

WESTVIEW & SHAMBLES DAY NURSERY

THE CLUB at WESTVIEW

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Our nursery is a place where children can **play, learn and grow** in a **healthy, natural environment**, where each child is valued as a **unique individual**, developing **confidence, independence** and **well-being** through **magic, curiosity** and **discovery**.
Childcare with a difference, as we take children **around the world** on a **journey of exploration, wonder and excitement**.

About us:

Westview and Shambles Day Nursery is comprised of two separate sites in the centre of Bradford on Avon. Westview is a three storey Georgian house with a large garden. It is directly opposite Barton Farm Country Park and Victory Fields, which we use daily. The Shambles is situated in the Shambles street in the heart of the town. With both sites being in the town centre we are within walking distance of the library, local markets and the swimming pool, all of which we visit frequently. Both nurseries work very closely together, and the children visit each setting on a regular basis. Babies that start in Westview are offered a place at Shambles from age 2 if there is a space available.

Westview:

At the top

The Nest and home to our little ones. Two lovely rooms with a soft play area, sensory and messy play, role play tree house and a quiet room. We don't believe in closed doors so babies have the opportunity to move between the rooms. We make the most of our space and have recently developed a dark room with sensory lights and bubble tubes. All staff are trained in baby massage, baby gym, and Makaton signing which are part of the daily routine. They also access to both gardens and Barton Farm. We are very lucky to have so many green spaces so close at hand and we ensure we make the most of them with daily visits to the ducks, to see the canal boats or just play in the many parks. The Nest visit the library on a regular basis and the Thursday market to collect fruit and flowers.

We strongly believe in learning through play and the rooms have been set up to capture the children's imagination with a huge emphasis on role play and physical activities to encourage the three prime areas of learning. We tend to move children with their little friends and when certain miles stones are met at around 20 months.

On the middle floor

The Den is a great room for building and den making. We use boxes, sheets, bricks, clips, poles and all manner of construction tools to build. The large magnet board is also used for gross motor development with large wooden shapes where children can work together to build stories.

The Junction is where our "Journeys" happen as we travel around the world to visit the animals and people of other countries. To celebrate the diversity of our children in our care we travel to the Orient, Medieval Europe, North America, Amazon Rainforest, Africa, Caribbean, Australasia, Space and finally Cold places. The junction is linked to the den and the children often use both rooms to build their dens and extend their play with the small world area. The wooden frame in the junction room is designed to support role play and develop their physical and gross motor skills.

The Lounge in contrast is a lovely calm cosy room with an emphasis on books, stories and literacy. This is a lovely area for small groups to do mindfulness and yoga. Alongside the lounge, the children have a fine motor area with the long busy board.

The Gallery is also on this floor and full of creative opportunities for the children with free art, junk modelling, messy play and planned art activities.

On the ground floor

The Bakery is just that, the room we do all our making, baking and tasting. We work very hard to promote healthy eating and a sugar free environment and although the children bake every day, we prefer to promote a bread culture and savoury treats that the children have at snack time. This is where it all happens. In between cooking and baking the children have a playdough station, woodwork and potion making.

The Playroom offers the children traditional dressing up and role play. Sometimes it's a cafe, sometimes it's a florist and sometimes it is just a house. There is plenty of opportunity to dress up, make up and imagine in this room.

The Dining Room was the original dining room of the house. This is where we do most small group activities, games and small world play.

Outside we have a lovely garden both front and back at Westview. We spend a lot of time, regardless of the weather, outdoors and share the space with The Shambles. The children can access the mud kitchen, large sand pit and a river bed water area. The garden is treated as another room of the house and we also access the local parks which are directly opposite Westview. Our outdoor classes happen in the woodland areas around Barton farm and Fitzmaurice School.

Shambles:

The Roost is an explorer's dream on the top floor with a very high domed ceiling that allows us to play vertically. The room was designed to develop all areas of physical development and took 13 chestnut trees to build. There is a hobbit house that has a traditional cooker and table inside, but the children can negotiate going over and sliding down. They can climb the log to get to the reading net and then negotiate the jump station and wobbly bridge to come down the other side. There is a climbing wall and various swings and pods as well. There are lots of opportunities to build dens and find hidey holes in and under the equipment. This area is all about the psychical, turn taking, balance, developing coordination and learning to assess risks. The children can access the playroom via an internal slide that goes between the floors.

The Playroom is accessed via various slides and stairs. The children have a huge sandpit with bamboo channelling, a loose parts area in the conservatory and a purpose-built water station. A large comfy sofa divides the messy area from the quiet area with dressing up, role play, books, story blocks and a light box for storytelling. Art, junk modelling, wood work and cooking happen daily. The kitchen is accessed via a large hatch area which allows the children to interact with Finn the chef and they help prep vegetable and fruit for meal times. Shambles children buy their own fruit and veg on a daily basis from the greengrocer in the Shambles and often pop into Jim's bookshop to choose new books. We are an 'out and about' nursery and use all the parklands in and around the town.

The Club ...from school age

The Club is our before and after school offering for children from 4 years of age. We aim to provide a fun environment with sporting and creative activities with an emphasis on participation as opposed to entertainment. The Club is open from 7.00am to 6.30pm throughout the year, including teacher training days.

Opening hours:

We are open from 7.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday throughout the year. We understand the importance of flexible childcare and work on an hourly basis allowing parents to choose suitable hours. We are registered for children from new born to school age. From school age, we offer before and after school breakfast club.

Stanley

The nursery has a lovely dog called Stanley Bear who regularly visits and brings immense joy to the children and the staff. The staff will ensure that hygiene is maintained, and children wash their hands after contact. We ensure that the children are taught to respect animals and how best to care for them.

Partnerships with Parents:

We value and appreciate our partnerships with parents and carers. We aim to involve parents in all aspects of Westview & Shambles life via communication on the FAMLY App, parents' evenings and family social events.

Through the FAMLY app we give daily feedback on meals, sleep time, nappies changes, toilet training, medical accidents/incidents etc. Each afternoon/evening the team upload feedback and group photos of the day that will let parents know what activities and learning their child and their key group have been engaging in that day. Any parent notifications or nursery updates are also sent via the App.

Focus weeks

Every six weeks the children will receive a focus week, children's key workers will work with parents to decide the focus for the week, asking if there are any particular areas of interest or areas for development that have been identified in the home environment. The key worker will also let you know of their focus for the child.

Key workers will make in-depth, high-quality observations to evidence the child's learning as well as including some individual photos that go alongside their observations. We use this as an opportunity for parents to interact with their child's key worker and build positive relationships.

We use the FAMLY app for all of our record keeping and communication. As parents, you will have your own private logon on to your child's account. On the app, we will upload the day's feedback. This will include what your child has done that day, what they've eaten and how much they've slept etc. If you're happy for us to do so, we can also upload photos of some of the activities that your child has been doing. When your child leaves nursery to go off to school, we can download and email you a PDF copy of their photos and observations over the years, a lovely memory to look back on.

Our Ethos and Values:

Our mealtimes always start with a serving of seasonal vegetables and fresh fruit is on offer after meals and at snack time. A quality, locally sourced menu is very important to us so we employ a full-time chef to produce three seasonal home cooked meals a day. All food is produced on site on the day. Mealtimes are a sociable occasion, and the staff eat with the children in small groups to encourage good manners and conversation about the food. The children are encouraged to self-serve at mealtimes encouraging them to make their own choices, help each other and share. The staff monitor what the children eat and encourage them to try everything on offer. The menu is displayed on the notice board a week in advance. Drinking water is always available.

Our allergy management focuses on prevention, education, awareness, communication, and emergency response. All information relating to a child's allergy will be shared with all staff within the setting. We request that information pertaining to known allergies is provided in writing. An allergy list is kept in all rooms where food is prepared and/or served and is updated monthly. As snacks and meals are prepared on site, we ensure that alternative foods are given to children with allergies.

We would like to minimise the use of single use plastic, this includes adjusting our art activities and avoiding glitter, plastic googly eyes and foam collages etc. Our suppliers are mindful of excess packaging and where possible we use biodegradable disposables.

We promote the individuality of all children, irrespective of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, or ability. We celebrate cultural diversity in our nurseries and encourage children's self-esteem, self-confidence and well-being through meaningful interactions and positive relationships.

We place a great deal of emphasis on learning through play and 'outside' activities. The emphasis is on participation not entertainment in a warm, happy and relaxed environment. Our ethos is to capture the children's imaginations with good old-fashioned childhood play and magic while working within the EYFS curriculum. To complete our Early Years program, we have several extracurricular activities with specialist staff to instruct the following:

Rachels Dance

Blast (for 2year olds to feed into Ginger)

Ginger Pre-school (the year before they go to school)

Swimming (the year before they go to school)

Monty Music and story telling

The Entitlement:

As a day nursery open all year, we have chosen to stretch your funding offer over 51 weeks as opposed to the 38 weeks (term time only). The Entitlement covers basic childcare education as described by the Early Years Foundation Stage.

For example:

30-hour Entitlement x 38 weeks equates to 1140 hours annually

1140 annual stretched over 51 weeks equates to 22.3 hours weekly.

15-hour Entitlement x 38 weeks equates to 570 hours annually

570 annual stretched over 51 weeks equates to 11.2 hours weekly

Children eligible for the **30 hours Entitlement** (22.3 stretched) must register for a minimum of two 9-hour days and one 4-hour day.

Children eligible for **15 hours Entitlement** (11.2 stretched) must be register for a minimum of one 8 hour day and one 4-hour day.

Please note that once your Entitlement hours are confirmed they cannot be changed within that term.

As the Entitlement covers the basic childcare education as described by the Early Years Foundation Stage a service charge of £3.08 for each funded hour is in place. This charge helps cover the costs of meals, snacks and consumables not covered by the Entitlement. Any hours outside of the Entitlement hours will continue to be charged at our hourly rate of £7.50.

Fees are reviewed annually in April.

Parents of children attending Entitlement hours only between the hours of 3pm and 6pm will have the option to pay for the additional services we provide, which are not covered by the grant funding, but it is not a requirement to do so.

No registration fee is charged where parents wish to register their child for Entitlement only place. However, where parents review their childcare needs and subsequently opt to purchase additional hours, it is important to note our standard (non-refundable) registration fee of £50.00 will become immediately payable.

The hourly rate of £7.50 is payable monthly in advance on registered hours. On joining the Nursery, a £50.00 non-refundable registration fee is payable. Rates are reviewed annually. The Nursery operates on an hourly basis throughout the year except for weekends and bank holidays. Bank holidays are not charged for. Credit/rebates are not given for sessions missed by a child. Payments of invoices must be made by the 15th day of month in which they were issued. Failure to make payment will result in a 10% surcharge being made. We reserve the right to revoke registration of a child for non-payment.