



THE NURSERY CLASS

A Very Warm Welcome to The Nursery Class

In The Nursery Class, we encourage our children to develop a love of learning, an inquisitive mind, a passion for creativity, and a respect for each other and the world around us. As soon as your child is three years old, he or she is eligible to join The Nursery Class - this can be at any point in the year.

We offer the best in early years provision by providing two very different experiences in a child's time here. During term-time, the Nursery Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant engage with the children in play-led learning activities both indoors and outdoors.

The Nursery Class is in the same building as the Reception Class – with the Early Years Foundation Stage Lead overseeing both groups. When children leave The Nursery Class to start Reception, the transition is completely natural and worry-free – they know the teachers, their teaching and social areas, and have friends in the Reception Class already.

Hot lunches are served to the children in the Prep School Dining Hall. Our staff sit with the children to guide them in making healthy eating choices, to teach them about nutritional value and the origin of food.

In the School holidays, we have partnered with Manor Farm Holiday Club who offer rural-based activities and countryside fun, where children meet and learn about animals and nature and the world around them. Manor Farm is based in the Wycliffe Pre-Prep building, so drop-off and pick-up is in the same place all year round.



The best way to see how we can make the most of your child's early years is to come and visit, speak to us and look around our facilities – we look forward to welcoming you.

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Assistant Head, Pre-Prep

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At a Glance



EYFS Early Years Foundation
Stage Dedicated Area

15 hours

We accept 15 hours Nursery
Education Allowance



Weekly Swimming lesson



Part-time or full-time
options



Manor Farm Holiday Club at
the same location



Flexible morning and
afternoon sessions

8.00am → **6.00pm**

Term-time wraparound care
from 8am and until 6pm



Outdoor learning including
Forest School



Specialist Teachers
Physical Development
and French



The Nursery Class during Term Time

Whilst every day is different and full of discovery in The Nursery Class, there is a general structure and flow to our day during term time.

The full Nursery Day is from 8.00am to 6.00pm with lunch at 12.00pm. You can (of course) drop your child later than 8.00am or pick up earlier than 6.00pm – these can be arranged with the Nursery Class Teacher.



Wraparound care from 8.00am until 6.00pm included within the fee

8.00am - 8.25am

Breakfast Club

3.30pm - 6.00pm

After-school care provision with some clubs available

*There is a charge for classes which involves an external specialist teacher such as ballet.



Building academic foundations through play

The Nursery Class sessions are based around educational content, set in a play-led context and environment.

Specialist Sports

Children benefit from highly qualified and specialist Teachers who work with all age groups across the School.

Weekly Swimming Lesson

In our on-site heated indoor Swimming Pool, children in The Nursery Class will benefit from a weekly swimming lesson with a qualified Swimming Coach.



Literacy and Mathematics area

Our literacy and mathematics areas are available for the children to explore throughout the day.

We use a range of materials to promote literacy and mathematics in a fun and interesting way.

We observe what the children like playing with and adapt our approach accordingly.



Forest School

Each child will have an opportunity to enjoy and learn from our own Forest School on a fortnightly basis with our specially trained Forest School leaders.

Topic-led Sessions

Led by the Nursery Class Teacher the children enjoy a topic-based curriculum which changes termly and focuses on learning through play. The fun-filled topic activities cover each area of learning, including science and discovery, language and literacy, mathematics, shapes and numbers, role play, and outdoor and indoor games. We incorporate the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum into the Nursery Day. This includes the three prime aspects of learning; personal, social and emotional development, communication and physical development and the four specific areas of learning; literacy, mathematics, understanding the world and the expressive arts. We interweave these key developmental areas naturally within our topic learning and social interactions so that the children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning is ignited, their capacity to learn is developed and we help them form positive relationships.



Outdoor learning and play

Being outside gives children a sense of freedom and is fantastic for their physical and mental development. Children who learn to play outdoors are more likely to have an appreciation of the environment, naturally develop social skills and by making their own discoveries gain greater independence. In the Nursery Class the children play and learn outside every day.

Enriching children's daily experience

We believe that your child's experience is deepened and enriched by taking part in daily extra-curricular activities. The Nursery Class offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities that are often carried out by specialist Teachers who teach across the rest of the Prep School. This includes weekly Swimming with a qualified Coach, fortnightly Forest School Sessions with a trained Forest School leader as well as Ballet.



After-school Clubs and Care Provision

After the School day ends at 3.30pm, we provide a healthy snack and start activity sessions. The range of activities on offer after School varies throughout the week and according to the season. Children can be collected straight after the afternoon activity or are welcome to stay in our supervised care provision until 6.00pm.



Holiday Fun at Manor Farm

Manor Farm Holiday Club is open to all our pupils in the Prep School from three to twelve year olds. It is a rural activity club and based in the Pre-Prep Department on the Wycliffe Prep School campus throughout the holiday period.

Manor Farm Holiday Club offers an incredible countryside fun experience from Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 5.30pm. The professional, dedicated team are Ofsted registered and combine a passion for childcare with the pleasure of rural life. Children are encouraged to explore nature, meet animals and learn about the countryside through fun and entertaining activities.

Connecting with friends and nature

The children enjoy connecting with their friends during the holidays, without the need to organise a structured play date. They benefit greatly from the rural-led activities, enjoy the outdoor focus and develop a creative and healthy respect for nature.

Flexible holiday cover

We appreciate that childcare can be difficult to arrange, particularly in the School holidays. There is no minimum commitment with Manor Farm. You may book individual days as required or block book if preferred – you just book the days that you need. It is simply one location with the same drop-off and pick-up times throughout the year.

Manor Farm Holiday Club is booked directly online at the Wycliffe Club webpage www.manorfarmfun.co.uk/wycliffe-book-online.



Food for The Nursery Class

Breakfast Club – an enjoyable start to the day

Children in The Nursery Class are welcome to start their day at Breakfast Club from 8.00am to 8.25am. Breakfast Club is included for morning sessions, and many parents are happy to drop off their children from 8.00am, and they can enjoy a hot breakfast with their friends. Pre-Prep Staff are on hand to ensure they eat well and are fuelled for a day of learning.

Meals are meticulously planned and nutritionally balanced

Children in The Nursery Class and Pre-Prep have a hot lunch every day between 12.00pm and 12.30pm. The Nursery Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant sit and eat their meals at The Nursery Class table with the children. This means that your child is eating well and healthily, they learn about the food, its origins and nutritional value, all while learning good table manners.

Our meals are freshly prepared on site by our caterers. The chefs not only cook the dishes but then go on to serve the meals directly to the children. They get to understand what they enjoy and encourage healthy and adventurous eating habits. The recipes are meticulously planned with controlled fat, salt and sugar content so the children benefit from a healthy diet.

Dietary requirements are well catered for

Our caterers are extremely good at dealing with any individual dietary requirements that your child may have. Prior to your child's start date, you are welcome to meet with the catering team to discuss any specific needs in detail.



Locally sourced and varied produce

Food is sourced as locally as possible and freshly provided by suppliers. We offer balanced meals including a choice of a hot cooked meat or vegetable dish with a selection of freshly cooked vegetables, potatoes, pasta or rice, a salad bar, jacket potatoes, freshly-baked bread and a variety of puddings and fresh fruit.



Sample Menu

N u r s e r y L u n c h	Main Course 1		Main Course 2		Bread
	Mon	Grilled chicken with mild curry sauce	or	Roasted pepper & cheddar frittata (v)	Wholemeal bloomer
	Tue	Tomato & basil pasta spirals (v)	or	Salmon fishcake	Farmhouse loaf
	Wed	Pork sausages with gravy	or	Vegetable & baked bean casserole (v)	Herb focaccia
	Thur	Baked vegetable & lentil moussaka (v)	or	Mini meatballs with tomato sauce & spaghetti	Poppy seed bloomer
	Fri	Fish fingers with homemade tomato ketchup	or	Field mushroom burger with soft floured bap (v)	Ciabatta

On The Side...		On The Table	
Mon	Steamed rice Courgettes Steamed broccoli	Thur	Garlic bread Mixed salad Carrots
Tue	Baked jacket wedges Garden peas Sweetcorn	Fri	Chipped potatoes Garden peas Baked beans
Wed	Creamy mash Grilled tomatoes Green beans		

Something Sweet		Beverages	
Mon	Bananas & custard	Thur	Vegan chocolate mousse
Tue	Gluten & dairy free raspberry, blueberry & lime traybake	Fri	Vanilla rice pudding with berry jam
Wed	Apple & sultana oatly crumble with custard		

Available Everyday
Selection of homemade yoghurt pots & freshly cut fruit

What our Termly Fee includes:

- **Breakfast Club** from 8.00am with food including a hot cooked breakfast
- A **freshly cooked lunch** with hot and cold options
- **Specialist teachers** in French and Sport
- **Weekly Swimming lessons** with a Swimming Coach
- Access to an **ICT suite**
- Well-resourced **indoor and outdoor learning** and play areas
- Forest School in a **bespoke wooded area**
- **Trained Forest School leader**
- **After-school care** until 6pm during term time
- **Snacks** of milk, water, fruit and crackers throughout the day

Fees

To join the Nursery Class, you will need to pay a Registration Fee of £100 to reserve a place for your child, and then choose the number of Sessions you would like. You will need to sign up for a minimum of five Sessions per week; a Session can be a morning (including lunch) or an afternoon. We also support the 15 hours Government-funded Nursery Education Allowance. For the latest information on the School Fees please visit the Fees web page www.wycliffe.co.uk.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the opening hours of The Nursery Class?

During the 34-week term-time period The Nursery Class is open from 8.00am to 6.00pm. If you need childcare in the School holidays, Manor Farm Holiday Club offers countryside fun for three to 12 year olds and is based on the Prep School campus. Therefore, it is simply one drop-off and pick-up location throughout the year.

How many Sessions do I need to commit to?

We ask for a minimum commitment of five Nursery Sessions. You can choose whichever Sessions you want and book additional ones as and when you need them.

What is Manor Farm Holiday Club and why did Wycliffe choose it as their holiday cover provider?

We have carefully selected Manor Farm as we believe their nature-based activities fully support our commitment to Forest School and the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Manor Farm club days are booked directly online at www.manorfarmfun.co.uk/wycliffe-book-online.

During their time at Manor Farm Holiday Club, children are encouraged to explore nature, meet animals and learn about the countryside.

How does The Nursery Class at Wycliffe differ to other Nursery providers?

The Nursery Class at Wycliffe is based on introducing educational content in a play centric way. We begin their learning journey in the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework within a nurturing environment. We start to teach literacy, phonics, and mathematics in an age appropriate way. Children who attend The Nursery Class will be confident when they start their Reception Class, with a seamless transition into mainstream education.

We provide a strong foundation to your child's educational journey by providing highly individual attention from our Early Years Foundation Stage experts. The Nursery Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant take time to understand your child's character and personalise their learning approach to each individual.

What extra-curricular opportunities are available?

All our extra-curricular activities are designed to cultivate individual expression, self-esteem and confidence in our children. These include weekly Swimming and Music lessons; along with regular Forest School, Art and Drama. Sports and games are played daily making use of our outdoor facilities wherever possible. All these opportunities are provided within School hours, making room for crucial family time at the weekends.

How many settling sessions will my child need?

As many as we and you believe is necessary to settle in your child.

How will you help my child when it comes to starting Reception?

The Nursery Class is situated within Wycliffe's Pre-Prep Department. The Nursery Class has their own classroom and outdoor space, and children are dropped off and collected from the same place throughout their Early Years Foundation Stage journey.

Our Reception Class Teacher will spend regular time with the Nursery Class, preparing them for their transition from Nursery to Reception. We have found that this gentle transition helps to remove anxieties that children may have regarding starting School, as they are familiar with their Class Teacher, have already made friends in their Reception Class and are well acquainted with their surroundings.

What will my child be given to eat and drink?

Children in the Pre-Prep have a hot lunch every day and eat between 12.00pm and 12.30pm. The Nursery Class Teacher sits and eat lunch with the children. This helps to ensure that each child is eating a balanced and fulfilling meal and gives the Teacher an opportunity to discuss different food groups and support the learning of good table manners.

Alongside a daily hot lunch, healthy refreshments are given to the children at break times and at the end of the School Day.

My child has dietary requirements. Can you accommodate this?

Our Catering Department are extremely good at dealing with any individual dietary requirements that your child may have.

What do I expect to find on my Nursery invoice?

Other than the termly fee, the only other items you will find on your bill will be optional classes that involve an external Teacher, e.g. Ballet. All meals and snacks, as well as a weekly Swimming lesson and Forest School are all included within the fee.

When do I pay School Fees and are there any upfront costs?

You can choose to pay your bill by monthly direct debit or on a termly basis. There is a non-refundable Registration Fee of £100 to reserve your place, followed by a £500 deposit to secure your child's place.

Do I pay extra for wrap-around care?

No. Our School approach supports a busy family life and we therefore offer wrap-around care, starting with Breakfast Club at 8.00am, with the day finishing at 6.00pm. There are no extra charges for Breakfast Club or after-school care, as this is included in the termly fee.

How will I be kept updated with my child's progression?

The Nursery Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant will give you regular updates - as often as you need them.

How do I find out about my child's day?

You will have the email address of The Nursery Class Teacher who you can contact with any queries, no matter how small they may be.

What happens if I am delayed collecting my child?

Just let us know. If you are likely to arrive later than 6pm then your child will be looked after a Matron from the Prep School.

Find Out More and How to Apply

STEP 1: Get in touch

Please contact our Prep Admissions Manager by email Briony.Armstrong@wycliffe.co.uk or telephone 01453 820471. She will be able to answer your questions and talk you through the Nursery Class provision and admissions process.

STEP 2: Come and visit

Through our Prep Admissions Manager, you can organise a bespoke visit to the Pre-Prep where you can speak to our teaching staff in the Early Years Foundation Stage and see the facilities first-hand. We also hold regular Pre-Prep Open Afternoons and Prep School Open Mornings.

STEP 3: Register your child with us

You can register to join The Nursery Class at any time, which reserves your child's place in the Nursery for your chosen Sessions.

STEP 4: Offer of place

Once you have looked round and are happy with what The Nursery Class can offer, we then send out a formal Offer Letter and Acceptance paperwork for you to complete.

STEP 5: Acceptance and start date confirmed

The place is secure as soon as the Prep Admissions Manager is in receipt of the Acceptance paperwork and you have paid the Registration Fee and deposit.

STEP 6: Gentle introductions at our Stay and Play Sessions

You can book your son or daughter into one or more Stay and Play Sessions once you have decided to join The Nursery Class. Stay and Play Sessions happen during the Summer Term before your child is due to join us. They are usually held on three different Nursery days, during a two-week period. In the Session, parents bring their child in to play with our current Nursery Class.

Our Purpose

Inspire and educate every individual in mind, body and soul.

Our Vision

Wycliffe will promote a pioneering spirit and encourage individuals to flourish and embrace their futures as global citizens.

Aims for our pupils

Achieve their full academic, spiritual, physical and creative potential.

Behave with 'unassuming confidence'*, showing generosity of spirit, respect for others and appreciation of diversity.

Cultivate social and environmental awareness and an understanding of their role as global citizens.

Develop skills, self-knowledge and resilience to face positively all future challenges.

Exhibit creativity, innovation and independence in their approach to learning and to life.

Feel happy and secure.

*This was a comment made by the Inspection team during the 2016 ISI visit when seeking to describe the Wycliffe pupils they had met.

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