

A photograph of purple pansies in the foreground, with a blurred background of trees and a brick wall. The text is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

DAISY CHAIN NURSERY WESTBOURNE

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We are delighted and very proud to introduce you to the Daisy Chain Nursery at Westbourne.

Running a nursery had been a dream in the making for many years since Kayti took her Montessori diploma in 1999. Finally, having had our two children Sophie and Imogen, we found the perfect building in Emsworth and our dream started to take shape.

After a very successful year running our day nursery, the opportunity arose to start a term-time nursery in Westbourne, and we leapt at the chance to grow the business in the local area. The nursery has been open for over 15 years and we are extremely proud that Ofsted rate us as 'Good'.

Our criteria for opening and running a nursery have always been clear. We want to provide a happy atmosphere where children can develop their self-confidence, a place where they can learn through play in a safe, warm and caring environment.

Having two children of our own, we understand the needs, aspirations and anxieties of parents. We know the standards that parents require, and we will strive on a daily basis to exceed these standards.

We do hope you will visit us and we look forward to meeting you and your family.

Kayti and Sean Curtis, Directors





The Daisy Chain at Westbourne is located in the Church Hall at Westbourne Parish Church.

There is a car park in front of the hall for easy dropping off and collection. The mornings are likely to be quite busy, however if you would like to speak to a member of staff, you are welcome to stay behind at the end of the session.



If you have any questions
call us on 01243 370401 or
email kayti@daisy-chain-nursery.co.uk



Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which has at its core, four themes:-

1

A Unique Child

Every child is a competent learner who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

2

Positive Relationships

Children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and a key person

3

Enabling Environments

The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning

4

Learning and Development

Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of Learning and Development are equally important and inter-connected

Learning and Development

Learning and Development is covered in 7 further areas:-

Prime

Personal, Social and
Emotional
Development

Physical
Development

Communication and
Language

Specific

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding of the
World

Expressive Arts and
Design

Free Flow

At our nurseries, we use a system called “Free Flow”, which is recognised by Ofsted to be the best preparation for a child’s early education. All the equipment is at the child’s level, helping promote their independence and confidence. The staff set up activities for the children to access, covering both the main activity area and the garden. The children are able to make choices, play with their friends, explore their own interests and develop their fine motor skills.

The staff observe each child as they use the equipment and then adapt activities to fit their own stage of development, so if a child is obviously finding a task very easy, they can change or add to the activity to ensure that they are being stretched and challenged. Play underpins the delivery of the whole curriculum.

The main benefit of Free Flow is that it enables us to treat children as individuals, and once we know what each child likes to do, we can use this knowledge to ensure they are reaching their developmental goals.

For example, children need to practice hand control in order to prepare them for writing. With a child who loves to draw and colour, we can do this at a table using paper and a pencil. However, another child who needs to practice the same skill may struggle to concentrate through this exercise. Forcing them to sit and do the activity would have no value, and may prevent them from coming to the table voluntarily on another occasion.

For this child we would choose an alternative activity, perhaps getting a bowl of water and a paint brush, and encouraging the child to paint circles on the garden wall. By using different activities we have practiced the same skill, but have recognised the different characters and strengths of each child.

For this reason, your child may not have pieces of work to bring home every week, but we regularly record their progress in their on-line development journal, which you will be given access to as soon as your child starts with us.

Snacks

We wish to promote healthy snacks at nursery. We offer a snack programme which will rotate so that all children get to sample all aspects of the menu

At snack time, children are offered water or milk to drink. To promote independence, we encourage them to pour their own drinks.

The snack table is open for approximately half an hour. This enables the children to finish what they are doing, and decide for themselves when they are ready for their snack. Children self-register for snack, and in addition a member of staff monitors attendance at the table so that they ensure the children have all received some refreshment.



Example Snack Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Bread sticks Raisins	Vegetable sticks Cheddar Biscuits
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Rice Cakes Cream Cheese	Apple Cheese Cubes
FRIDAY	
Apple Cheese Cubes	

Session Times and Fees

We have a variety of sessions available. Please call us if you require clarification on funding eligibility

'30 Hour' Fully Funded Sessions for eligible 3 and 4 year olds

Day	Session Times (am)	No. of hours	Session Times (pm)	No. of hours
Mon	8.00 – 12	4	12.30 – 3	2.5
Tues	8.00 – 12	4	12.30 – 3	2.5
Wed	8.00 – 12	4	12.30 – 3	2.5
Thurs	8.00 – 1.15	5.25		
Fri	8.00 – 1.15	5.25		

- Attending all the sessions above will maximise use of funding
- Children can have breakfast between 8-8.30am at a cost of 50p per day
- Lunch club operates between 12-12.30 each day. Children should bring a healthy packed lunch with them. Mon-Wed the charge for this period is £3.25 per day as it falls outside of the funding hours.

Session Times and Fees

Universal funded sessions for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds (15 hour funding)

Day	Session Times	No. of hours	Session Times	No. of hours
Mon	8.30 – 12.00	3.5	12.30 – 3	2.5
Tues	8.30 – 12.00	3.5	12.30 – 3	2.5
Wed	8.30 – 12.00	3.5	12.30 – 3	2.5
Thurs	8.30 – 12.30	4	8.30 – 1.15	4.75
Fri	8.30 – 12.30	4	8.30 – 1.15	4.75

- Parents can select a variety of sessions to maximise use of funding.
- Additional hours (where children do more than the 15 funded hours) are charged at £3.25 per half hour.
- Children can attend breakfast club between 8-8.30am at a cost of £3.25 per day (including breakfast)
- Lunch club operates between 12-12.30 each day. Children should bring a healthy packed lunch with them. Mon-Wed the charge for this period is £3.25 per day as it falls outside of the funding hours.

Unfunded Sessions

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Breakfast Club	8.00-8.30 £3.25	8.00-8.30 £3.25	8.00-8.30 £3.25	8.00-8.30 £3.25	8.00-8.30 £3.25
Morning	8.30 – 12 £23	8.30 – 12 £23	8.30 – 12 £23	8.30 – 12 £23	8.30 – 12 £23
Lunch Club	12-12.30 £3.25	12-12.30 £3.25	12-12.30 £3.25	12-12.30 £3.25	12-12.30 £3.25
Afternoon	12.30-3 £16	12.30-3 £16	12.30-3 £16	12.30-1.15 £3.25	12.30-1.15 £3.25

Early Years Education Funding

From the term after they turn three, all children become eligible for Early Years Education Funding for up to 570 hours per year.

We are also registered to accept children eligible for 2 year old funding, and those that qualify for 30 hour extended funding.

The Admin Manager can provide further information on all aspects of funding. We strongly advise you to look at the government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for further information on eligibility.

Cut off dates for 2 year funding

A child born on or between:	Will become eligible for a funded place at the start of the term beginning:
1st Apr to 31st Aug	1st Sept (after 2nd birthday)
1st Sept to 31st Dec	1st Jan (after 2nd birthday)
1st Jan to 31st March	1st April (after 2nd birthday)

Cut off dates for 3 year funding

A child born on or between:	Will become eligible for a funded place at the start of the term beginning:
1st Apr to 31st Aug	1st Sept (after 3rd birthday)
1st Sept to 31st Dec	1st Jan (after 3rd birthday)
1st Jan to 31st March	1st April (after 3rd birthday)

Terms and Conditions

Registration

- A Registration fee of £30 is payable on submission of the completed registration form. This fee will be deducted from the first half term fees. If the nursery cannot offer you the place you require, it will be returned to you. It is not refundable if you choose not to take up a confirmed place.
- Children must be 2 years old to attend the nursery.
- Your child should ideally attend the nursery for a minimum of 2 sessions a week.

Payment of Nursery Fees

- Fees are payable half termly in advance by bank transfer, Tax Free childcare or childcare vouchers.
- If nursery fees are outstanding for more than 14 days without prior agreement the nursery may serve 14 days notice in writing to terminate the contract at which point the child will no longer be allowed to attend the nursery.
- Fees are reviewed annually on 1st September

Operational Information

- A penalty of £10 will be charged for the late collection of children.
- In the event of adverse weather conditions, the nursery will always endeavour to open, possibly for reduced operating hours. However if we cannot get enough staff safely to the nursery to meet ratio requirements, we will be forced to close. Refunds are not made in this event.
- The term dates for 2023/24 are as follows:-

Term Dates

Autumn Term

New starters Monday 4th September 2023

First Day of Term Tuesday 5th September 2023

Half Term (closed) 23rd - 27th October 2023

Last Day of Term Friday 15th December 2023

Spring Term

New starters Tuesday 2nd January 2024

First Day of Term Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Half Term (closed) 12th – 16th February 2024

Last Day of Term Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term

First Day of Term Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday (closed) Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term (closed) 27th May – 31st May 2024

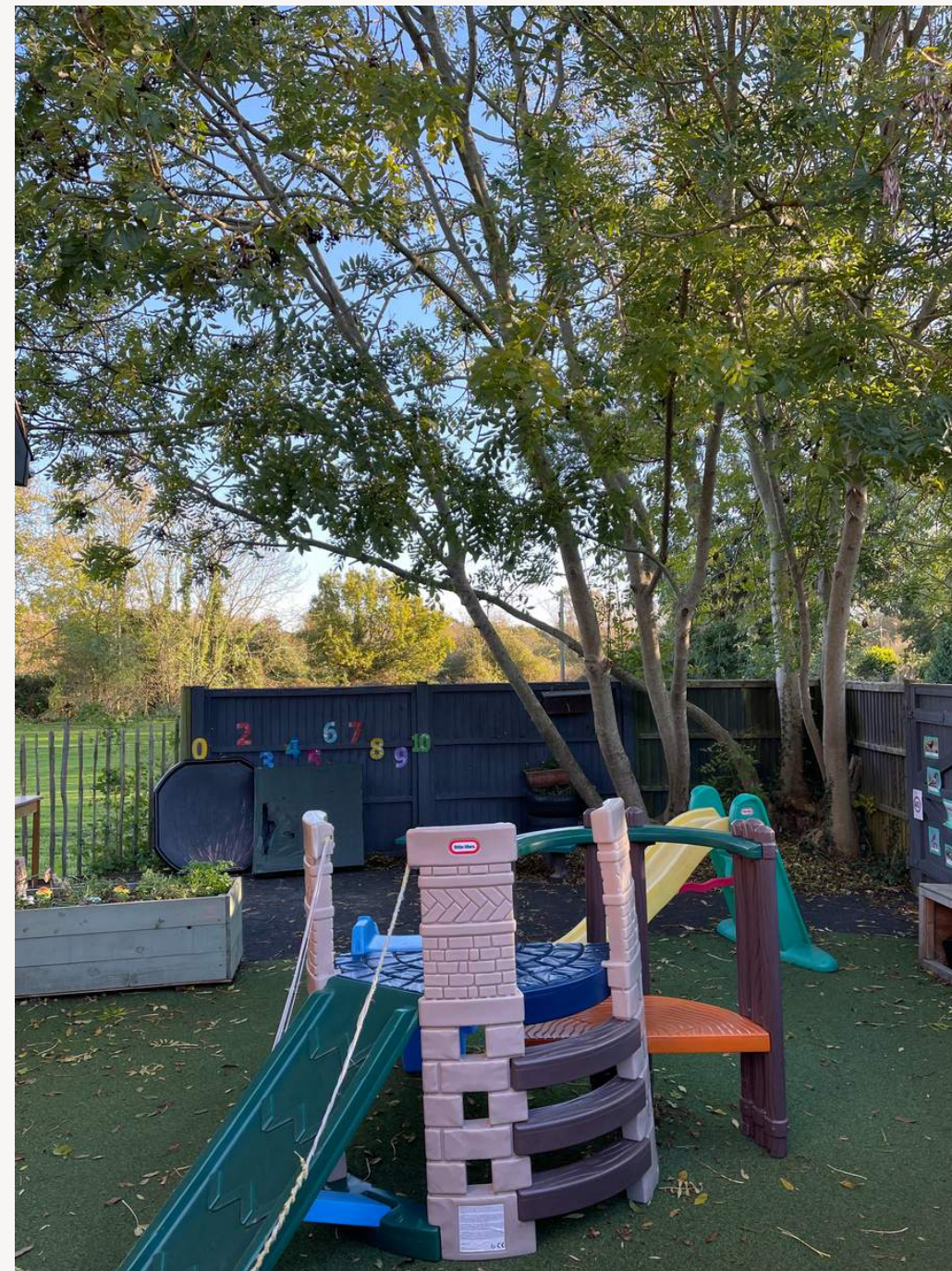
Last Day of Term Friday 19th July 2024

Cancellation/Termination

- A minimum of half a term's notice is required

General Terms

- There will be no discount for non-attendance of sessions
- Please do not bring your child to nursery if they are ill. Please see the nursery policies for exclusion periods for illness.



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Children benefit from sensitive attachments with their key person. They demonstrate that they are happy, content and feel safe in the nursery.

Staff have high expectations of all children. Children engage well in activities and are keen to demonstrate what they know and can do.

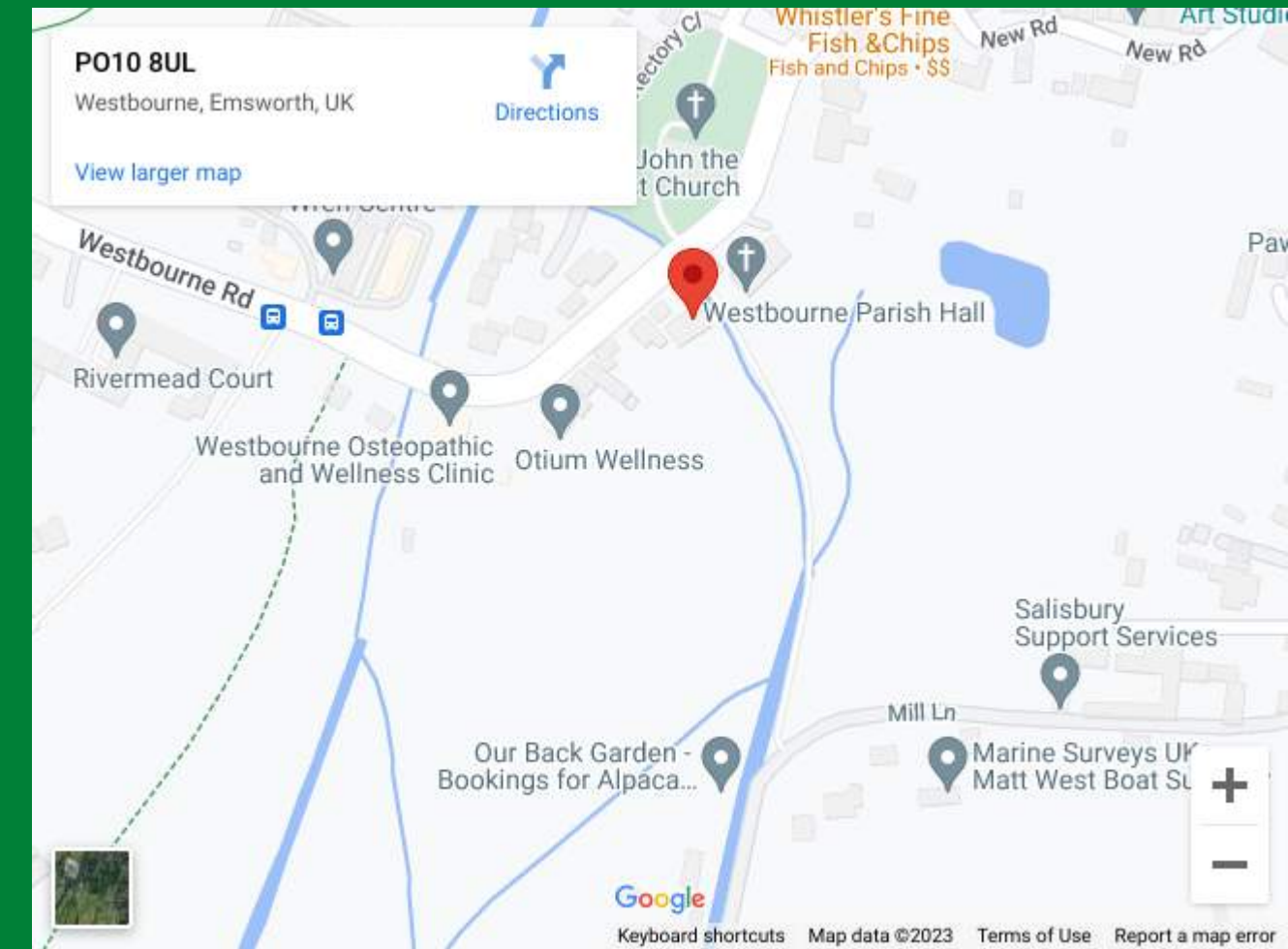
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