



# Welcome to Little Pippins Nursery Onny C.of E.(Aided) Primary School



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# Welcome to our Nursery

We would like to offer you and your child a very warm welcome to **Little Pippins Nursery at Onny C. of E. Primary School, Onibury**. We are one of two schools in the St Michael's Federation led by our Head Teacher, Mrs Penny Knight, along with Lydbury North C. of E. School. Onny is a small village school and nursery with a very strong community and supportive network of both staff and parents. We have four members of



**Mrs Jess Harris**  
Nursery & Reception



**Mrs Lisa Owen**  
Level 3 Teaching



**Mrs Iliffe Rollinson**  
Level 3 Teaching



**Mrs Julia Wilkinson**  
Level 3 Teaching

The first phase of education is the *Early Years Foundation Stage*, which is how the Government describes the time in your child's life between birth and age 5 (Nursery and Reception). The EYFS is extremely important as it enables your child's development at the earliest stages in an engaging, exciting and play-based environment. From when your child is born up until the age of five, their early years' experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; supporting their development, care and learning needs.

At Little Pippins we seek to provide engaging and memorable experiences and opportunities, alongside identifying and building on children's strengths, interests and abilities and feeding these into our provision and

# About Little Pippins Nursery

Little Pippins Nursery setting provides a happy, caring and stimulating environment. Your child's Early Years journey begins here, and we pride ourselves on fostering strong relationships with the children in our care that give them the confidence to play, explore and learn.

Our smaller Nursery groups mean that we can spend plenty of time nurturing each child, getting to know their individual needs and interests, and tailoring learning experiences specifically to help them develop. We plan our setting carefully to stimulate children's natural curiosity and aim to provide experiences that enable them to explore, discover and investigate as they grow and learn with us.

The Nursery is managed by Mrs Jess Harris, Teacher of Nursery and Reception, and the team of three Nursery teaching assistants work with all children through the week. When sessions have lower numbers some of the pre-school



## Our day

**8.45:** Nursery doors open

**9.00:** Doors close for registration

**11.45:** Morning session ends (Children doing a morning session without lunch can be collected from the Nursery between 11.45 and 12pm.

Nursery lunch is served at 11.50

**1.00:** Lunch ends (If your child does morning session plus lunch they are collected at 1pm).

**3.15:** If your child is doing a whole day session they can be collected from 3.00-3.15pm. Please come and ring the doorbell, or wait by the steps to collect them when they are brought out at 3.15pm.

We provide a fruit snack and milk/ water at 10.00am and your child has ac-

## Funding

We accept children from the age of 2 and also offer '24U' government-funded places. 3 year-olds receive their 15 government-funded hours in the school term *after* they turn three - if you are unsure please speak to Mrs Jess Harris or Miss Rocke in the office.

Sessions for non-funded 2 year-olds are **£4.50/ hour** and for 3 year-olds are **£3.00/ hour** before funding and for any additional hours over the 15 funded hours.

Families with two working parents may now be eligible for the new *30 hours* of childcare, which you must apply for yourself. For more information on whether you can apply for the 30 government-funded hours and to complete

## Fees 2018-2019

### 2 year olds

**£4.50/ hour**

Lunchtime supervision (1 hour 12pm-1pm) = **£4.50**

### 3 year olds

**£3.00/ hour**

Lunchtime supervision (1 hour 12pm-1pm) = **£3.00**

### Hot dinner

**£2.20**

Nursery session fees are payable every half-term. You will receive an email invoice from the school office via Parentmail (You will be added to Parentmail, our online communication service, once your child is registered with us).

***Please note it is our policy that non-attended sessions, for example due to illness or holidays, will still be charged at the full rate.***

## What to bring to

- A rucksack with a complete set of spare clothes inc. underwear (*all named*)
- A named pair of wellies (*to keep at Nursery at all times where possible*)
- A water bottle (this will be returned home on Fridays to be washed)
- Hat, scarf & gloves in cold weather
- Sun cream & sun hat in warm weather
- If your child uses nappies or pull-ups, please provide enough nappies and wipes for each day in their bag.

## What to wear



You can choose to purchase the optional Little Pippins navy polo shirt and pale blue sweatshirt as Nursery uniform (pictured below). Please contact the School Office if you would



Please ensure that your child wears *comfortable clothing*. We get involved in lots of fun, messy play and outside activities, so suitable clothing is very important! This includes a *warm, water-proof coat* and *sensible, comfy shoes* that your child can put on and take off easily. We ask that, if possible, you



*Forest School is a half-day session, currently on Wednesday mornings. We provide water-proofs to go over the children's clothing but ask that you send your child in weather-appropriate clothing that covers arms and legs against scratches and stings, as well as*

## What is Forest School?

- Forest School takes place in an area of woodland or outside space where children can explore and discover the natural environment at their own pace, following their own curiosities and interests. We introduce tools, ideas and activities to extend their interests, while also giving them the freedom and space to investigate too.

- As well as exploring, they will learn new skills and information - we explore hand tools for



- Children are encouraged to think about and manage their own risks in Forest School - for example, we allow them to climb trees and involve them in the process of considering what risks they need to consider first. We believe this really develops their sense of independence and resilience.

- From an EYFS perspective, Forest School enables the development of the Characteristics of Effective Learning (COEL), providing opportunities to:

- > *develop self-esteem and self-confidence*
- > *form positive relationships with others*



- We go out in all weathers (except in thunderstorms and high winds) and all year round which helps to develop resilience, encouraging children to explore in and learn from the different seasons and environment changes.



TAPESTRY  
ONLINE LEARNING  
JOURNAL

## Tapestry - Your child's learning journey

We use the online learning journal system 'Tapestry' (<https://eylj.org/>) to make photo and video observations of the children's activities and experiences throughout their day, adding notes as well as assessment objectives to show which areas of development they are covering. You will need to sign a form in your welcome pack to give permission for your child's photos to appear in their learning journal and in other children's journals. We also keep a

## Parentmail

You will be signed up to Parentmail when you are fully registered with the Nursery. The office use Parentmail to directly email you with the weekly

## Little Lambs group

Our parent-run playgroup, *Little Lambs*, runs on a Friday morning in the Nursery building, 9.15am - 11am. With fun activities for the little ones, it is a great way to meet other parents and carers in a welcoming environment - as

## Breakfast & After-School Club

Breakfast Club is available 8am-9am from Monday-Friday and After School

**We look forward to welcoming you to our Nursery!  
If you have any further questions, do not hesitate  
to contact Miss Rocke in the School Office on**