

PROSPECTUS

POLLYANNA PRE-SCHOOL



Welcome



Welcome! Pollyanna Pre-School has been running from the community centre in the heart of Stoke Mandeville since 1983 and has nurtured generations of local children. The preschool is registered with and inspected by Ofsted and complies with the Welfare Requirements set out in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) (2024).

About Us



Our Vision

At Pollyanna Pre-School, we are committed to creating a nurturing, stimulating, and safe environment where young children can explore, learn, and grow.

Our Aim

At Pollyanna Pre-School we aim to foster a love of learning and provide a strong foundation for future education in a warm welcoming atmosphere in which your child's confidence and independence can grow.

Our Philosophy

We believe that every child is unique and deserves a learning experience tailored to their needs. Our play-based approach encourages curiosity, creativity, and social development while ensuring that children develop essential early literacy, numeracy, and problem-solving skills.

Pollyanna Pre-School adhere to the 1:4 staff/child ratio for children aged 2 and 1:8 for those 3 and above as appropriate with the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare requirements.

We are open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 2.45pm. Term dates are available on our website.

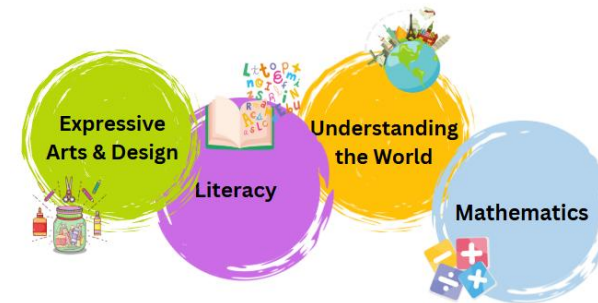
EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)



The EYFS framework outlines seven areas of learning and development and educational programs. There are three **prime** areas of learning, which are particularly important for your child's development and future learning:



There are four specific areas of learning, through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied



Our curriculum is designed to support the development of children, focusing on:

- **Language and Literacy:** Encouraging communication, storytelling, and early reading skills.
- **Mathematics:** Introducing numbers, patterns, and problem-solving through interactive play.
- **Creative Arts:** Encouraging self-expression through music, dance, and art.
- **Physical Development:** Enhancing fine and gross motor skills through outdoor play and structured activities.
- **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development:** Promoting confidence, cooperation, and independence.

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This Provision is GOOD!

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

Children arrive at this inclusive nursery, happy and eager to start their day. They, along with their parents and carers, are greeted enthusiastically by a dedicated staff team. Children beam when they see staff members and they enjoy being in their company. Children understand the rules and routines of the nursery, helping to cooperate with each other, such as during tidy-up time. Children new to the setting are carefully inducted to make the transition as smooth as possible. Children quickly form strong relationships with their key person and enjoy comfort and cuddles when they are feeling tired or a little unsettled. The setting supports families very well and it follows the children's routines established at home. Children enjoy close, nurturing relationships with their familiar adult, and staff know the children very well. Staff plan challenging activities covering all curriculum areas to motivate and engage children in their learning. Additionally, they use props and resources to read stories expressively, capturing children's focus and attention. Children are confident communicators who use a wide range of vocabulary. Leaders and staff also provide great support for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). They work closely with parents and professionals to gather all the necessary information and advice to create individual support plans for children with SEND. All children are well prepared for their next steps in learning and when they move to school.

You can find the full report here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/140849>



OUR SETTING

Facilities and Resources

Our preschool is equipped with modern learning materials, a safe outdoor play area, and a welcoming environment where children feel comfortable exploring and discovering new things.



PRESCHOOL LIFE



A typical day looks a little like this in our routine:

Morning / Afternoon	Activity
9.00 / 12.15	Doors open and welcome
9.30 / 12.30	Keyworker / Focus groups
9.45 / 12.45	Exploring Inside/Outside / Snack
11.20 / 2.20	Tidy Up
11.30 / 2.30	Story / Singing / Phonics / Circle Time
11.40	Lunch Time
12.15 / 2.45	Home Time

Pre-School Rules:

At Pollyanna Pre-School, we encourage children to follow our preschool rules which can be found below:



Online Learning Journal



At Pollyanna Pre-School, we use Tapestry, a secure online learning journal, to record and celebrate your child's progress and achievements during their time with us. This interactive platform allows us to share photos, videos, and observations of your child's learning journey, providing a wonderful insight into their experiences at pre-school.

As a parent, you will have secure access to your child's journal and can view updates, leave comments, and even contribute your own observations from home. This partnership between home and pre-school helps create a more complete picture of your child's development.

We encourage you to regularly check Tapestry and engage with the posts. If you have any questions about using the platform, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of our team.

We look forward to sharing your child's learning adventure with you!

Parent Information

Key Person

We operate a Key Person system at Pollyanna Pre-School. They are responsible for meeting the individual needs of the children in their care, including observing, monitoring and keeping progress records. This will help your child's key person to plan and prepare activities that will interest your child and support their development.

Staff are normally available at the end of each session to talk to parents, however, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's key person at any time should you feel the need.

Snack & Lunch

We provide fresh fruit and vegetables with carbohydrates for snack twice a day. Children are offered milk or water at snack times. We take dietary requirements into consideration to ensure all children are offered the same or an alternative.

As the setting does not have the facilities to provide hot meals, children are required to bring in a packed lunch if they are attending the morning sessions.



Parent Information

Parent & Committee Involvement

We value the input of parents and community members in shaping the preschool experience. Our preschool has an active committee that works closely with staff to enhance the learning environment, organize events, and support fundraising efforts. We encourage parents to participate in meetings and share their ideas to help us create the best possible experience for our children.

We believe in strong communication and collaboration with parents. Regular updates, meetings, and events ensure that parents stay informed and involved in their child's learning journey.

Equality of Opportunities

Pollyanna Pre-School is an inclusive setting, which promotes and values equality of opportunity for all our children and families. A copy of our Equality of Opportunities Policy is available in our policy folder as well as our website.

[SEND](#)

In accordance with our Ofsted registration, we are required to have regard to the DfE's Code of Practice on the identification and assessment of special needs, and to provide welcome and appropriate learning opportunities for all children. We have one member of staff responsible for coordinating all special need measures and work closely with the Bucks Early Years Inclusion Team. A copy of our Special Educational Needs policy can be found in the policy folder and on our website.

Parent Information

Social Media

You can find out what the children at our setting have been getting up to regularly. You will be able to find us on Facebook and Instagram.

We will try our utmost best to ensure that children's faces are not posted onto any of our social media platforms. If you do not wish for your child(ren) to be included in any social media photos, please ensure this is stated on the consent form during the registration process.

Follow us on:



[www.facebook.com/
PollyannaPreSchool](https://www.facebook.com/PollyannaPreSchool)



[@pollyanna_preschool](https://www.instagram.com/pollyanna_preschool)

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Parent Information

Clothing & Uniform

We have a uniform bearing the Pre-School's logo, a red sweatshirt and polo shirt. These are optional; however, we do find that the children like wearing them.



You can order your child some uniform from PL Schoolwear:

<https://plschoolwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury/pollyanna-pre-school>

Collection is free from their shop in PL Schoolwear, Unit 1 & 2, Goodchild Park Way, Aylesbury, Bucks HP18 0PE.

We ask parents not to dress their children in “best” clothes for their time at Pollyanna. Although aprons are provided for cookery, arts, crafts and messy play we cannot guarantee that their clothes will remain unspoiled. We ask that your child brings a bag of spare clothes into Pre-School daily for them to change into, if necessary, even if they are toilet trained.

Whatever the weather, we encourage learning and playing outdoors. Please ensure that your child has enough warm clothing, coat, and wellies for the wet months. In the summer, please ensure your child has a sunhat and is wearing sun-cream.

We recommend that suitable footwear be worn at all times (not flip flops) and **all clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name.** Pollyanna Pre-School are registered with “Stikins” who provide simple name labels that will allow us to earn a small commission on any order quoting our fundraising code: 35558

Admissions & Fees



Admissions: At Pollyanna Pre-School, we strive to make the admissions process smooth and transparent for families.

Our admissions criteria are on a **first come first serve** basis, with a few circumstantial exceptions which are listed in our admissions policy.

Fees: Our fees for non-funded children and funded children taking additional hours are £6.25 per hour. If applicable, the fee invoice for the first term is emailed to the email address provided via Tapestry invoicing.

Consumables fees are chargeable for funded places at the following rate: a fee of £1 per single session (morning or afternoon) or £1.50 per full day session will be charged. Where parents/carers are unable or unwilling to pay, we will ask for parents to supply their own snack, wipes and ask for product donations to ensure we are able to maintain the pre-school to a high-quality standard.

There is a £25 admissions fee which is refundable within the first few weeks of the child starting at Pollyanna Pre-School for children eligible / accessing the government funded hours with our preschool.

Fees are payable half-termly.

The table below shows when you can access the working parent funded support:

When your child is 9 months old	When you can get your hours from	When to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	The term before 1 January
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	The term before 1 April
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	The term before 1 September

Enrolling with Pollyanna Pre-School

- We welcome children aged 2 until reception school age to join our preschool. Our enrolment process includes:
- Completing and submitting our online application form on:
www.pollyannapreschool.org.uk/admissions
- A tour of our facilities
- £25 admissions fee is required as part of enrolment. This is refundable upon starting with us should your child be eligible for government childcare funding.
 - *(Families that are in receipt of government financial support are exempt from the admissions fee)*
- 2x Settling-in Sessions
 - First session will be scheduled for an hour. You will be given your child's new starter forms at this session.
 - Second session will be scheduled for two hours, which you will be able to leave your child for the period providing we have received your completed new starter forms.
- After the settling-in sessions, your child will start their regular sessions. If additional time is needed to help them settle, their key person will work with you to create a tailored support plan.

Helping Pollyanna Pre-School



Pollyanna Pre-School is run by volunteering parents who help with the running of the preschool and help organize fundraising events. Without the committee, the preschool would not be able to legally operate and support your children in this lovely village setting.

Donating to Pollyanna Pre-School: The aim of Pollyanna Pre-School is to enhance the development and education of children through purposeful play in a safe, caring, happy and stimulating environment following the principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This is achieved by providing a wide range of activities suitable for the age and stage of children in their care and by promoting all aspects of their development.

We are a non-profit making charity, and we rely heavily on government funding. Current funding levels were set by the government most recently in April 2023 which were raised by only 57p per hour. This rate does not consider significant cost increases including new pension contribution rules and successive annual rises to the national minimum and living wages and other factors that are required to ensure the smooth running of the preschool.

There are a few ways that you can support Pollyanna Pre-school to raise funds towards the children's equipment and activities, and some that won't even cost you a penny!! With all the online shopping, there are some companies that will donate a percentage to charities such as us.

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