



St Bartholomew's C of E VA Primary School

Nursery Information Booklet

Welcome to St Bartholomew's Nursery. We are delighted that you are considering joining our nurturing and inspiring early years setting. Our nursery provides a warm, safe, and engaging environment where children can learn, play, and grow with confidence.

Our Approach

At St Bartholomew's Nursery, we aim to:

- Provide a caring, inclusive Christian environment
- Support each child's individual development
- Encourage curiosity, creativity, and independence
- Build strong foundations for future learning

Our experienced staff ensure that every child feels valued and supported as they begin their educational journey.

Nursery Places

We offer a small, high-quality provision with up to **8 places available per session**, allowing us to give each child the attention and care they deserve.

Session Times

We offer two daily sessions:

- **Morning Session:** 8:45am – 11:45am
- **Afternoon Session:** 12:15pm – 3:15pm

We strongly encourage children to attend **full-day sessions**, as this supports continuity in learning, social development, and routine.

Why Choose Full Days?

Attending for a full day helps children to:

- Settle more quickly into routines
- Build stronger friendships
- Access a broader range of learning opportunities
- Develop confidence and independence



Funding Options

Parents can use their government-funded childcare entitlement:

- **15 hours free childcare**, or
- **30 hours free childcare** (where eligible)

Access to additional sessions is not guaranteed but is dependent on capacity and spaces available as well as qualification for the additional funding hours. Once agreed, sessions are set for the term and cannot be reduced unless there are exceptional circumstances and are entirely at the school's discretion.

Examples showing how your 15 hours can be used.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45am-11.45am	✓	✓	✓ plus £7	Optional at £21.00	Optional at £21.00
11.45am-12.15pm	✓	✓	Optional at £5.50	Optional at £5.50	Optional at £5.50
12.15pm-3.15pm	✓	✓	Optional at £21.00	Optional at £21.00	Optional at £21.00

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8.45am-11.45am	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11.45am-12.15pm	Optional at £5.50	Optional at £5.50	Optional at £5.50	Optional at £5.50	Optional at £5.50
12.15pm-3.15pm	Optional at £21.00	Optional at £21.00	Optional at £21.00	Optional at £21.00	Optional at £21.00

You could request that your child stays in school until 12.15pm on any of the days above. You will be required to pay for the additional provision.

We do not offer afternoon only sessions.



30 hours

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45am-11.45am	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11.45am-12.15pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12.15pm-3.15pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	£17.50

Sessions can be increased subject to availability.

Lunchtime Provision

For children staying all day, there is a **30-minute lunchtime period (11:45am – 12:15pm)**.

- This period is charged at **£5.50 per day**
- Children may bring a packed lunch or discuss meal arrangements with the school. There is an additional charge of £2.63 for a school provided meal (price subject to change and in accordance with Herts Catering Limited schedule of charges).

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

From 1st September 2026 the following charges apply:

Additional Session: £21

Lunch Session (11.45-12.15): £5.50, plus an additional charge should a school lunch be required.

We accept payments by the following methods:

- a. School On-line Electronic Payment System
- b. Childcare vouchers (subject to prior agreement)

All additional sessions allocated will be invoiced half-termly, in the last week of the previous half term for payment in the first 5 working days of the new half term.

Should eligibility for 30 hours change parents will have the option to pay for the additional sessions or the child will only be permitted to attend the 15 hours of funded



sessions.

Outstanding debts will be brought to the attention of the Governors.

If the school is closed, you will not be charged for your paid additional sessions.

Absence of the pupil during term time, e.g. through illness or holiday, will still be chargeable.

Uniform

Nursery uniform is consistent with the uniform of the rest of the school, with the exception that plain black or dark grey jogging bottoms can be worn instead of trousers.

- White Polo Top or Shirt
- Grey skirt / trousers / shorts/ plain jogging bottoms
- A bottle-green cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo or plain.
- Green and white checked or striped summer dress. Summer uniform is optional.
- Children may wear the school fleece/coat outdoors or you may provide your own coat.
- Indoors-Low heeled sensible black shoes/trainers or plimsolls for indoors.
- Outdoors-Sensible shoes/trainers for outdoor play.
- Wellington boots- To be left at school
- Pull-ups and wipes to be provided if needed.

The Curriculum

Pupils in Nursery follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

These include:

Three prime areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED).
- Communication and Language (CL).
- Physical Development (PD).

Four specific areas:

- English.
- Mathematics.
- Understanding the World.
- Expressive Arts and Design.



Nursery pupils are involved in a wide range of topic-based activities which promote all areas of the Early Years Curriculum with a particular emphasis on personal, social and emotional development. Their learning is achieved through both adult led and child initiated experiences.

Next Steps

If you are interested in applying for one of our limited nursery places, please contact the school office for further information and application details.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to St Bartholomew's Nursery.