

*A Love
For Learning*



PRIMARY AND
NURSERY SCHOOL
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NURSERY SCHOOL PROSPECTUS
Welcome

At Kelsall Primary and Nursery School we are proud to deliver fun and memorable learning experiences for the children in our care. Our vision for the school is to provide 'A Love of Learning' through:

- Embracing Creativity and Critical Thinking
- Promoting Inclusion and Belonging
- Providing an Innovative and Challenging curriculum

When children enjoy school and are enthusiastic, independent learners we know that we have succeeded.

Our thriving school community encourages everyone to recognise the important contribution they must make towards the efficiency and happiness of the school. Personal qualities including a desire to learn, an enquiring mind, showing care for ourselves, others and our environment, honesty and a concern for the well-being of others are essential. We are nurturing the citizens of the future and we take this responsibility very seriously.

Our nursery is pivotal in laying secure foundations for future learning, providing children with the key skills needed to build meaningful relationships, self confidence, emotional regulation, effective communication skills and self care skills in a movement rich environment.

We would be delighted to welcome you to our school for a tour. You will be left with a lasting impression of our approach to learning, the children's happy engaged faces, the high quality staff and the impressive standard of work and learning environments.

The children are our greatest ambassadors, you will see why our school is a very special

and unique place to be. ***Our Nursery***

There are many advantages to using our school-based nursery:

- Led by a qualified Early Years teacher.
- Supported by well qualified and experienced early years practitioners.
- Housed within purpose built rooms within our school.
- Access to all school equipment and facilities: large school hall and access to our large outdoor area.
- Access to our Wrap Around Care services from 7:30 am – 6:00pm (3 – 11 year olds only) and early drop off service from 8.45am.
- Continuous education from age 3 – 11 (subject to accepted application for Reception place).



Key Person



Each child is designated a member of staff as their own key person. The key person has special responsibilities for working with a small number of children and building strong relationships with parents and carers. Developing a secure bond with their key person allows children to explore and play freely whilst feeling safe within the environment.

The nursery has 37 places between 2 nursery classes based on 2 sessions per day. Additionally

we offer wrap around care to children 3 years and older, enabling your child to stay all day, for an additional cost, or with use of the 30 hour funding.

Wherever possible, first preference sessions are offered, but are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.

Session Times

The morning session is from 9:00am to 12 noon.

The afternoon session is from 12 noon to 3:00pm. Children may bring a packed lunch or have a school meal for £2.85.

These times fit closely with the main school times.

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Fees

Morning and afternoon sessions cost £20 each.

Early Years Foundation Stage Grant Funding is available for all eligible children, providing 15/30 hours of free childcare.



The Foundation Stage of Learning

The Nursery and Reception classes are referred to as the Foundation Stage of learning. This is an important stage, as it is during this time that attitudes to learning are formed and social skills developed which lay the foundations for future education.

Young children learn most effectively through a balance of structured and child initiated play. We work together as a team and plan for children's learning in seven areas to ensure that all areas of development are covered within an interesting, stimulating and supportive framework. We also ensure that children progressively develop their skills and knowledge throughout this phase of their school life. In Reception, children are taught directly and also have a choice of planned activities so that they are able to develop independent learning habits.

The seven areas of learning and development are:

Prime Areas

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Your Child's Learning Journey

During their time in the nursery the children will be constantly developing and learning new skills. We document their time with us along with significant moments in their learning by using an online learning journey called Tapestry. We ask parents/carers to contribute to this learning journey by viewing our observations of your child on a daily basis and also sharing experiences and learning at home. This is really useful to us as there is very often things your child will do/say at home which we don't have the opportunity to hear/see in nursery.

All of your child's observations will be tracked and assessed against the early years curriculum (EYFS) and twice yearly parents evenings give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their key worker.

Optional Extras

We offer milk and water to drink as well as fruit and toast on a daily basis for snack.

Optional extras charges have been revised in line with new government guidance and increased funding rates for 2025–2026. Parents will be able to opt in or out of the following:

- **Meals** – charged at £2.85 per day
- **Snack** – charged at 50p per day
- **Additional activities and trips** – charged as and when they take place



Please note: Where possible, consumables (such as nappies, wipes, creams, and spare clothing) should be provided from home. However, if insufficient quantities are supplied, a charge may be applied to cover the cost of items used in nursery.

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Please advise us as soon as possible if your child has any food allergies or special dietary requirements. **We are a nut free school so please ensure food brought into school for lunch does not contain nuts.**

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Clothing

We encourage outdoor play for children, whatever the weather, and have a variety of resources to support this as well as a fantastic outdoor area and mud kitchen. Children also have the opportunity to take part in lots of messy play activities such as painting, sticking/gluing and making playdough. We therefore recommend children wear practical clothes and shoes.

Please also ensure your child always has a spare set of clothes, wellies and a water bottle, all of which should be named.

Whilst school uniform for nursery children is not compulsory, we ask children to wear a dark green polo shirt. T.shirts, hats and school bags with the school logo can be purchased from www.myschoolstyle.com or parents can buy their own from local supermarkets/stores.



Toileting

We understand that not all children will be toilet trained when they start with us. We will happily work with you to help in any way we can during the toilet training process. "Accidents" are not a problem but we ask parents to supply spare clothing so that we can change your child easily.

If your child is using nappies/pull ups we will change these during the day/session but ask you to supply us with nappies and wipes.

Cheshire Academies Trust

Kelsall are proud to be a part of the Cheshire Academies Trust family.

This Multi Academy Trust works hard to ensure that the core ethos of the trust – Collaboration and Creativity is evident in all of our work to improve outcomes and experiences for all of the children in the trust. Staff work closely together supporting one another and many activities are planned throughout the year that bring common ideas together.



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