



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School

A Guide to our 3 to 4 year old Nursery



Monkey Class

Message from our Executive Head Teacher

Thank you for choosing Watton Westfield Infant & Nursery School, where your child will be taught by a qualified teacher and will receive plenty of adult support and encouragement to begin their learning journey. We have worked hard to provide an interesting, stimulating and safe environment both inside and out, to offer continuous provision for the children.

We are very proud of our Nursery and the children who attend transfer smoothly into our main school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to develop your child's education.

Helen Kemp
Executive Head Teacher

The Curriculum

In Nursery we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. There are seven areas of learning within the EYFS;

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

All areas are delivered through planned, purposeful play, which is child-led with some focussed activities which children are encouraged to try. The environment is set up to enable children to become independent learners.

Throughout Westfield, we teach using Core Stories and have a different Core Story each half term. We try to link as much of the learning to the story to really engage the children and encourage their love of reading and books.



Session Times

All 3year olds qualify for 15 hours nursery funding a week from the government from the start of the term after their 3rd birthday. Our sessions are either five mornings or five afternoons per week. Some parents may be eligible for 30 hours funding, please speak to the office for further information about this.

The session times are:

Mornings: 8.30am to 11.30am

Afternoons: 12.30pm to 3.30pm

30 hours funding: 9.00am to 3.00pm (if eligible).

A Typical Day in Monkey Class

8.30am: Doors open for Morning Nursery children. Children come into class, self-register and settle at an activity.

9.00am: Children eligible for 30 hours funding arrive.

9.15am: Carpet time – Whole class teaching session based on one of the seven areas of learning.

9.30am: Activities – The children will learn through a mixture of child-initiated play and small group adult-led activities.

10.40am: Tidy up time and singing on the carpet.

10.45am: Snack time – the children take part in 'snack and chat' to develop their speech and communication skills.

11.15am: Carpet time – Whole class teaching session based on one of the seven areas of learning.

11.30am: Morning Nursery children go home. Children eligible for 30 hours funding get ready for lunch.

11.45am: Lunchtime – children eat their lunch in the hall with the Reception children.

12.30pm: Doors open for Afternoon Nursery children. Children come into class, self-register and settle at an activity.

1.15pm: Carpet time – Whole class teaching session based on one of the seven areas of learning.

1.30pm: Activities – The children will learn through a mixture of child-initiated play and small group adult-led activities.

2.40pm: Tidy up time.

2.45pm: Carpet time - Whole class teaching session based on one of the seven areas of learning.

3.00pm: Children eligible for 30 hours funding go home.

3.05pm: Snack time – the children take part in 'snack and chat' to develop their speech and communication skills.

3.25pm: Singing on the carpet.

3.30pm: Afternoon Nursery children go home.

What to bring to Nursery

- A change of clothes in a named bag
- A water bottle with fresh water in each day. For health reasons, we ask that it is only plain water in these bottles, not squash, juice or flavoured water.
- You are welcome to leave named wellies in a named carrier bag on your child's peg
- 50p snack money each week (voluntary contribution).

Ideally we would like children to be reasonably independent when using the toilet so please make sure they wear clothes they can manage easily (easy to undo / easy to pull up and down). However, if you are having any issues with toileting please discuss these with a member of staff and we will support you with these.

Uniform is optional in Monkey class. School jumpers are available to order from Birds of Dereham.

Bringing your child to Nursery

In Monkey class the children come into school through the main front entrance of the school. You will be greeted by a member of staff and they will welcome your child into school.

We understand that some children settle more easily than others but staff will be in class to give the children support and reassurance. Although it can be distressing to leave a child who is upset, staff will encourage parents to leave as soon as possible as the children usually calm down once their parent has gone. Parents can always phone school to find out if the child has settled. We can trial shorter sessions for a longer settling period for some children if needed.

Collecting your child from Nursery

At the end of each session the teacher will open the classroom door and children will be 'matched' to their parents, carers and childminders.

Please let the school know if someone different will be collecting your child. We cannot let your child go with anyone we have not received permission for from you as their parent.

We appreciate that you may occasionally be delayed, however, if you are going to be late, please telephone school to let us know. After session childcare is only available if pre-booked and this will incur a charge.

Being Part of the Wider School Community

The children in Monkey class are an important part of the school. We use the hall for PE each week and sometimes go into special assemblies. We also make use of the woods, playgrounds and play equipment on school grounds to support our learning.

On a Friday we visit the school library and choose a book to take home and return again the following Thursday.

We have a PE session each week in the main school hall. The children do not have to change into a PE kit but they will be asked to take off their shoes and socks so please make sure your child wears shoes they can manage easily themselves. Please remove your child's earrings on PE days.

To enable us to share the curriculum with you we have a notice board showing what we are doing, so you can help your child's learning at home. We also post regular updates on Class Dojo and send home newsletters.

Assessment

We assess the children in each of the seven areas of the EYFS throughout the year. We will keep evidence of your child's learning in a special book called a Learning Story. This will also include their next steps. We encourage contributions from your child's learning at home and would love to see photographs and examples of their achievements outside of school.

You will be informed of your child's achievements at Parent/Teacher interviews and as part of the end of year report. There will also be opportunities to look at your child's learning story during our Open Classroom sessions.

Monkey Class Nursery Staff



Mrs Vine (Teacher Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Hughes (Teacher Thursday & Friday)



Mrs Sagrott (Nursery Nurse)

Mrs Ciesla (Nursery Assistant)

Everyone at Watton Westfield wants to make your child's time at nursery an enjoyable learning experience and we are really looking forward to you joining our school soon.

If you have any concerns or questions at any time, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are always happy to discuss any concerns you might have with you.