

Little Puffin Nursery

Chaucer Community Primary School

2023-2024



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About Us

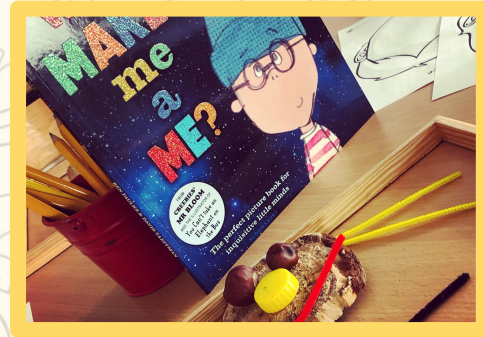
At the Little Puffin Nursery we are committed to being a safe and welcoming space for all, we create stimulating environments in which the children are encouraged to learn and explore in. Our nursery class has a designated class teacher and highly trained level three teaching assistants to help support your child gain the best start to life. We work alongside.

the school reception class to ensure the children have a variety of experiences and give them the opportunity to prepare for school ensuring the transition is as smooth as possible as this can be a scary time for the little ones.



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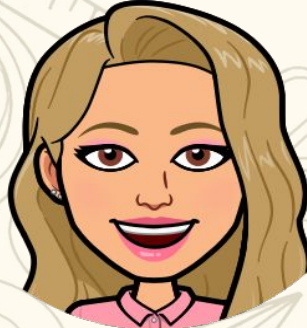
Within the setting the children are encouraged to take risks, develop their confidence and learn through play within all 7 aspects of the early years curriculum. Children have access to a range of exciting resources both inside and in our outdoor environment also. The children also have the opportunity to learn within the main schools environments including the sports hall, ICT suite, library and design and technology room to ensure the children have the greatest potential to learn and develop.



Who's Who?



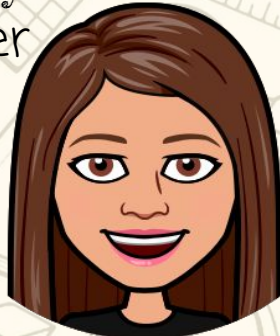
Mrs Murphy
Head Teacher



Mrs Willis
EYFS Lead/
Assistant Head



Mrs Gough
Class Teacher



Miss Devenport
Teaching Assistant



Miss Lea
SENCO



Our Curriculum



At Little Puffin's we base what we do each day around the early years foundation stage framework. This is a framework set out by the government to ensure all children within early years develop to their full potential. We plan activities for children to learn through play within the environment whilst also using in the moment planning when appropriate to build on the children's interests and curiosities. The areas for learning are split into two - prime areas and specific areas.

Our Curriculum

There are 3 prime areas - these areas are those most essential to your child's healthy development and future learning - they are...

- > **Communication and Language**
- > **Physical Development**
- > **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

As children grow, the prime areas will help them develop skills the 4 specific areas - These are...

- > **Literacy**
- > **Mathematics**
- > **Understanding the World**
- > **Expressive Art and Design**

To find out more about the framework visit....
<https://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>



Our Sessions

Children who attend nursery on a free part time place (15 hours) may attend either...

Morning Sessions - 8.45am-11.45am

Afternoon Sessions - 12.15pm-3.15pm

These places can also be flexible to cover 2.5 full days. Alternatively you may be eligible for 30 hours a week funding in which sessions run for 8.45am-3.15pm (A packed lunch will be required from home.)

All children must be collected by a named adult over the age of 16. If you cannot collect your child please let us know as soon as possible and we will ask for a password from the person picking up your child.

We do ask that you try to be as punctual as possible - the school gates will close 10 minutes after our pick up and drop off times. If you are running late we again ask that you let the office know as soon as possible.



Our Sessions

30 Hours Free Childcare

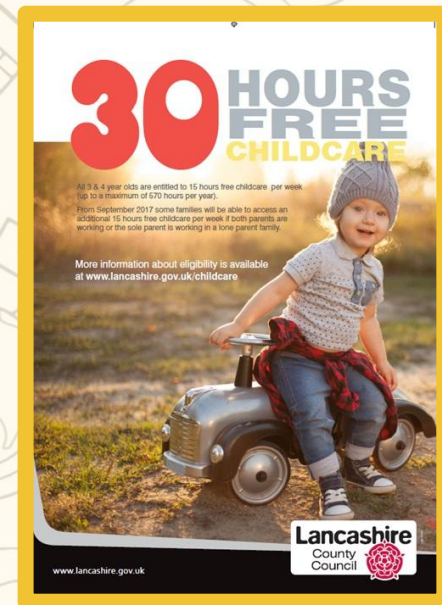
Your child may be eligible for a fully funded full time place at nursery - to find out more see the website below or pop into the school office for more details.

Lancashire Guidance

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/paying-for-childcare/funded-childcare-for-3-and-4-year-olds>

Government Application

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/paying-for-childcare/30-hours-free-childcare/>



Clothing

We ask that your children come in suitable clothing for play activities. We will be painting, playing in the water, sand, mud and exploring the outdoors, so we will be getting messy. We recommend that you don't send your child in anything sentimental or designer as though we do wear aprons and overalls we cannot guarantee that accidents will not happen. School sweatshirts and Little Puffin t-shirts are available to buy from the office if you would like to purchase one of these instead.



Physical Development



Physical Development is a fundamental part of our progression and learning within the early years. We access a range of resources both inside and outside the classroom to improve our fine and gross motor skills.



We also take part in P.E. sessions each week - the day will be confirmed on classdojo. Please can you ensure your child comes in appropriate footwear (trainers/pumps) if your child attend the session.

Weather

We play outside in all weather so we ask that children come with a coat everyday with the exception of that rare time of year we get some warmer weather. Please can these be clearly labelled with your child's name. As the weather does get warmer we also ask that children come with a sunhat and sun cream on prior to arrival and some to top them up throughout the day. We do provide overalls and wellies for the children but if they would prefer their own please send these in also.



What to bring?

We know that when it comes to packing for a child there can be a lot you need to remember so we give the option for your child to either bring these items each day or they can stay in school - please just let us know.. Please can all items be clearly labelled with your child's name. Here is a handy checklist of things to bring with your child to our sessions...

- ✓ Coat
- ✓ Change of clothes
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Nappies and wipes (where needed)



Medical Information

If your child has any health or medical needs (allergies, asthma etc.) it is important you tells us when your child starts with us or as soon as you find out. This will be documented on your child's file to transfer through school.

We do not administer any medication such as calpol or antibiotics etc. Therefore if your child does need these we ask that you come into nursery to administer them when needed. We also ask that if your child has come into contact or contracted any infectious diseases such as chicken pox etc. that you let us know.



Remember - tummy upsets such as sickness and diarrhoea can be easily spread around nursery and so we ask that your child stays at home for 48 hours after their last bout of illness.

If your child does become ill or has an accident at nursery we will contact you as soon as possible, please ensure your contact numbers are kept up to date with the school office.

Applying for School Places

If your child was born between the 1st September 2019 and the 31st August 2020 they will be starting school in September 2024. You will need to apply for their school place even if your child is coming to Chaucer. The application can be completed online via the Lancashire County Council website (see link below) between September 2023 and January 2024. You will usually find out which school your child has been accepted in April. If you need support pop into one of our come on in sessions and we will be able to help you complete this.



<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2023

School re-opens: Monday 4th September 2023 - School closes: Friday 20th October 2023

School opens: Monday 30th October 2023 - School closes: Thursday 23rd November 2023

School opens: Monday 27th November 2023 - School closes: Friday 22nd December 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

School re-opens: Monday 8th January 2024 - School closes: Friday 9th February 2024

School opens: Monday 19th February 2024 - School closes: Thursday 28th March 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

School re-opens: Monday 15th April 2024 - School closes: Friday 3rd May 2024

School opens: Tuesday 7th May 2024 - School closes: Friday 24th May 2024

School opens: Wednesday 5th June 2024 - School closes: Friday 19th July 2024

Inset days: Friday 1st September 2023. Friday 24th November 2023. Monday 3rd June 2024. Tuesday 4th June 2024. Monday 22nd July 2024



More Information



Class Dojo

Check your email for your link to class dojo - you will be able to contact us and see any updates via the class story.



Nursery Website

<https://www.chaucer.lancs.sch.uk/nursery/>



Facebook

@ChaucerPrimarySchool

Come On In

We also hold come on in sessions for us to get to know you more, discuss any questions, worries etc. Keep an eye out for dates on classdojo.

