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Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm



About Us

Welcome to Little Chums Nursery! Established in 2001, we are an inclusive nursery, caring for children aged 2-4. We nurture each child and tailor their education to their specific needs and interests, providing them with strong and secure foundations in their early years - all in our enabling, safe and stimulating indoor and outdoor spaces.

We know that play is crucial to a child's learning and development: it helps children to develop their communication and language, their social and emotional skills, and their physical development. Play also develops a child's self-esteem and confidence, promotes independence, and allows them to express themselves. Because of its importance, we have a play-based curriculum, which is implemented through a blend of fun adult-led and child-led activities.

Did you know... In the first five years of a child's life, their brain develops more (and faster) than at any other time in their life. Good-quality childcare in the early years is crucial for a child's overall healthy development.

We work in close partnership with our parents, so that they can share in their child's achievements and development during their time with us.

For more information or to book a visit, please contact us on 01245 202230, or email info@littlechumsnursery.com. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

Dawn Joslin and Lisa Priest
Managers, Little Chums Nursery

Children learn best when they...

Play and explore

Children find out and explore, play with and extend what they know, and are willing to "have a go"



Actively learn

Children are involved and concentrate, keeping on trying, and enjoy achieving their goals

Think creatively and critically

Children have their own ideas (creative learning), make links (build theories) and work with ideas (critical thinking)

What makes us unique?



Flexible session times and funding

We know that everyone has different childcare needs, so you can use your funded hours with a variety of flexible sessions that best fits your family's needs. Your child can start their nursery day at 8am, 9am or 12pm (lunch time). Please note that we are open term-time only, and are closed on Beehive Lane Primary School non-pupil days.



Breakfast and after-school provision

We provide breakfast and after-school provision for nursery-age children and for Beehive Lane Primary School children.



Free-flow play between our Caterpillar and Butterfly rooms

Children are not restricted to one room, and are free to explore both rooms to experience all the activities on offer.



Community and family feel

We care for your children like we do our own, with support, kindness and affection. We pride ourselves on our strong, supportive links with the parents and guardians of the children in our care.



Our Rooms

Caterpillar Room (2-3 years old)

The Caterpillar Room is where our younger children start their day with carpet time, which often includes mindful movement, stories and songs. Both rooms are set-up for the day with activities that promote holistic development.



Butterfly Room (3-4 years old)

The Butterfly Room is where our older children will start their day. After carpet time, the nursery is free-flow between both rooms. This enables all children to access the wide variety of activities on offer during the day, and also gives the children opportunity to make friendships with children of all ages, which helps to develop the children's confidence and social skills, but also encourages the children's -tolerance between different ages and abilities.



Outdoor spaces

A big part of our nursery life is playing outdoors - fresh air and physical activity are important to us and vital for a child's wellbeing. We are lucky enough to have two outdoor spaces: our **main garden** and our **snug secret garden**, and you will find us outdoors in all elements (unless it is extreme or dangerous weather).

We have a climbing frame which doubles as our stage, a slide, a sand tray, balancing beams, cars and trikes, a mud kitchen, as well as space to run. We also like to build assault courses, play group games and have discos outside! Children still have the opportunity to access activities such as sharing a story, drawing a picture in chalk, or engaging in role play at our mud kitchen or shop (from which the children love to sell ice creams, even on cold days!).

We enjoy observing the natural phenomena outside such as the changing of the seasons, animals and insects, the weather... or even just the dustbin lorry coming to collect the rubbish. Each is a learning opportunity and can sometimes be a completely new experience for a child.



Meals and nutrition

Morning snack is provided between 9:45-10:15, where the children are able to choose from a variety of **fresh fruits** and **milk or water**. Developing independence in the children is important, and so they are encouraged to peel and chop their own fruit and pour their own drinks.

For lunch, children can have a hot dinner, which is provided by Beehive Lane Primary School at a cost of £2.50 per meal, or bring their own packed lunch. A sample menu is given below; please note that menus change termly.



All dietary requirements catered for



Seasonal menu



Fresh milk and fruit provided for snack



Strictly **no-nut** nursery



Flexible lunch options to suit you

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade cottage pie	Chicken wrap	Gammon or chicken with gravy	Pepperoni or cheese pizza	Crispy battered fish
Macaroni cheese	Hot cheese wrap	Quorn sausage and gravy	Beans or sweetcorn	Southern fried quorn nugget
Jacket potato with cheese	Fluffy rice Sweetcorn	Roast potatoes or creamy mash	Coleslaw	Crispy chips
Peas or sweetcorn	Coleslaw and salad items	Seasonal vegetables	Cucumber batons	Carrot or cucumber batons
Salad items Crusty bread	Jacket potato with beans	Yorkshire pudding	Jacket potato with tuna	Bread
Belgian waffle with fruit and cream	Homemade flapjack with orange slices	Cheese and crackers or fruit	Apple crumble and cream	Choice of ice cream





The Seven Areas of Learning and Development

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework focuses on **seven key areas of learning and development** in children, from birth to five years old (the end of Reception). These seven areas are the foundations of your child's education and development. The areas are all interconnected: development in one area will support development in another, and because of this we plan holistic adult-led and child-led activities to support this process.

-  **Communication and Language**
Developing skills in listening, understanding, and speech. Communication and language skills underpin all other areas of development.
-  **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
Helping children develop a positive sense of themselves, form relationships, and manage their feelings and behaviour.
-  **Physical Development**
Developing fine-motor skills, coordination, control, and gross-motor movement, as well as understanding the importance of physical activity and making healthy choices.
-  **Literacy**
Encouraging reading and writing skills, including understanding phonics, learning songs and rhymes, and using language to convey meaning.
-  **Maths**
Introducing concepts of numbers, counting, shape and measure.
-  **Understanding the World**
Guiding children to explore and understand their environment, community, people, and the wider world.
-  **Expressive Art and Design**
Allowing children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, and to express themselves through arts, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design.



Working together

We use an online learning journal called EY Log to send you pictures and videos of your child engaging in activities at nursery, accompanied by a short description of what your child is doing, whilst they're doing it! You can also upload your own pictures and videos of your child onto the app, so that you can share their special moments with us. We also use EY Log to track your child's development, and will use these observations and our own knowledge of your child to plan their next steps for learning.



Real-time updates on your child's day



Create your own memento book at the end of your child's nursery journey



Available as an app on Apple and Android



Tracks your child's development



Makes communication between parent and setting easy





Fees and funding

There are now a number of flexible funding options available to suit the needs of individual families. Please note, if your child is eligible for funding, this will always come into effect the term **after** the child reaches their qualifying age.

- ★ Funded hours can be accessed with no additional charges.
- ★ Additional hours are charged at £6 per hour.
- ★ Fees are payable half-termly in advance, and at least four weeks' notice is required if the child is to leave nursery, or the fees for the four weeks in lieu.
- ★ Hot dinners (lunch) are provided by Beehive Lane Primary School and cost £2.50 per day. There is no charge to bring a packed lunch.
- ★ Sessions are invoiced half-termly and we are unable to refund for sessions missed due to holiday and/or sickness. We do not charge for Bank Holidays or non-pupil days.



Using funding

Parents can use their funded hours for a variety of sessions and there is **no maximum/minimum number of sessions or hours that you are required to take**. However, we do recommend a minimum of two morning sessions per week to ensure that your child has enough time here each week to settle, make secure relationships, and to learn the routines of the nursery day. To find out what funding you may be eligible for please visit [Childcare Choices](#). It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that codes are applied for in time to claim the hours.

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Funding options

Two-year funding

If you're **not** currently working:

You may still be eligible if your partner is working, and you are on carer's leave or if you receive any of the following:

- ➡ Incapacity Benefit
- ➡ Severe Disablement Allowance
- ➡ Carer's Allowance
- ➡ Limited Capability for Work Benefit
- ➡ Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance

If you're working:

Working parents can usually receive free childcare if you (and your partner, if applicable) are:

- ➡ in work or starting a new job
- ➡ on sick leave or annual leave
- ➡ on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave

If you start a new job or are on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave:

The date you start a new job or return to work will affect when you can get free childcare.

Three-year funding

All children regardless of circumstance are entitled to 15 hours per week of free childcare from the term **after** their third birthday. If you are working, you may be eligible for the additional 15 hours which will entitle you to 30 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year.





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Play ♥ Friendship ♥ Learn ♥ Nurture

