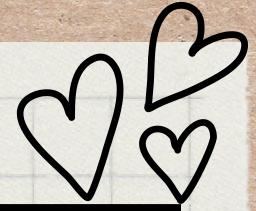


Literacy
Comprehension, word reading
and writing



Understanding the World
Past and present, people, cultures and
communities, and the natural world

ENVIRONMENT







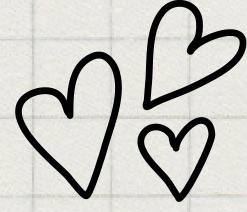


In our environment we favour open-ended, natural materials.



This allows for the children to lead their own learning through play.

ENVIRONMENT











In 2022 we had an extensive remodelling of our outdoor environment. We now have a large sandpit, sensory kitchen, play tree, stage area and water area.

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In Nursery we often learn through play and sometimes that can get a little messy! We are also active all day! Our recommendation is that you dress your child in a yellow or white school t-shirt and green jumper or cardigan and either black jogging bottoms or leggings (no jeans please). Plain black trainers or plimsolls are also a great idea to allow your children to be comfortable and active. However, please ensure that these have velcro fastening, not laces.

As we will be going outside no matter the weather please can you also provide your child with a pair of wellies that can stay in school and a coat or jacket each day. Don't forget gloves, hat and scarves in the winter too. Please also apply sun cream on sunny days.

Please can you name label all of your children's clothes!

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS EARRINGS

ARE NOT PERMITTED IN EARLY YEARS AND MUST BE REMOVED.

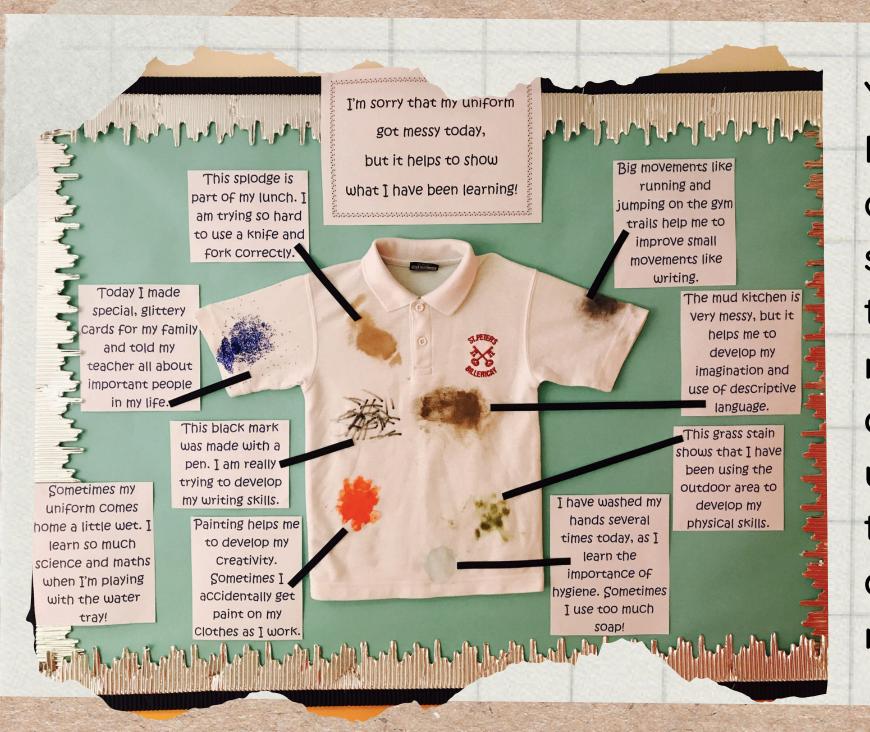




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AN EXTRA NOTE ABOUT UNIFORMS



Your child will probably often come home from Reception with messy uniform but that's ok! It's a diary of that day's learning. For example, if their tshirt is covered in whiteboard pen or chalk you know they've been trying hard with their pencil grip and mark making. If they have paint or glue on their clothes they have been developing their creativity and using different materials. If they grass stains on their trousers then that shows that they have been active and improving their physical development. We will never complain that your child's uniform has stains!



When will my child start nursery?

Your child can start Nursery the term after their 3rd birthday:

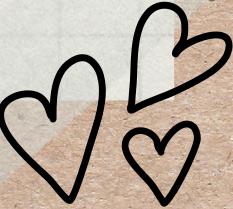
If your child turns 3 between 1st April-31st August they will start

Nursery the following September.

If your child turns 3 between 1st September-31st December they will start Nursery the following January.

If your child turns 3 between 1st January-31st March they will start

Nursery the following April.



I want my child to join the Nursery at Hardwick Green. What should I do now?

If you haven't already done so, pop into our school office and ask for an application form for the Nursery room. You'll need to return the completed form to the school office with your child's birth certificate so that we may take a photocopy of it. Your child will not be able to start at Hardwick Green until we have seen their birth certificate.

A member of the Early Years team will then contact you to offer your child a place and arrange a home visit. You will be invited in for an after-school welcome meeting, a one hour settling in session and given a start date.

If you have any questions please email enquiries@hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk



Encourage independence

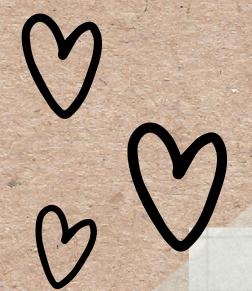
Encourage your child to independently go to the toilet and put on their shoes and coat. It's also a great idea to teach them how to ask an adult for help if they need it.

Develop their communication

Practise greetings, simple questions and have lots of conversations. Giving your child time to talk – and also time when they have to listen – teaches vital speaking and listening skills. Encourage your child to talk in full sentences.

Talk to your child about Nursery

Talk about what will happen and what to expect at school. You could encourage them play schools. Talk about how much fun Nursery is and all the things they have to look forward to! You could watch video clips such as Woolly and Tig - First Day at Nursery School on CBeebies.



KEEPING IN TOUCH



We use a brilliant app called
Class Dojo, which you can
download on your smart phone.
Through this app we can both
add photographs to your child's
portfolio and send messages to
each other. We can also
communicate key dates and
other important information to
you.



We also regularly post photos on our Early Years Instagram account. Our Early Years Instagram can be found at @HardwickGreenEY. If you would like us to not post any photos of your child on Instagram then please indicate so on your consent form.



