

Studley Infants' School

Nursery Welcome Pack



SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome Information

	Information for Parents
Included in this Booklet	• First Few Weeks • What to Wear • Lunches • Snacks and Water • Transition • Arrival and Leaving • Breakfast and After School Club • Parent engagement • Some other people you might see

First Weeks

NURSERY PHASED INDUCTION

NEW TO NURSERY

Monday 7 Sept:	1 hour – 9.15am – 10.15am
Tuesday 8 Sept:	2 hours (if settled) – 9.15am – 11.15am
Wednesday 9 Sept:	3 hours (if settled) - 9.00am – 12noon
Thursday 10 Sept:	Full-time (agreed hours)

From Thursday 10 September, your child can attend for their funded hours. Some of the children will be able to stay for the whole time, but some might still need a period of settling in.

We have planned our Nursery Induction very carefully in order for your children to settle well as soon as possible. Please be prepared to be patient during the first few weeks. All children are individuals and we know from experience that it is important that the induction goes at their pace and meets their needs. We therefore ask parents to ensure that they or a family member are contactable and available to come and collect a child if they do become very upset. It could be that your child settles straight away or that you are asked to increase their time slowly over a period of time.

Session start and finish times:

Sessions	Start Time	Finish Time	Funded Hours
15 funded hours			
Option 1 AM, Monday to Friday	8.55am	11.55am	15 hours
Option 2 PM, Monday to Friday	12.25pm	3.25pm	15 hours

Option 3 Blocking Monday, Tuesday all day and Wednesday AM	Monday and Tuesday: 8.55am Wednesday 8.55am	Monday and Tuesday 2.55pm Wednesday 11.55am	15 hours
Option 4 Blocking Wednesday PM Thursday and Friday all day	Wednesday 12.25pm Thursday and Friday 8.55am	Wednesday 3.25pm Thursday and Friday 2.55pm	15 hours
30 funded hours			
30 hours	8.55 am	2.55pm	30 hours

What to wear

Nursery Clothing Guidelines

At our nursery, children **are not** required to wear a school uniform. We encourage children to come dressed ready for a day of active learning and messy exploration!

Please send your child in clothing that is:

- **Comfortable**
- **Inexpensive**
- **Easy to wash**

Ideal choices include joggers or leggings and a simple t-shirt or jumper. As many of our children are just beginning their toileting journey, we also ask that clothing is easy for them to manage independently. Avoid items like skinny jeans, dungarees, or outfits with too many layers or tricky fastenings.

Our goal is to support children's independence and ensure they can fully enjoy all the fun and messy experiences nursery has to offer!

Clothing will get messy with mud, glue and paint, and many other things the children explore. The rule of thumb is if you love the outfit, do not send your child to nursery wearing it.

Lunches

Lunchtime is a busy part of the school day for the children. At Studley Infants' we want to ensure that all children enjoy their lunchtimes and have the opportunity to eat a healthy and nutritional lunch.

Packed Lunches	Packed Lunch Guidance If your child is staying for lunch, please provide a named lunch bag or lunch box each day. We recommend starting with a small amount of food to avoid overwhelming your child. While it's natural to want to send lots of options in the hope they'll eat something, too much choice can sometimes be unhelpful. If your child regularly finishes everything and is still hungry, we'll happily work with you to increase their portions. No child will be left hungry—fruit, a savoury snack, milk and water are always available throughout the day in nursery. As part of our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and our Healthy School status, we ask that you do not include sweets or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. Here are some suggested items to include: • A savoury option such as a sandwich, pasta, or a filled wrap • Fresh or dried fruit and/or vegetables • A drink such as water or juice • Crisps, savoury biscuits, cheese pieces, or a yoghurt • A small treat may be included if you feel it's appropriate
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	Lunchtime Approach in Nursery Our team will gently encourage children to eat their lunch, including starting with their sandwich or savoury item first. However, many children will naturally graze and choose their favourite items first. Sometimes, children may not eat much at lunchtime. This could be because they've already had a snack, they're not feeling particularly hungry, or they're simply distracted by the busy nursery environment. Adults will always encourage, and if necessary, we will allow children to eat their lunch in the afternoon. We do not want any child to be hungry, but also can't make children eat. Please be assured that we never force children to eat. Our approach is to encourage and support them to enjoy a positive and relaxed mealtime experience.
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Snacks and Water

As a 'Healthy School' we like to develop the children's understanding of how to be healthy and fit. All children should have a balanced diet, which includes plenty of water and fruit, alongside their three main meals. Breakfast is essential and we urge all families to ensure their children have a suitable breakfast before coming to school. Throughout their day they will also need regular access to fresh drinking water to keep them hydrated and alert for learning.

Good hygiene habits are encouraged through formal direction and informal encouragement. The children are encouraged to wash their hands regularly. This develops their independent understanding of healthy lifestyle habits.

Fruit	Fresh fruit is provided free of charge to all children under seven years old by the government. Fruit options include; apples, satsumas, pears, tomatoes, bananas, raisins and carrots. All fruit is washed but we do not peel or chop the fruit. Children are encouraged eat one piece of fruit each day. Nursery also provide a dry snack option including bread sticks, rice cakes and Cheerios".
Water	The children have access to their water bottles throughout the day within the nursery. In the warm weather we ensure that we have additional resources set up outside for the children to access their bottle. We ask that water bottles for the class only contain water. If a child will not drink water please send in very diluted squash or fruit juice that is almost translucent and we will work with you to encourage them to transition just to water.
Milk	All children under five are entitled to free school milk and the government provides this to schools, without the need for you to register. Once your child reaches their fifth birthday their entitlement to free school milk stops, however you may continue to buy school milk for your child whilst they are in our reception class by registering at http://www.coolmilk.com/. Children will be encouraged to drink milk but we do not keep a daily record of who has drunk their milk.

If your child has any allergies or dietary needs it is important that we know about these immediately in order to ensure they are kept safe at school. Nursery staff will work with families to find ways to provide alternatives for children with allergies or dietary needs so that no child misses out on these experiences.

Settling in

At Studley Infants', your child's settling in begins on their very first day in Nursery. Settling takes time, and every child is unique. We are guided by each child and their individual needs. We recognise and acknowledge children's feelings, as starting Nursery can be daunting, it is a new place with new adults and new experiences.

It is completely normal for children to feel unsure at first. Some children may settle quickly, while others may take longer. Settling cannot be rushed, and successful transitions happen when we work together with families, supporting children at their own pace.

Home Visits

For new families to the school we will be making home visits during the week commencing 31st August, lasting approximately 30mins. Date and time for your child will be sent via email. They are carried out for all children who join our school as they help to establish key information about your child, your family life, your child's favourite toys and any medical information or allergies we need to be aware of. This is a great opportunity to start the relationship between school and family.

Communication channels

We use Seesaw to share pictures and information to families about their child. We also use this platform to communicate information, specifically about your child or share school information.

Parentmail is used to send letters and whole school information.

Studybugs is used to report absence

Childcare online Booking is used for invoicing for any additional hours above the funded hours. The invoice will also detail how many funded hours have been used each week.

Links will be provided for families to gain access to all platforms used by school. Should you have any difficulties gaining access, please let us know.

Arriving and Leaving

Beginning of the day

For children arriving at 8.55am

School gates are opened at 8.50am, so we advise that you do not arrive at school much before this time. The class room doors will open at 8.55am and then will close and gates will be locked at 9.05am. If you arrive after 9.05am and the gates are closed, you will need to take your child to the school office to sign them in.

For children arriving at 12.25pm

Entry will be via the main school office.

End of the day

For children leaving at 11.55am and 2.55pm

Entry to collect your child will be from the gates on Fordraught Road. A member of the team will open the gates to allow access. You will also leave by the same gates.

For children leaving at 3.25pm

Entry will be via the main school gates

The main school gates are opened at 3.20pm. We ask you wait outside the nursery until adults open the doors. We will not dismiss your child to someone we do not know unless this has been agreed in advance. If someone different is collecting your child, please ensure a member of staff is told or a letter is sent into school. If different people collect your child on different days then a written timetable would be useful.

Please make sure you bring your child to school on time. 100% punctuality is the expectation at Studley Infants' as children miss out on valuable social and learning opportunities if they are late to school. We believe that it is essential that pupils appreciate the importance of punctuality early on so that they carry this understanding through into later work and life experiences.

Breakfast and After School Club – Studley Infants' School

At Studley Infants' we offer an on-site breakfast club and after school club for your child if needed.

Sessions can be paid either by card or tax-free childcare vouchers

Please follow link below for prices and registration.

<https://www.studleyinfants.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-club/>

INSET Days – There will be no club on Inset Days

Parent Events

Our School Vision is to ensure that every child is encouraged and supported to achieve success in their learning and personal development. Our Curriculum Vision is to inspire a lifelong love of learning where every child is able to think for themselves and work collaboratively to reach their goals, to Suppose Imagine and Succeed!

To ensure this happens we believe families and the school working together is key. We believe full partnership with all members of our school community is the best way to ensure success for our children and therefore encourage you to engage in school life. For parents, there are a range of opportunities to for you to get involved including parent workshops, membership of the PTA, attending performances, volunteering in school and accompanying classes on school trips. We encourage parents to be actively involved in their children's learning and development, as you know your children better than anyone. To help you become familiar with the school and to meet other parents we hold regular events for families to attend.

Nursery team and beyond

Your day-to-day correspondence will be with the nursery team:

Beth, Debbie, Clare and Edy.

Some other people you will see from time to time:

Beccy Merritt

Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Leave

Attendance Lead

Kayley Ship

Assistant Headteacher

Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Paul Clarke

School Business Manager

Speak to Paul about any issues with the apps/platforms we use, and anything relating to funding, paying for sessions and wraparound.

Nicky Coleman

Admin Assistant

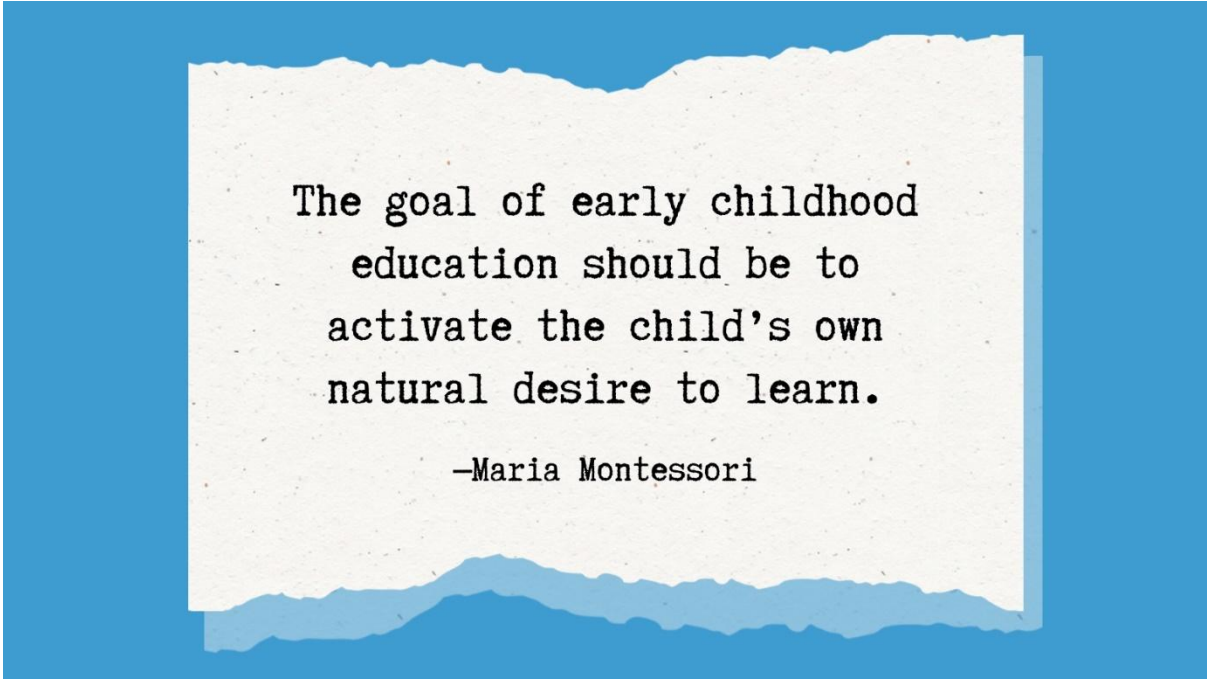
Nicky takes care of our nursery admissions. If you want to change your sessions, or want to add to your funded offer, please speak to Nicky.

To finish with...

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming and supportive team, and we're always happy to help. If you have a question, please feel free to ask any member of staff, if they don't know the answer, they'll do their best to find someone who does.

We understand that this booklet may not cover everything, but we hope it has given you a helpful insight into life at nursery and what to expect.

We thank you for choosing Studley Infants' School to be part of your child's learning journey. We look forward to working with you to provide your child with an early education they remember.



The goal of early childhood
education should be to
activate the child's own
natural desire to learn.

—Maria Montessori