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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Westonbirt Schools, and thank you for your interest in our Nursery. Our highly experienced and committed team of teachers and support staff provides children with a warm, nurturing and stimulating environment. Through free play, formal learning and great outdoor experiences we encourage creativity, curiosity, confidence, and fun, as well as a lifelong love for learning and exploring. Our core programme is supplemented by a whole range of exciting and dynamic extra-curricular activities that are led by specialist teachers including music, physical education, swimming and dance. Nursery children play an active and valued role in many of the wider school events such as the swimming gala, sports day, the Harvest Festival and the Nativity play, exposing them to the enriching and rewarding experiences of Westonbirt from the start.

On graduation, our Nursery children are confident explorers, excited about learning, and fully equipped to succeed in the Prep School. In May 2019, the Independent School Inspectorate (ISI) fully inspected the school, and stated that our academic attainment and personal development are “excellent”. The inspectors also noted that “In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), all children make very good progress in relation to their age and development. Pupils from the EYFS onwards have strong numeracy skills and enjoy their mathematics lessons”. The report also commended the school on its ability to help children develop their critical skills, such as collaboration, communication, self-awareness, resilience, and critical thinking. Most importantly, however, our Nursery children are having fun, happy, and meaningful experiences, and leave us with great memories and friendships.

Mr Sean Price
Head of Prep School



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at a glance



ISI inspected in
May 2019: **“Excellent”**



Close-knit, warm
community of learners



Located in a **safe,**
contained **210 acre park**



Guaranteed place
in Westonbirt Prep



EYFS Early Years Foundation
Stage **programme**



Play-based learning
and development



Happy, nurturing and
encouraging environment



Accepting children
from 2 years old



Term time only or
full time options



Morning, afternoon
and evening sessions



Adult to children ratio in
Lower Nursery 1:4



Adult to children ratio in
Upper Nursery 1:8



We accept **15 funded**
childcare hours*

*From the term after a child's 3rd birthday
until the term after they turn 5 years old.



Learning & Developing Skills



There are daily letters and sounds (phonics), and number lessons across the Nursery. In the Upper Nursery, children attend specialist lessons such as swimming, Forest School, Tappy Toes and ballet (optional). Across both the Nursery classes, activities are based around a termly topic (eg Space, Super Heroes) and are designed to deliver a broad ranging curriculum based on requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. We thrive on developing a lifelong love for learning by designing play-based lessons, and our fantastic setting in a beautiful 210 acre park provides an inspirational and safe outdoor environment that is available to be used all year round.

The progress of the children is tracked using an app called Tapestry. This delivers photo and video updates to parents' devices with a tagged age-related objective that they have achieved. Parents also receive written reports, Next Steps cards and parents' consultations throughout the year. On a daily basis, your child's key worker and other Nursery team members are happy to chat on drop off or pick up, and are available via email.

Sessions & Groups

Our Nursery welcomes children from the age of 2 years, and there are options to attend term time or full time. Additionally, for those attending term time, there is a flexible option to attend sessions during the holidays. The sessions available are:

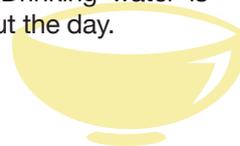
- Morning session: 08.00-13.00 (includes lunch)
- Afternoon session: 13.00-16.00
- After school sessions: 16.00-17.00 (includes tea) and 17.00- 18.00

We request half a term's notice for any session changes. Any changes are at the discretion of the Headmaster and are reliant on spaces being available.

Upper Nursery accepts children aged 3-4, and children can join from the term after their 3rd birthday. Lower Nursery welcomes children aged 2-3, and accepts children from the term after their 2nd birthday. The classes retain their independence in regard to age-related activities and differentiated teaching but where it is appropriate, in regard to the activity or the social development opportunity for children, classes may interact and be joined for sessions. For the Upper Nursery, there will be around 16 children per class with a minimum of two adults (1:8 adult to children ratio), and in the Lower Nursery, there will be a maximum of 8 children per class with two adults (1:4 adult to children ratio).

Lunch & Snacks

Lunch is cooked on site by our school catering team and a hot meal is served every day. Throughout the day, there are additional snacks such as fruit, cheese and breadsticks. For those children staying after 4.00pm, there is tea consisting of sandwiches, fruit and dessert. Drinking water is available throughout the day.

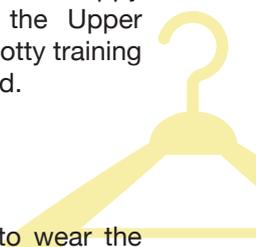


Changing and Sleeping



There are areas for nappy changing and sleeping for the Lower Nursery. Nappy changing and sleeping are built into the routines of the day and discussed with parents in advance of children starting. Upper Nursery children do not have a dedicated sleeping area or nap time, but rest is taken within the class environment. There are no dedicated nappy changing facilities for the Upper Nursery, and therefore potty training is strongly recommended.

Uniforms

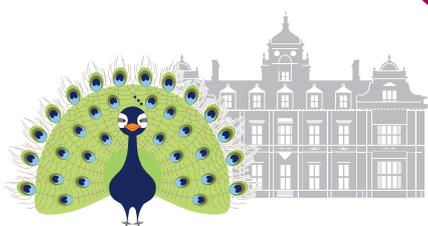


Children are expected to wear the school sweatshirt and coat. This is accompanied by navy tracksuit bottoms, a white polo shirt and white trainers.

Please note that our Nursery is almost full, so please apply for a place as early as possible to avoid disappointment. We look forward to welcoming your family to our close-knit community of learners and explorers.



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