

St Helen's Church of
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Primary School

Little Stars Nursery



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Little Stars Nursery at St Helen's CE Primary is a school nursery where children are encouraged to begin a lifelong love of learning through play, creativity, secure relationships and rich stimulating experiences.

Our EYFS unit has undergone a full refurbishment in 2024 to create a comfortable, interesting, positive and purposeful learning environment enabling your child to flourish at our school.

It is vital that your child feels safe, secure and happy in our school. Our fully qualified and carefully selected staff are friendly, approachable and caring. The EYFS unit is lead by our Early Years Lead. Our nursery curriculum has been carefully developed to support our youngest learners and give them the best possible start on their learning journey with us.



Little Stars Nursery Ethos and Values



- Rooted in Christian values, our nursery embraces the ethos of "In His footsteps, we love, learn and shine together," fostering a nurturing environment where each child is valued and respected.
- We are committed to the holistic development of every child, ensuring they feel safe, happy, and confident to explore and grow in their faith, learning, and relationships.
- Our curriculum follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework, promoting the prime areas of personal, social, and emotional development, communication and language, and physical development.
- We encourage curiosity and creativity through play-based learning, helping children build strong foundations in literacy, numeracy, and problem-solving.
- Every child is supported to develop independence, resilience, and a love for learning, preparing them for their educational journey.
- Our nurturing Christian community fosters kindness, respect, and compassion, helping children to form positive relationships with others.
- We value partnerships with parents and carers, working together to ensure each child flourishes spiritually, academically, and emotionally.
- Our goal is to help every child shine as a unique individual, ready for the next steps in their learning, with a strong sense of self-worth and belonging.



Little Stars Nursery



Is your child ready for an exciting journey of discovery before they start school? Our Little Stars Nursery, designed for children aged 3 and up, is the perfect place to ignite children's curiosity and build confidence! In this magical space, every day is filled with wonder, play, and joyful learning experiences that prepare your child for the future—both in school and beyond.

We focus on nurturing independence, developing essential skills, and fostering a love for learning in an environment where your child will thrive. From creative activities to hands-on exploration, we ensure that every child is motivated, inspired, and excited to take on new challenges.

All 3- and 4-year-olds are eligible for up to 30 hours of FREE Government-funded nursery education each week! Plus, our flexible attendance options allow us to tailor the experience to fit your family's needs.

Give your child the best start! Call our School Office today for more details and to schedule a visit.



Key Information

We do ask that parents bring in a labelled bag of clothes for their child. This is in case of any toileting accidents or getting wet or dirty during their play. Each child has a designated area where they can store their belongings.

It is important for children to attend nursery sessions unless unwell. Getting children into good routines and habits as young as possible supports their learning and development. However, if your child is unable to attend school due to illness please call the school office on the first day of absence.

During each session, children will have access to water, milk and a healthy snack. There will be a variety of healthy food: it could be fruit, cheese, raw vegetables or toast. We will also be cooking and baking throughout the year and tasting different foods from around the world.

When dropping your child off at the start of a session, please ensure that you bring them right to the door to a member of staff. If you arrive late for a session, the door will be locked so please report to the main office.

School uniform is optional but please dress your child in suitable clothing. They need to be able to run and climb and they will get their clothes dirty with paint, glue, mud, etc.



Suggestions: -

- Jogging bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt/cardigan
 - Warm and waterproof coat
 - Shoes/trainers with velcro straps
- Please put your child's name in all their clothes.
- Please leave a spare set of clothes at Nursery in a named bag (including underwear).



Little Stars Nursery Fees Explained



At Little Stars, we believe in providing affordable childcare as well as high quality childcare and education to our families. Therefore, we have reflected this in our fees:

Session	Price per session	Session times
School day (6hrs)	£30	9.00-3.30*
1 session	£15	9.00-12.00/ 12.30-3.30
Breakfast club	£5	7.30am onwards
After school club	£10	3.30-5.30

*These sessions require an additional cost of £3 to cover lunchtime supervision. Snacks are included in the session cost and should your child attend breakfast and afterschool club, breakfast and an afternoon snack is included in the price. If children are staying the full day, we will provide them with a school dinner unless a packed lunch is preferred. Parents are to provide nappies and wipes. All our sessions are based upon 38 weeks of the year.

If you are eligible for funding, you can use these sessions by calculating your hours.

Little Stars Nursery Fees Continued



Session	Price per session	Session times
Lunch add on	£3	12.00-12.30
Extra Hours	£7	As required
Late pick up fee	£5 per 5 minutes	



Little Stars Nursery Fees Continued

Support with paying for childcare



Your eligibility for Tax Free Childcare depends on:

- Whether you're working (employed, self-employed or a director)
- your income (and your partners income, if applicable)
- Your child's age and circumstances

Funded Hours

All children will begin to receive some funded educational hours from the term following their third birthday.

A child is born on or between...	Can access their free entitlement
1st April – 31st August	Beginning of the autumn term
1st September – 31st December	Beginning of the spring term
1st January – 31st March	Beginning of the summer term



Curriculum



We deliver a curriculum based on the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. The framework includes seven areas of learning which are implemented through play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.

Physical Development

This involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. Children must also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

Communication and Language

This involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Literacy Development

This involves encouraging children to find the joy in reading; support them in talking about books, print in the environment, early mark making and writing, as well as sharing books and reading.

Mathematical Development

This involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces and measures. Understanding the World

This involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

This involves enabling children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology.

In addition, the framework describes the characteristics of effective learning:

Playing and Exploring – children investigate, experience and ‘have a go; Active Learning – children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements; Creating and Thinking Critically – children have and develop their own ideas; make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

Nutrition

The benefits of providing young children with nutritious meals extends far beyond their early years. It creates lifelong healthy eating habits whilst enabling the development of strong minds and bodies.



Breakfast	8.00
Morning snack	10.30
Lunch	12.00
Afternoon snack	4.00

Lunchtime and menus

There is a social aspect to all lunches and, where possible, children are encouraged to take an active interest in the food they eat. We offer a menu system which rotates on a three-to-four-week basis, offering the perfect balance between exposing children to new foods yet allowing them to become familiar with flavours. Our menus are also seasonal. We offer summer and winter menus to allow children to try different recipes throughout the year. These are available on the school website.



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