

Willow Nursery Prospectus



At Hethersett Woodside Primary &
Nursery School

***“Where children learn to care, share
& shine”***

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Willow Nursery – Where children learn to care, share and shine.

At Hethersett Woodside Willow Nursery you are assured of a warm welcome for your child and family. Our environment is warm, welcoming and nurturing and enables children to take their first steps away from home, whilst teaching them skills necessary for starting school. Our children feel secure, confident and happy and demonstrate an eagerness to learn.

Willow nursery is a maintained school nursery providing care and education for children aged 2-4 years. It is led by our Assistant Head Teacher who oversees all Early Years education across the school and holds a recognised Early Years specialist qualification - Early Years Professional Status (EYPS). She teaches within the nursery alongside a team of experienced nursery practitioners and assistants to deliver Outstanding Nursery provision.

Our provision is organised into two classes:



Hedgehog class (children aged 2-4 years) Squirrel class (children aged 3-4 years)

For children aged 3 and over, our breakfast and afterschool club is available to provide families with flexible childcare, throughout term time. Please see below for package details and fee structure.

We are a provider of Government funded early years education entitlement. We accept the 15 hours 2 year old entitlement for eligible working parents or families receiving some additional forms of Government support. In addition for 3 and 4 year olds we accept the universal 15 hours and working families 30 hours entitlement. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework (EYFS), which continues in our school Reception classes.

Parents and the wider family are important to our work and we offer regular opportunities throughout the year to join us for play sessions and information evenings.

Our nursery teacher liaises closely with Speech and Language therapists, health visitors and other professionals to provide tailored support where needed. For further information, please see the SEN section of our website.

Our Values

In the nursery you will find:

- A friendly, professional, experienced and committed nursery team to welcome you and your child.
- A caring and nurturing environment in which every child is recognised as a special little person who can grow and develop with confidence.
- A stimulating indoor and garden environment to enable your child to:
 - Explore and learn at their own pace.
 - Follow their own interests and play.
 - Build positive relationships with other children and adults.
 - Become an independent learner.
 - Talk to others with enjoyment and confidence.
 - Access a wide range of activities and opportunities to develop their skills, knowledge and behaviours for learning.

Our Staff

Nicola Ingham – Assistant Head, Nursery teacher and Manager

Elissa Reed – Teacher

Amy Beavis – Senior Practitioner

Lorraine Harvey – Senior Practitioner

Emily Roberts – Senior Practitioner

Denise Swann - Nursery Assistant

Susan Minns – Nursery Assistant

Laura Riches – Nursery Assistant

Nicola Law– Nursery Assistant

Donna Garrard – Nursery Assistant

Amy Lane – Office Administrator

Key person Approach

Establishing relationships is key right from the start so we link each child and family to a key person. This is a member of our nursery team who will take a special interest in your child and family, building links and preparing a learning journal of your child's development and experiences through their time in nursery. This is shared with you regularly over a learning platform called 'Tapestry'.

As the children get older and move through our rooms, we group our key children into a 'family group' which the children name. Small group story, talk time and some activities take place in these family groups, to begin preparing the children for school.

Nursery Session – a typical day

Children respond to clear, well established routines and we teach these from the beginning. We have well-presented classrooms with clear expectations for learning. The nature of the day changes depending upon the age of the child and naturally progresses in structure as the class prepares for school.

A typical day.....

- ❖ Welcome time, sort our belongings, wash our hands, self-register with our name card.
- ❖ Play with our friends and adults.
- ❖ Hello session – rhyme, game, story, talking time, numbers, letters
- ❖ Snack time/Garden play
- ❖ Tidy up time, story/rhyme time
- ❖ Home time or lunch time

The children quickly recognise these routines, enabling independence and confidence.

Our day in action



Parent Partnership

Here at Hethersett Woodside we recognise that parents are their child's first educator. This is very important in fostering a joint approach to learning and something which we greatly value. Throughout the year we engage with you in providing learning opportunities and communications to support your child's education:

Tapestry learning journal

Maths game library

Library book exchange

Nursery rhyme and maths learning cafes.

Green Fingers gardening

On-line learning platforms to support remote learning.

Green Fingers Gardening

We place particular importance on learning in the outdoor environment and run a very popular gardening session called Green Fingers, to which parents and younger siblings are invited to join. A local 'Master Gardener' works with us to introduce families to growing vegetables and flowers within our nursery garden. The children experience planting, composting, caring for their environment, harvesting, cooking and eating their produce.



Nursery Curriculum

In both Hedgehogs and Squirrels, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). This guides our planning and provision from the starting point of each child. We recognise that each child is unique, and joins us with different strengths, interests and needs. Through sensitive observation we plan for their next steps in development. This continues right through into our Reception classes.

As children move through the different stages of our Nursery and Early Years provision, we gradually layer their learning so that they are naturally prepared for future schooling.

In the Nursery we give particular focus to the core areas of:

Communication and language

Personal, social and emotional development

Physical development

Alongside this, through play and playful teaching, we introduce the children to mathematical learning, early literacy skills, develop in them a keen interest in the world and environment, and develop a wide range of creativity skills.

Each week we share our Nursery week with you, providing you with opportunities to support your children in learning and play at home.

An overview of our curriculum can be found [here](#).



Nursery session times – Hedgehog Class (2-4 year olds)

Sessions are offered to families for 38 weeks of the year.

Mon	8.45-11.45	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00*
Tues	8.45-11.45	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00*
Wed	8.45-11.45	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00*
Thurs	8.45-11.45	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00*
Fri	8.45-11.45	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00*

Additional packages can be offered, in order to extend provision and enable flexibility.

- Provision available for 3-4 year olds.

Nursery session times – Squirrel Class (3-4 year olds)

Sessions are offered to families for 38 weeks of the year.

Mon	8.30-11.30	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00
Tues	8.30-11.30	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00
Wed	8.30-11.30	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00
Thurs	8.30-11.30	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00
Fri	8.30-11.30	or	12.00 – 3.00	or	9.00 – 3.00

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Fee structure

Additional nursery hours will be charged at £7.10 for 2 year olds and £6 for 3-4 year olds. Please [click here](#) to view our charging policy.

Woodside Wonders, our before and after school club, is available for children aged 3 and above. Breakfast club is from 7.45am – 8.50am and is £5.50 a session. After school club is from 3.05pm – 6.00pm and is £9.00 a session. Further details regarding Woodside Wonders can be found on our website.

Admissions

Children can start Nursery from the age of 2 years. An admissions form can be downloaded from the 'key information' section of our website.

Your child will be placed on a waiting list and we will contact when we have a space available.

We hold an information evening in January for prospective families to view our provision and nursery offer.

Please click on the link to read our full [admissions policy](#) *.

Things that you can do to help at home

Support your child in the use of the toilet and in washing their hands.

Encourage your child to put on/take off their coat and shoes.

Talk to and play with your child, giving them quality time within the day.

Enjoy reading books together and talking about the pictures.

Sing nursery rhymes together.

Draw pictures together and enjoy making marks.

Dress up and pretend or tell stories using little characters and toys.

Enjoy walks to the shops, library or park.

Climb, run and jump, cycle your bike or scooter, kick and throw a ball.

Eat your meals together and chat about your day. Learn to use utensils and say please and thank you.



We look forward to welcoming you to our nursery.