

New Nursery Starter Information Evening

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King's Academy Meadow Vale



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In partnership with the whole school community and through an enriching and inclusive curriculum...



...we aspire to nurture and empower every child to flourish through building their confidence, creativity and a love of learning.



We will encourage, inspire, champion and support them to achieve their potential so they become assured, considerate, resilient and active members of society.

What does a typical day in Nursery look like?

Morning (9-12) /Afternoon (12-3)

Soft start activities

Register

Adult-led Activity

Choosing Time (Indoors and Outdoors)

Tidy-up Time

Adult-led Activity

Story Time

Home Time

11:30-12:30 Lunch Time for full-time Nursery children

The beginning and end of the school day...



Session times:

9am-12pm Morning session

12pm-3pm Afternoon session







9am-3pm Full Time session



No mobile phones

Our Curriculum

Each half term is based around different key stories. A copy of related Curriculum Promises will be sent home with your child each half term to provide an insight into the exciting learning opportunities that have been carefully planned around the main topic. Our *Parental Engagement* section offers suggestions for hands-on activities supporting your child's learning at home.

Autumn 2					
Focus story: The Gingerbread Man					
Memorable Experience: Perform to an audience – Christmas Carol Concert		Parental Engagement: Bake gingerbread biscuits.		Conversation to have: What does it mean to be respectful? How do we respect others? How do we show respect for toys?	
Books to read: The Gingerbread Man 2 – What Happened Later?		Innovative challenge: Act out the story of the Gingerbread Man.		Something to investigate: Investigate seasonal changes in the Nursery garden.	

EYFS Curriculum Overview

The 3 prime areas are:

1. Communication and language
2. Personal, social and emotional development
3. Physical development

The 4 specific areas are:

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the world
4. Expressive arts and design

Our carefully designed curriculum offers a wide range of activities promoting all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Nursery-aged children will be offered focused adult support to develop secure knowledge and skills in the three prime areas.

Communication and Language

- ✓ Listening, Understanding and Attention
- ✓ Speaking



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Share attention

Be at the child's level. Pay attention to what they are focused on.

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Respond

Follow the child's lead. Respond to their non-verbal and verbal communications. You could make a brief comment on what they can see, hear or feel.

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Expand

Repeat what the child says and build on it by adding more words to turn it into a sentence.

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Conversation

Have extended back and forth interactions. Give children time to listen, process and reply.

We use the ShREC approach to engage our pupils in high-quality interactions.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ✓ Self-regulation
- ✓ Managing self
- ✓ Building relationships



The three strands of PSED reflect and promote our School Rules:

Ready

ready to learn
ready to listen
ready to try hard

Respectful

respectful to all
adults, peers and
property

Safe

safe in and
out of class



Physical Development

✓ Fine motor skills



✓ Gross motor skills



Curriculum enhancements



Mobile farm visit



Butterfly garden project



Train Activity Session



Joint EYFS celebrations

PE

No PE kit is required for the Nursery cohort



School Library





Snack time

Each child needs to bring their own water bottle, which can be refilled with fresh water during the school day. A healthy snack is provided daily in school.



Lunch time

Full-time children have a lunch in the school hall. We encourage their packed lunch to be healthy and balanced.

From October, once the children have settled into the autumn term, you will be offered to choose a school lunch for your child. School lunch has to be pre-ordered and pre-paid online.

WE FOLLOW A STRICT NO NUT POLICY AT SCHOOL.

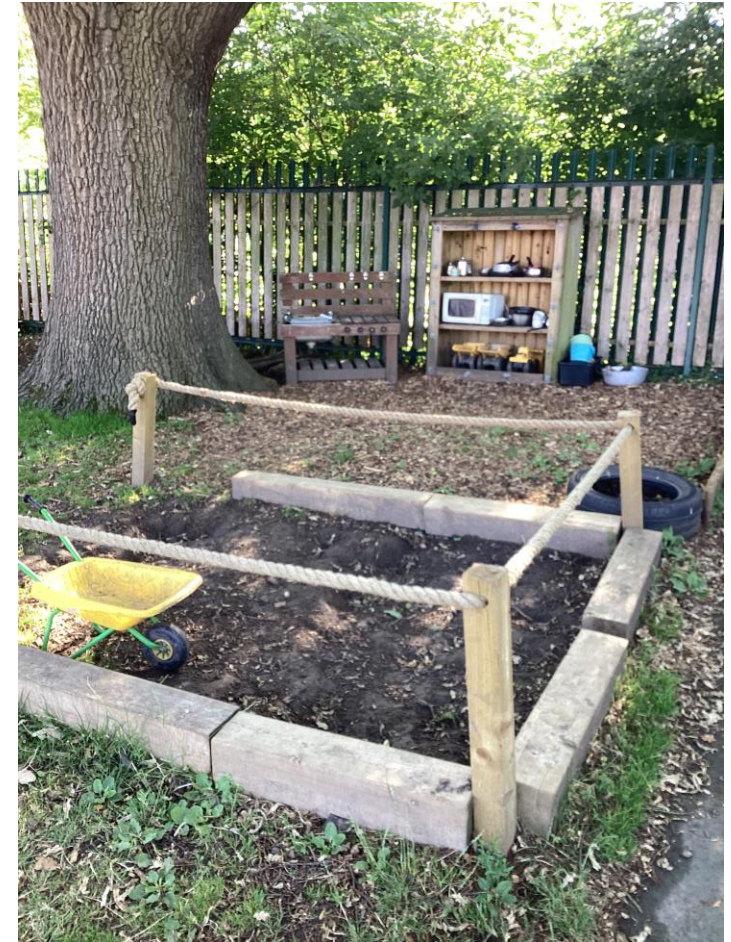


Our learning environment



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Nursery-aged children also enjoy lunchtime play in their own enclosed outdoor space.



What will my child need to bring to nursery each day?

- Water bottle (filled with water, not juice!)
- Packed lunch (full-time children)
- Spare clothes in a drawstring bag
- Wet wipes
- Wellington boots
- Coat or raincoat
- Book bag (available online)



Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.

Nursery uniform

Our logo uniform suppliers are Brigade. You can find details of the uniform available from www.brigade.uk.com
Other uniform items can be purchased from the retailers of your choice.

- White long or short sleeved polo shirt (Logo optional)
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (Logo optional)
- Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Black skirt/pinafore dress
- White or grey socks or tights (no trainer socks)
- Plain black trainers
- Wellington Boots to be left in school

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We promote **outdoor learning**,
rain or shine!



Expectations

- School readiness = promoting independence, e.g. putting shoes and coat on or using the toilet
- Label ALL your child's belongings
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile
- Report an absence to the school office
- Sickness and diarrhoea – **48hrs before returning to school**
- Tapestry - share any learning at home
- Read to your child daily
- Open door policy

Dates and reminders

Tuesday 1st September

INSET Day – school closed for all children

Wednesday 2nd September, Thursday 3rd September, Friday 4th September and Monday 7th September

Home visits

Tuesday 8th September

Stay and Play session for Nursery children with parents.

Wednesday 9th September

Stay and Play sessions for Nursery children without parents.

Thursday 10th September – children start their sessions:

Morning 9-12/ Full-time 9-12:30/ Afternoon 12-3

Friday 11th September – all children start their regular attendance pattern:

Morning 9-12/Full-time 9-3/Afternoon 12-3

Questions?



See you in September!