



Grasshoppers St Albans
Day Nursery and Preschool

All about Grasshoppers Day Nursery

Children from 6 weeks to 5 years
Open 52 weeks a year (excluding bank holidays and inset days)



Our Nursery

At Grasshoppers Day Nursery the warm and welcoming environment ensures that your child's individual needs are prioritised and their interests nurtured.

Children's days are packed full of activities designed in line with EYFS principles and implemented by our highly trained and knowledgeable staff.

All children have access to the garden on a daily basis as we recognise the importance of outdoor play on children's learning and development.

Parents Say

"My child recently started at the nursery and has settled in within no time thanks to the caring staff and great facilities. Everyone is so loving and helpful and it's been so comforting for us as parents to know that he's well looked after. There are so many activities he enjoys greatly that he's been talking about in the evenings and especially the spacious garden is a big bonus not only in the summer. Thank you to the entire team."

More parent reviews can be found at
www.daynurseries.co.uk



www.ofsted.gov.uk

Healthy Building Blocks

The Importance of Outdoor Play

Daily access to our age appropriate outdoor space is a fundamental part of the routine across all age groups. Children gain an understanding of the natural world around them and develop physical, imaginative and social skills.

Nutrition Matters

Our nursery has a dedicated on-site Chef who prepares the children's meals. Using fresh produce, locally sourced where possible, our menu provides a tempting variety of dishes. We cater for our youngest children's weaning needs through to those on full diets and cater for dietary requirements. The importance of healthy eating is a core principle of our nursery and we work alongside nutritionists to develop our balanced menu.

Example menus can be found online at www.childbasepartnership.com/our-menus



Development and Learning

Learning Through Play

Our rooms and gardens are resourced to provide opportunities for every child to grow and develop. Each child's learning experience with us is unique and our highly trained staff are there to nurture and support your child. Bespoke planning incorporates your child's interests and supports their development across the 3 prime and 4 specific areas of learning. Activities are both age and stage appropriate and follow the EYFS principles.

Weekly activities can include cooking, art, ICT, messy play and music as well as literacy and numeracy.

From those first steps to supporting your child's transition to school, we work in partnership with you throughout your family's journey with us.



Working in Partnership with You

The Key Person

When you join us, both you and your child will be allocated a Key Person. The Key Person is there to support your transition into nursery and to support your child's ongoing learning and development needs.

Learning Journeys

We use state-of-the-art digital Learning Journeys to record and extend your child's learning and development. Narrative observations are supported by images of your child engaging in a variety of activities each week. A fully secure system allows you access to these observations on any computer or tablet outside of the nursery. The Learning Journey allows you to monitor progress and add your own observations about your child at home. You will also receive daily feedback by staff when you collect your child.

Parent's Evenings and Training Sessions

Parent's evenings provide you with an opportunity to talk through your child's development. Annual training sessions on key topics such as first aid, behaviour management and school readiness allow us, or external trainers, to share knowledge with you on key areas.

Parent Partnership Meetings

We hold regular parent partnership meetings throughout the year. These meetings allow us to discuss key aspects of nursery life and provide invaluable feedback and suggestions. They are also a great way to meet other parents and contribute fully to the life of our nursery. If you are interested in joining our forum please speak to the Nursery manager.

Fully Inclusive Service

We provide a fully inclusive service to all families. Freshly prepared meals, formula milk, nappies and wipes, creams, suncream and all extra-curricular activities are included within our fees.

Our terms and conditions can be found at www.childbasepartnership.com/terms-and-conditions

Our key policies and procedures can be found at www.childbasepartnership.com/policies-and-procedures

Our Ethos *'We all contribute, we all benefit'*

Employee Ownership Where People Matter

We are an employee owned company where our staff are empowered and encouraged to take part in all decision making processes.

Training and Development

Our employees benefit from award-winning staff training and development programmes. High level investment in our colleagues personal and professional growth and wellbeing is a priority.



We would be delighted to show you around

For more information

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Or visit us at

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