



# **WELCOME TO HARDWICK GREEN PRIMARY ACADEMY**

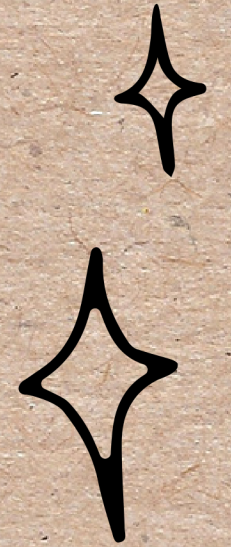


**2-Year-Old Nursery 2023/24**



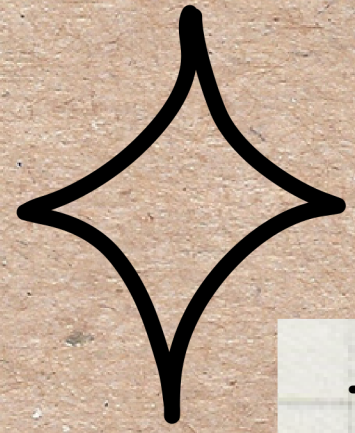


# OUR SCHOOL VALUES

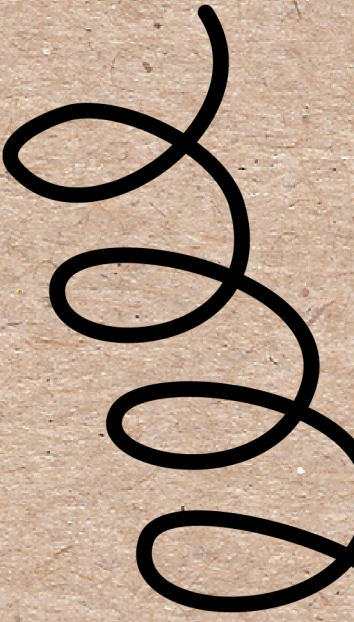


**Mission Statement:** The academy will endeavour to raise the achievement and aspirations of every child.





# OUR DAY IN NURSERY



The morning session begins at 8:45am and ends at 11:45am.

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

Some children are eligible for free 15 hour places. We offer this as 3 hour sessions 5 days a week. 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.

Some families may not be eligible for two-year-old funded places, but we offer the option for you to pay for places, at either 15 hours a week or 30 hours a week.





# 15 HOURS FUNDING



Some 2 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free nursery care. Find out if you are eligible at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://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

Beginning to listen to stories, communicate with speech and develop pretend play.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Begin to develop friendships, talk about their feelings and gain independence.



## Maths

Beginning to count, compare sizes of objects and notice patterns.



## Expressive Arts & Design

Explore different materials, use our imaginations and sing songs.



## Physical Development

Develop more control over movements, use large and small motor movements and learn to use the toilet.



## Literacy

Talking about stories and rhymes and making marks.



## Understanding the World

Explore natural materials, notice difference between people and talk about our families.



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



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



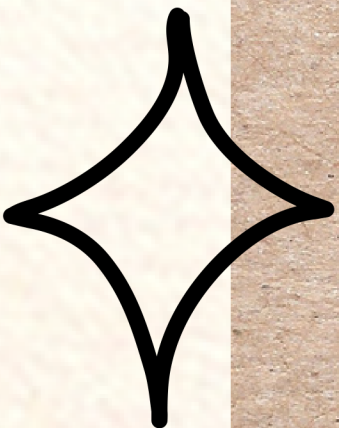
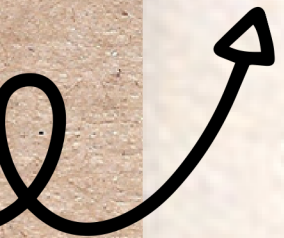


# SCHOOL UNIFORM IN NURSERY

We do not have a uniform for our 2-year-old setting and the children can wear their own clothes. Please bear in mind that the children will often be painting, playing in sand and mud and playing with playdough which means that their clothes can sometimes get a little mucky. Appropriate clothes for nursery may be a t-shirt or jumper, joggers or leggings and supportive shoes such as trainers. Please may we request that your child only wears velcro shoes - no laces please. Please also bear in mind dressing children who are toilet training or already trained in clothes which are easy for them to pull down to go to the toilet, such as elasticated waist trousers.

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

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





# When will my child start nursery?

Your child can start in our two-year-old provision the term after their  
2nd birthday:

If your child turns 2 between 1st April-31st August they will start the  
following September.

If your child turns 2 between 1st September-31st December they will  
start the following January.

If your child turns 2 between 1st January-31st March they will start  
the following April.





# I want my child to join the 2-year-old provision 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 pack for the 2-year-old provision. You'll need to return the completed forms 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. You will be invited in for a welcome session, a one hour settling in session and given a start date.

If you have any questions please email [enquiries@hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk)

