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Little Cuthbert's Nursery Newsletter

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Welcome

This is the final newsletter before our exciting opening of Little Cuthbert's nursery. In this edition we will share pictures of our new nursery spaces, remind you of some important things and look ahead to the exciting curriculum during the Spring term.

Opening Schedule

After a busy summer holidays of building and refurbishment. We can confirm that our 2 year old nursery will open on Monday 6th October 2025.

Nursery Induction

Please speak to a staff member to arrange a taster session.

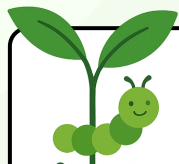
Secure your child's place

If you haven't already done so, or have a friend or family member who is looking for nursery provision for their child from 2 years upwards, please fill in this simple form to register your interest or scan the QR code.



<https://tinyurl.com/littlecuthberts>





Your childcare funding

From September 2025, eligible working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year (term time).

Your two-year-old can get 15 hours of free childcare if you get certain benefits or, your child is looked after by a Local Authority; has left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order; has an education, health and care (EHC) plan or receives Disability Living Allowance.

In both cases, you must check your eligibility and apply via [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#). If your child is eligible for working family entitlement, they will be allocated an 11-digit eligibility code that you must revalidate every 3 months. Your Local Authority will determine if your child is eligible for 2-year-old support funding and will allocate either a 6 or 8-digit eligibility code that will not require regular revalidation.

If you want to use these funded entitlements within our nursery setting from January 2026, then you must have applied for your code by no later than 31st December 2025. Our nursery delivers these funded hours completely free of charge to parents (no top-up fees apply).

Universal Entitlement provides all 3- and 4-year-olds with 15 hours of free early education and childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year regardless of income or work status. Parents do not need to apply for this funded entitlement.

Please let us know if your child will be accessing any of these funded entitlements at another setting whilst attending our nursery so that we can calculate the split of hours correctly.

30 hours of childcare represents a full-time place at our nursery – 6 hours per day, for 5 days per week over 38 weeks of the year. 15 hours of childcare provides for 3 hours per day – either 5 morning sessions or 5 afternoon sessions. Alternatively, you can access 15 hours over two full days and 1 half day.

Funded entitlements are available to your child from the term after their qualifying birthday. If you require additional sessions above your funded entitlements, or before these commence, then chargeable sessions can be paid for half-termly in advance, subject to availability. These are offered at £18 per 3-hour session for 3- and 4-year-olds and £24 per 3-hour session for 2-year-olds. You can use tax-free childcare arrangements to help pay for chargeable sessions - [Your childcare funding](#).

For every child that attends our nursery setting, the Local Authority requires us to ask you to present your child's original birth certificate or passport to validate their date of birth before we can offer a place.



Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if my child is upset when they start?

We understand that building safe and secure relationships can take time when beginning nursery. We will talk through your concerns and make a slow transition into the nursery at a pace that your child is comfortable with.

What happens if my child needs a nap?

No problem! We know children need sleep, to rest and recharge.

What should my child bring to nursery?

Please bring lots of spare clothing for your child that is clearly labelled with their name (including a spare change of shoes) as at Little Cuthbert's we value messy play.

What if my child is in nappies or is toilet training?

Simply provide nappies, wipes and additional clothing to allow for extra changes.

Is there an extra charge for my child to stay over lunchtime?

No, there is no additional time fee for the lunch period. You may wish to purchase a meal at school or simply bring a packed lunch for them to eat with their nursery friends.

