



**ST NICHOLAS**  
Church of England Primary School

# Nursery Prospectus



*We believe that our children should have the aspiration and opportunity to  
'Live life in all its fullness' John 10:10 and 'Shine like stars in the sky'  
Philippians 2:15; to have the courage to act with kindness, patience, love  
and peace in all the communities they serve in.*

## **Welcome to St Nicholas CE School**

We have a teacher-led Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery / Reception) and KS1 class which is for children aged three to seven years old in the first stage of their education.

### **What St Nicholas CE can offer you:**

- FREE 15 hours provision for everyone, regardless of income or funding entitlement.
- Funded teaching sessions: these run from 8.45am – 11.45 am Monday to Friday, 12.30 pm – 3.30pm Monday to Thursday.
- Lunch sessions: these can be booked from 11.45 – 12.30pm at an additional cost of £6, which includes a hot meal.
- Wraparound Care: Breakfast Club is available 7:30 am until 8.45 am Monday to Friday and Afterschool Club is available 3:30-5.15 pm Monday to Thursday
- Weekly Forest Schools sessions with our Environmental Tutor
- Weekly music sessions with our Music Teacher
- Swimming lessons at points during the year
- Private 1-1 music tuition (additional payment required)
- Teacher-led Provision

### **St Nicholas CE Primary School Foundation Stage Aims to:**

- provide a happy, safe, secure and stimulating environment in which every child is valued as an individual.
- offer a broad, balanced and diverse curriculum where learning will be fun and will provide basic skills for the future.
- encourage independence and confidence through opportunities to learn through play both indoors and outside.
- enable every child to reach their full potential in all areas of learning, by recognising that every child is unique.
- create within the child, a feeling of high self-esteem which is the key to all happiness and learning.
- offer equal opportunities for all children by making them active in their own learning.

## Nursery Sessions

Nursery sessions are available:

Monday-Friday Morning Session: 8.45am – 11.45 am

Lunch Club: 11.45am -12.30pm (£6 including a free hot school lunch, but if you would prefer, your child can bring a healthy packed lunch to eat at this time)

Monday – Thursday Afternoon Session: 12.30 – 3.30pm

Breakfast Club daily and After school club Monday – Thursday.

	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7.30 am – 8.45 am	<b>Morning teaching session</b> 8.45 am – 11.45 am	<b>Lunch sessions</b> 11.45 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Afternoon teaching session</b> 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm	<b>After school club</b> 3.30pm – 5.00 pm
<b>Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday</b>	<b>£5.00</b>	<b>£15.00</b>	<b>£6.00</b>	<b>£15.00</b>	<b>£ 10.00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>£5.00</b>	<b>£15.00</b>	<b>£6.00</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>

## Session Costs

Nursery pupils at St Nicholas are eligible to be admitted the term of their 3rd birthday. Each child is entitled to 15 hours of government funded sessions per week, some parents may be eligible to apply for extended 30 hours provision – this needs to be applied for directly by parents and then the evidence letter/email brought to school:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-funding-3-and-4-year-olds>

St Nicholas' sessions are 3 hours long and we are able to offer a maximum of 27 hours per week. If wished, the funded hours may be used across different providers and it may also be used for our Breakfast Club or our After-School Club.

### Rates:

Standard morning session 8.45am – 11.45am £15.00

Standard afternoon session 12.30pm – 3.30pm £15.00

Extended morning session 7.30am – 11.45am £ 20.00 (including breakfast)

Extended afternoon session 12.30pm – 5.00pm £25.00 (including high tea)

Lunch time add on 11.45am – 12.30pm £6.00 (including lunch)

Full day session including lunch 8.45 – 3.30pm £35.00

Extended day session 7.30am – 5.00pm £44.00

Extra sessions for parents who are not eligible for the extended 30 hours provision are available.

Please note that our 'Lunch Club' is not part of the funded government hours and is payable separately at a cost of £6. Lunch will be eaten in the school hall and other school children will be eating in the hall at the same time.

Fees are invoiced half termly in advance and prompt payment is appreciated. Please note that sessions missed due to holidays or sickness will be charged for, as the session costs remain unaffected. Sessions are booked termly in advance by a Parental Agreement form.

Nursery is open term time only and will be closed on CPD training days for school staff..

### **Funding of Nursery Places**

The eligibility dates for Government Nursery funding for 3 year olds are:

- 31st August: For birthdays from 1st April to 31st August, funding begins in September.
- 31st December: For birthdays from 1st September to 31st December, funding begins in January.
- 31st March: For birthdays from 1st January to 31st March, funding begins in April.

### **Notice of increase in fees**

If we need to increase charges, we will give notice of one month.

### **Vouchers**

We are able to accept vouchers through schemes run by many employers for chargeable sessions. Please check with the school office for the information you will need for your employer.

### **Payment terms**

Payment for chargeable sessions must be made in advance either termly, half termly or monthly.

### **Payment methods**

Payments will be accepted via ParentPay, the school on-line payment service. Login details will be advised by the school office.

### **Cancellation policy/illness**

Once you have booked a paid place you are obliged to pay, even if your child does not attend for any reason, including illness and holidays: This also applies to Lunch Club. You do not have to pay for missed funded places, as the funding is in place for your chosen days

during the term, but it would be appreciated if you could telephone school to inform the teacher of any absence.

### **Unavoidable closure of school**

The school policy and procedures apply. Should school be closed for reasons beyond our control, you will not be charged for the paid sessions affected.

From time to time due to special school events we may have to ask for Nursery sessions to be swapped to an alternative day and when this is the case as much notice as possible will be given.

### **Notice period**

We hope that you will not need to leave our nursery, but we require notice in writing if your child will no longer be attending. We ask that parents give as much notice as possible, with the minimum being one month. Any payment that has been made for a place within that months' notice will not be refunded and further payment will be required to complete your commitment to the end of the month.

## Foundation Stage Provision

Our indoor and outdoor areas provide a range of opportunities to learn through play. The children are encouraged to explore, discover and problem solve to extend their learning. We go with the children's interests to change our continuous provision but also use a topic to aid their development and learning opportunities.

Indoor Provision	Outdoor Provision
Mark making area	Mark making area
Maths area	Maths area
Sand/water	Sand/water
Role play	Balancing and climbing equipment
Reading garden	Mud kitchen
Construction	Bug hotel
Small world	Loose parts play (pipes, tyres, crates etc)
Creative area	Gardening area
Malleable area (e.g. playdough)	
Painting easel	

## The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Nursery and Reception class is 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. Our Foundation Stage staff 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. They also ensure that children progressively develop their skills and knowledge throughout this phase of their school life. The children are taught directly and also have a choice of planned activities so that they are able to develop independent learning habits.

From September 2021, we will be following the updated Early Years Curriculum. The seven areas of learning and development are:

Prime Areas:

- Communication and Language
  - Listening, Attention and Understanding
  - Speaking
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
  - Self regulation
  - Managing Self
  - Building Relationships
- Physical Development
  - Gross Motor Skills
  - Fine Motor Skills

### Specific Areas:

- Literacy
  - Comprehension
  - Word Reading
  - Writing
- Mathematics
  - Number
  - Numerical Patterns
- Understanding the World
  - Past and Present
  - People, Culture and Communities
  - The Natural World
- Expressive Arts and Design
  - Creating with Materials
  - Being Imaginative and Expressive

### Partnerships with Parents

As parents you are the first educators of your children. We believe in a close partnership between parents and staff as we join you in educating your child. We want to work closely with you. Good communication between staff and parents enables us to inform each other of relevant matters concerning your child. We appreciate being informed of any change at home that might affect your child and will treat anything you tell us in strict confidence. We will inform you about the activities and learning situations that your child has experienced.

Every child has a learning journey which you will have access to throughout their time in Nursery. This provides a learning log of your child's development. We hold two parents' evenings each year when you will be invited to discuss your child's progress with their key worker. However, there is no need to wait for these if you have questions or concerns. We want you to feel welcome at our Nursery and we will always have time for you.

## **Nursery Uniform**

Children are required to wear the school uniform:

- Royal Blue Sweatshirt
- White shirt / white polo shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts
- Grey pinafore / skirt
- White / grey socks
- Black shoes

## **School uniform can be purchased at:**

**Ripon Uniform Shop,**

64 Blossom gate, Ripon

HG4 5JN

Tel: 01765 692233

## **Sports Kit**

- Black shorts
- White t. shirt
- Trainers / Plimsolls
- Plain navy blue joggers or leggings and a plain navy blue jumper, hoody or zip through top for cold weather.

## **Forest School Kit**

- PE Kit – as above
- Waterproof coat
- Water proof trousers

Please ensure that you label all your children's clothes clearly.