St Anne's Nursery is based in newly refurbished classroom within the Key Stage One building of St Anne's Catholic Primary School. The room is bright, stimulating and fully focused on children's interests and learning. We also have access to our own purpose built outside area which is accessible from the classroom, providing open ended learning experiences for the children. To see our nursery environment please look on <u>www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk</u> and take a virtual tour of the nursery and the rest of the school.

Our nursery aims to provide high quality care and education for our children and create a positive and informative partnership with our parents. We work closely with the school to create a seamless transition for our children when they start Reception class. The nursery and reception class follow the same observation, assessment and planning strategies allowing children's learning to be fully enabled in their early years at school.

At St Anne's Nursery we provide care for the 15 hour universal childcare funding and the 15 hour extended childcare funding. This enables parents, who are eligible, to access up to 30 hours of free childcare per week. The nursery is open 7.45am – 6pm allowing working parents to be able to access wrap around care. We also accept tax free childcare which parents can access to help with childcare costs. We take children from 3 years old throughout the year and we are a term time only setting.

Our nursery is part of the St Anne's Catholic Primary School community. We have access to all the grounds of the school and also access the key stage one school hall for PE sessions. The children have the option to have a school lunch or bring in a healthy packed lunch from home. All of these experiences support the children when they begin their formal school journey in reception class. The children wear the school jumper or cardigan at nursery and so feel part of the school and they are very proud of their uniform. Attendance at the nursery has been proven to support the children's transition to reception class due to the experiences and learning they have with us.

One of St Anne's Nursery's biggest selling points is our staff. We have a very low turnover of staff at nursery, current staff have been with us for 5 to 20 years. This gives children confidence when they start with us as we have very often looked after siblings or other family members and friends. We have seen many families start with nursery and then progress through school, you will very often find a year 6 child having a catch up with a member of nursery staff about their time with us. Our staff are friendly, welcoming and have the children at the heart of their work. All our staff are qualified up to Level 3 and we are also privileged to have a Level 6 Early Years Professional Status member of staff, who leads the educational programme for the children.

The nursery offers breakfast and after school care (wraparound) for parents that need it. Breakfast club is from 7.45am until 8.45am and after school from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. Breakfast and a light snack are provided within these sessions. The school day sessions in nursery are 8.45am - 11.45am and 12.30pm - 3.30pm and lunch is 11.45am - 12.30pm. All these sessions can be included in the free childcare funded hours.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff or would like more information please contact the nursery on 01695 574697 (option 2) or email j.banner@st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk.