

The Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception Classes)

The Nursery

Hethersett Woodside Nursery has 52 places, 26 in the morning and 26 in the afternoon. The Nursery is the only designated nursery provision serving Hethersett. Children are able to start Nursery in the September of the academic year in which they are four. The County Admissions Policy is adhered to, a copy of which is available in the school office.

It is very important that the children settle in happily, therefore there is a phased admission of small groups of children for the first few sessions so that the children are helped to feel secure, confident and happy in their new environment. We encourage parents to stay until they feel happy that their children are settled.

Nursery Session Times

The Morning Session in the Nursery

Begins at 8.30am and ends at 11.30am
(Provision is flexible and allows for children to arrive
between 8.30 - 8.45am)

The Afternoon Session in the Nursery

Begins at 12.00 and ends at 3.00pm



The Nursery Session

8.30 - 9.00	Welcome time and general play
9.00 - 9.15	Family group time
9.15 - 10.45	Child initiated activities / focus activity - inside and garden
10.45 - 11.00	Tidy up time
11.00 - 11.20	Quiet book time / group session -story, singing, games
11.20 - 11.30	Prepare for home
12.00 - 12.30	Welcome time and general play
12.30 - 12.45	Group time
12.45 - 2.15	Child initiated activities / focus activity - inside and garden
2.15 - 2.30	Tidy up time
2.30 - 2.50	Quiet book time / group session- story, singing, games
2.50 - 3.00	Prepare for home

Weekly focused activities:

Cooking

Library book exchange

Maths game library



Preparing for Nursery

Once your child has been offered a place in the Nursery, you will be invited to an information evening for parents/carers where you can meet the staff and learn about nursery life and requirements.

A member of the Nursery staff will also offer you a home visit to get to know you and your child in a familiar environment.

At the beginning of the term when your child starts nursery, you and your child will be invited to some 'stay and play' sessions to experience some of the activities and meet other new children and their parents/carers.

In the Nursery you will find:

- A friendly staff team to welcome you and your child.
- A caring and nurturing environment in which every child is recognised as a special person and can grow and develop with confidence.
- A happy and stimulating environment to enable your child to:
 - Explore and learn at their own pace.
 - Follow their own interests and play.
 - Build positive relationships with adults and other children.
 - Become an independent learner.
 - Talk to others with enjoyment and confidence.
 - Access a wide range of activities and opportunities to further their skills both indoors and in the garden.



What you can do to help at home

- Support your child in the use of the toilet and washing their hands.
- Encourage your child to put on/take off their own coat and shoes and organise their clothes with care.
- Talk to and play with your child on activities and games of their choosing.
- Snuggle up on the sofa with a few good books and enjoy story time together, every day.