

OYSTER BAY NURSERY



A very special place for babies and children to
play, discover and learn



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WELCOME

Welcome to Oyster Bay Nursery! Our Nursery is situated within Joy Lane Primary School in Whitstable. At Oyster Bay Nursery, we provide a calm, nurturing and engaging environment, with our indoor and outdoor spaces offering excellent opportunities for high-quality learning experiences. We believe every child deserves to grow and develop through play in an atmosphere where they feel soothed, safe, and secure. This, in turn, enhances their wellbeing and independence, further supporting their learning experiences.

We are open for thirty-eight weeks each year, during the school term. We are closed during the school holidays.

Babies are welcomed into the Nursery from six-months old.



VISION AND ETHOS



At Oyster Bay Nursery, we promote manners and positive behaviour. We encourage the children to care for each other, be kind and respect everyone and everything in the Nursery.

We cultivate this by creating strong, supportive bonds with our children. Our approach is firmly rooted in the power of positive encouragement. The children are taught our ethos of being 'kind, caring, and careful' through our everyday interactions and conversations. Adults model this behaviour to the children.

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Love of Learning: To immerse children and staff in an engaging and creative curriculum that will inspire confident and curious learners.

For Life: To promote British Values, where mental and physical health is supported, ensuring that children and adults alike are prepared in their lifelong learning journeys.

For All: To provide a bespoke and ambitious curriculum that focuses on giving each child the best start in life to enable them to fulfil their personal and academic potential.

PARENTS AND CARERS

At Oyster Bay Nursery, we believe it is essential for parents and caregivers to feel confident and comfortable with their childcare choices. We are always available to discuss any aspect of your child's care or development because we recognise that you know your child best.

Building a trusting and open relationship between your child and their key person is crucial, and we prioritise fostering connections with families.

To keep parents and caregivers informed about what the children are learning at the nursery, we share important updates and photos through our Blossom app and a weekly newsletter.



KEY PERSON

At Oyster Bay Nursery, we adopt the Key Worker approach. Each child will be allocated a key worker who is responsible for working with children and their families. Key Workers work closely with parents and carers to ensure the provision we provide is right for the child. Children will also take part in age-appropriate activities with their Key Worker and fellow group members to help them grow, develop and work with others.



FOREST SCHOOL

Our Forest School provides an outdoor environment to support our children's growing relationship with the natural world. It aims to promote a holistic development, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners whilst providing them with the opportunity to take supported risks. Education and play within the natural environment is vital, and the experience of space, movement and sensory stimulation is crucial for a child's healthy development.



SWIMMING

Oyster bay Nursery boasts its own indoor heated swimming pool known as the Joy Lane Community Swimming Pool. As a coastal community, we prioritise the importance of swimming as an essential life skill and have, therefore, made a commitment to include swimming as part of our curriculum.



THE CURIOSITY APPROACH

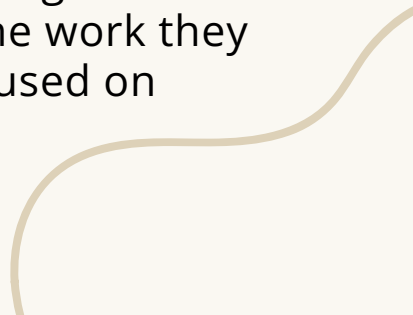


“A modern day Approach that fits perfectly in current changing technological times. Bringing curiosity, awe and wonder into early childhood & creating the 'thinkers & doers' of the future. We aim to empower and ignite passion and excitement in practitioners. We encourage adults to create beautiful, language-rich play spaces for children, using the children’s interests at the core of all planning.”

“At the Curiosity Approach, we are advocates for calm, neutral backgrounds for any displays to let learning shine through, making it become visible! But also we do this to create a sense of calmness without over stimulating those who it is intended for – the children!”

STEPHANIE BENNETT, CO-FOUNDER OF THE CURIOSITY APPROACH

At Oyster Bay Nursery, we are inspired by this inclusive approach that creates calm, safe, and nurturing spaces for all the children in our care. We take pride in our learning environment and encourage children to value and take care of their surroundings as well as the work they produce. We also promote an eco-friendly culture focused on sustainability and recycling.



HEALTHY EATING



Lunch



Snack

At Joy Lane, we pride ourselves on our in-house catering facility, 'Oyster Bay Catering', which allows us to design our own menus and offer a wide range of home-cooked meals using fresh ingredients sourced from local suppliers. With a new menu twice a year and themed days to celebrate in-school events, our catering team is always looking for ways to introduce your child to varied and exciting meals.

During both the morning and afternoons sessions, the children have snack time. The children help themselves to a variety of healthy snacks for which there is no charge. All allergies are catered for at Oyster Bay Nursery.

INCLUSION AND EQUALITY

At Oyster Bay Nursery, we are committed to ensuring that we meet the needs of each individual child, including any special needs they may have. We follow the guidelines set out in the 1993 Education Act and the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Sometimes, children may require additional support. It is essential that we are informed of any concerns you have about your child as they start Nursery. This information will help us provide the best possible support for them.

We believe in an inclusive and individualised approach to learning, and we celebrate each child's strengths.



CURRICULUM

We take immense pride in providing a captivating curriculum that ignites a love of learning in all our children, nurturing their curiosity and promoting awe and wonder.

Our utmost priority is to offer a nurturing environment where children feel confident to ask questions and show high levels of engagement. Our team is well-informed about our children's prior learning, interests, and specific needs, allowing us to tailor our teaching approach to help them progress at an ambitious yet appropriate pace.

We understand that each child is unique, and we strive to create an environment where every child feels valued, encouraged, and supported to reach their maximum potential.

Our children have opportunities to play, explore, and develop their confidence through our "Voices for Choices" animal characters that help them develop effective learning characteristics.



SESSIONS

Session	Time
Breakfast Club	7.30am-8.30am
Morning Session	8.30am-11.30am
Lunch Club	11.30am-12.30pm
Afternoon Session	12.30pm-3.30pm
Afternoon Club	12.30pm-5.30pm



FEES

Session

Price

Breakfast Club

£6 (2-4 yrs) £6.50 (under 2s)

Morning Session

£18 (2-4 yrs) £19.50 (under 2s)

Lunch Club

£6 (2-4 yrs) £6.50 (under 2s)

Afternoon Session

£18 (2-4 yrs) £19.50 (under 2s)

Afternoon Club

£12 (2-4 yrs) £13 (under 2s)

Lunch Meal
£2.80

Swimming Fee
(Pre-School)
£15 per term



JOINING OUR NURSERY

Families are warmly invited to visit our Nursery and see our children in action! We are always delighted to show you around so you can see the fantastic facilities our provision has to offer.



ADMISSIONS

We hope that our prospectus and tours will be useful in presenting an insight into our nursery environment.

If you would like further information following your visit, please do get in touch by email or by telephone and a member of our team will happily answer any of your questions.



UNIFORM

Oyster Bay Nursery uniform is available to purchase online:

www.coastalschooluniformcompany.co.uk

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