

St Joseph's Catholic Pre-School caters for children age two to five years and offers Universal Government funded sessions (15 hours per week) as well as the Extended Entitlement (30 hours per week).

We are open from 8.45am – 3.15pm term time only.

All staff are committed to providing a warm, caring environment in which children are happy and achieve their full potential. All staff are qualified and experienced in Early Years and first aid trained.

Learning through play

We believe that children develop and learn best through play. We provide our children with a combination of child and adult initiated activities in a safe and secure environment. Children can progress and learn in their own individual way, providing strong foundations for their learning and development.

We offer a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities to help children develop through the Early Years Foundation stage. We provide a safe, secure and enabling environment in which the children can develop as individuals. We use the school facilities and extensive grounds and have the opportunity to be involved in school activities and events. We have a regular PE session using the school hall and Little Leaves sessions which enable the children to use the Forest School Site to explore the outdoor environment. Circle time helps to develop listening and communication skills. We also offer many other activities including a Nativity play, Easter Party, Sports Day and a Farm Trip.

Children thrive best when they are happy, secure and follow a routine. We operate a key person system, have parent's meetings and Tapestry, an online Learning Journal, for you to follow your child's progress.

We value the essential partnership with parents.

The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

These prime areas are essential for your child's healthy development and future learning:

- **Communication and language**
- **Physical Development**
- **Personal, social and emotional development**

As Children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas. These are:

- **Literacy**
- **Mathematics**
- **Understanding the world; and**
- **Expressive arts and design**

We use these 7 areas to plan your child's learning and activities

If you would like to arrange a visit to Pre-School please telephone 01905 755279.