



Cygnets Nursery Class

Wistatson Church Lane Academy
The Learning Partnership





Nursery Day

Nursery starts at 8:45 each morning and the doors will open from 8:40. Staff will greet the children as they come in and are able to take any quick messages from parents.

We encourage the children to say goodbye to parents at the door and come into nursery, hang their coats and hat on their pegs and put their lunch boxes/water bottles away. The children can then be *Busy Bees* and chose where to play as we settle into the morning.

The morning session ends at 11:45 when morning only children are collected.

Children staying all day have lunch 11:45- 12:15 and will eat in nursery. They can either order a school lunch or bring a packed lunch.

The afternoon session starts at 12:15.

A very warm welcome to our Cygnets Nursery Class. We are excited to be opening a nursery provision as part of our school and look forward to getting to know you and your child. This guide is designed to give you all the information you need and to hopefully answer any questions you might have as to how our new nursery will operate.

During the day the children will choose to play inside or outside with a wide range of toys. Staff will plan exciting activities for the children to engage with. There will be times when the nursery class gather together on the carpet to enjoy stories and songs and times when they join with an adult led activity as part of a small group.

When the children are ready they will be introduced to early phonics and maths skills. These will be taught though play in a fun and interactive way.

The day finishes at 3:15 where staff will hand children over to their parents/ carers.

Collection

Staff can only allow children to go home with people named on their contact information form. If someone different, Grandma, Uncle, a friend etc is going to collect them, please phone and let us know. Thanks.

Swan Stars - Before and After School Club

We have Swan Stars breakfast club that runs before school from 7:15. Staff escort children from the club to their classrooms before the school day starts and pass on any messages from parents.

There is also an after-school club that runs until 6:00pm. Children are taken from their classroom to the club.

For more information, prices and how to book, please see: <https://www.wcla.co.uk/461/swan-stars-before-and-after-school-club>

School Lunch

Parents can choose for their child to bring a packed lunch or to have a school lunch. School lunches are cooked on site by a company called Mellors who provide a 2-week cycle of lunches. Each day there are 3 choices; a main option, a vegetarian option or a jacket potato.

A menu will be sent home at the beginning of term. Please talk to your child about their choices and be ready to tell staff at drop off what they would like for lunch that day. Lunches cost £2.35 a day and must be paid for in advance using Arbor.

We need to be informed of any food intolerances or allergies prior to your child starting school so that we can cater to these. Mellors will also ask parents to complete a form informing them of any allergies.

Packed Lunch

We ask that packed lunches are balanced and nutritious. That they contain a mixture of carbohydrate, protein, dairy, fruit and veg. Please do not send in fizzy drinks.

We have a strict no nuts policy for the safety of pupils and staff. Please don't send nuts or products containing nuts in for lunch.

Snacks

Children will be provided with a snack each morning and afternoon. In the mornings we will tend to have things such as breadsticks and hummus or crackers and cheese. In the afternoon, children will be offered fresh fruit or vegetable sticks. Milk and water will be offered.



School Uniform

We encourage the children to wear school uniform so that they look part of the school and feel included. However, we understand that some children might still be learning to manage their own dressing and toileting. So, whilst we ask for the children to wear a white polo shirt and V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan, they may wear joggers or leggings on the bottom half if it is easier for them to manage.

Wearing school uniform means that your child's own clothes aren't going to get ruined with paint, glue etc! However, uniform is not compulsory; we respect parental choice.

Uniform is available to purchase:
<https://smartuniform.co.uk/>

Please label all items of clothing sent into school. Children do misplace their jumpers and cardigans etc, if they are labelled they can very quickly be found and returned.

We recommend the following name labels:
<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Please provide a spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case of spills and accidents.

Dressing for all Weather

Children will spend part of each day outside. We ask that you send in named wellies/rain boots and a waterproof coat during very wet weather and a sunhat during the warmer days.

During the summer months we ask that your child has sun cream applied before they come into Nursery and that their sun cream is brought in (labelled with their name) so that we can reapply it again during the day.

You will be asked to fill in a form giving your consent for us to apply sun cream to your child. However, we highly recommend that 8 hour+ cream is used in the morning so that it will last the duration of the school day.

Water Bottles

Water bottles will be provided by The Friends of the school in September. These will be filled with fresh water daily and the children encouraged to drink regularly.

Parents can provide a water bottle from home if they prefer.

Medication

We are only able to administer medicines if a doctor or a pharmacist has prescribed for them and parents have completed a medicine form. Forms are available from the school office, please hand medicines and completed forms to the office staff. Please don't put medicine, inhalers, cough sweets etc in children's bags.

Allergies

Please let us know if your child has any allergies so that we can ensure that these foods are not served for lunch or snack. We sometimes have pasta or oats in the water tray or vegetable printing in the painting area etc. We will ensure that anything that would cause a serious allergic reaction is not in our environment.

Illness

If your child is unwell, please telephone the school office and keep your child at home. Out of office hours, you can leave a message on our answer phone explaining why your child is absent.

If your child has experienced sickness or diarrhea, they shouldn't return to school before they are 48 hours symptom free. We are mindful that we do not want to put other children or staff at risk of becoming unwell.

This useful guide outlines how long children should be kept away from school:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-childcare-settings/how-long-should-you-keep-your-child-off-school-checklist-poster-text-version>



Arbor

Once your child is registered, you will receive an invitation to create an Arbor account. Arbor is our information management system and is where you will be able to pay for meals, trips and book parent consultation appointments etc. Keep an eye out for your login invitation in your e-mails!

Early Years Pupil Premium

Some children may be entitled to receive additional support through early years pupil premium funding. This is funding that comes directly to school and is used to improve the quality of education for each child. This might be through acquiring additional resources, providing extra training for staff or being able to help fund trips or experiences.

Pupil premium funding is available to families in receipt of certain benefits and support. To see if your family may be entitled to claim, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-extra-early-years-funding>

Term Dates

Term dates for the current and next academic year are published on our website: <https://www.wcla.co.uk/98/term-dates>

Although we encourage regular and consistent attendance, children in our nursery are not of statutory school age and so permission is not needed for term time holidays. We just ask that you let us know so that we don't worry!



Tapestry

We take photos and videos of the children whilst they are at nursery: of them playing, talking and interacting. We share these with parents using an app called Tapestry. We enjoy sharing photos and news with you about what we have been up to in nursery, and our WOW moments!

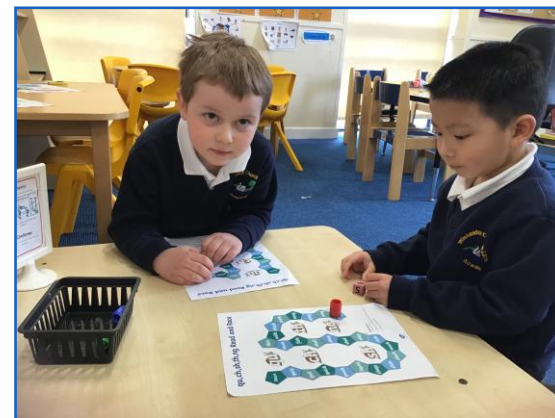
Once your child has registered, you will be sent a login for Tapestry. We also encourage parents to upload their own photos and videos from home to share with us in school. If you have been doing some baking, had an exciting day out or passed a swimming test, we'd love to see a photo on Tapestry.

The Early Years Curriculum

Our nursery follows the principles and statutory framework as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2021.

Our aims are for our nursery children to be happy, healthy and thrive. Our curriculum intends to meet the needs of our children, enable them to develop holistically whilst also preparing them for the next learning steps.

We look forward to sharing our learning with parents via Tapestry, our webpage and by inviting parents into nursery to join us to celebrate what we have been working on.



The children will develop skills and acquire new knowledge across the seven areas in the EYFS curriculum:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Physical Development,**
- **Communication and Language,**
- **Literacy,**
- **Mathematics,**
- **Understanding the World,**
- **Expressive Arts and Design**

Each area of learning is taught through planned, purposeful play, and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. This approach allows the children to develop their skills through supporting the characteristic of effective teaching and learning:

Playing and Exploring

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go.'

Active learning

- Being involved and concentrating
- Keeping trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and Thinking Critically

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things



House Teams

All children in the school belong to one of four house teams.

- Red Team
- Yellow Team
- Blue Team
- Green Team

Children collect team points for their team; these will be given for good behaviour and work.

At the end of each half term, the team with the most points win and are rewarded with a non-uniform day. This is usually the last Friday of each half term. Children compete for their house teams at our annual Sports Day.

No Outsiders

We are a No Outsiders school. This means that we believe it is important for our children to understand that everyone is different; has different beliefs, strengths, interests and families. We teach the children that although we are all different, we are all welcome at Wistaston Church Lane. Our children have No Outsiders lessons which are based on well-loved picture books.

Friends of WCLA

The "Friends" is our parent and teacher association and is a registered charity (1046749) run by parents, carers and grandparents.

During the year, The Friends organise fundraising events of all shapes and sizes which not only raise funds, but they bring our wonderful school community together. Events such as Easter Bingo, School lottery, Summer Fair etc. We would love you to get involved with the events they organise.

Funding

All children are eligible to receive 15 hours of free early education entitlement (FEEE) starting from the term after they are 3 years old. This funding is provided by the local authority and comes straight to school. Some families are entitled to receive 30 hours of funding each week, rather than 15. To check your eligibility please see: [Apply for 30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

If you wish for your child to start immediately after their third birthday, weekly fees will apply until their funding starts the following term. Similarly, if you wish for your child to attend for 30 hours, but they are only eligible for 15 hours, weekly fees will apply.

If your child attends for 5 full days, the 30 hours FEEE funding covers their learning time, but doesn't cover the half an hour supervised lunch session, so we need to make a small charge for this time. We charge £2 per day.

Parents can, if needed, access our Swan Stars before and after school club to provide wrap around care. For more information about Swan Stars, please see their webpage: <https://www.wcla.co.uk/461/swan-stars-before-and-after-school-club>

Session	Cost
Before School Club	£5.15
Morning/Afternoon session	£15.50
Lunchtime Supervision	£2.00
After School Club	£10.25
Fully Funded Day (8:45-3:15)	£33.00
Fully Unfunded day (7:15- 6:00)	£48.40