



Sunflowers Nursery Class

Ivy Lane School

Learning for Life

Ivy Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1HE
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A note from Mrs Lammin
our Head of School



Welcome to Ivy Lane Primary School. We are very excited to welcome children into Sunflowers Nursery to begin their educational journey with the Ivy Lane family.

We believe in 'Learning for Life', aiming to equip every child with both the skills to be successful beyond their primary years and a life-long appetite for learning.

We would love to welcome your child to join us on that learning 'adventure.'

Meet the Nursery Team



Mrs Louise Kay
Early Years Lead Teacher



Miss Louise Barrass
Early Years Lead Teacher



Mrs Stella Woolcott
Room Lead TA



Miss Becky Green
Nursery TA



Mrs Shelley Satchell
Nursery TA



Mrs Kay Wilson
Nursery TA



Mrs Jaimie Doggett
Nursery TA



Miss Emelie Connor
Admin and Finance Assistant



Bertie The Dog

Our Nursery Vision

Our school community aims to:

- Open up the exceptional new premises to a wider range of children and families through the expansion of a 3-11 school.
- Provide our local community with a safe, happy, nurturing, secure and stimulating child centred environment.
- Provide our growing local population with an inclusive setting of high quality Early Years Provision, working in partnership with other local Early Years Settings and external agencies.
- Value and respect all children as individuals by building strong and respectful relationships with families, identifying and supporting children's needs and celebrating every child's successes.
- Provide a seamless transition from FS1 to FS2 and in to the KS1 curriculum, creating solid foundations on which to grow and flourish through all school life and beyond.

Our Values

As part of Ivy Lane School we prioritise the following 4 values.

We

Value Learning

By being open- minded
By rising to challenges
By valuing different skills and knowledge

Value Others

By being a good team player
By caring and sharing
By respecting others (beliefs, ideas and feelings)

Value the Environment

By caring for our nursery and school
By appreciating the natural world
By respecting the natural environment

Value Ourselves

By looking after ourselves
By trying our best
By having good manners and being honest

Our Nursery Ethos

The Early Years are a uniquely important and precious time in a child's life and should be valued as such. Our nursery will lay the foundations for the children to transition smoothly into school and grow and flourish to become confident, resilient and successful young children. The children's experience in their early years plays a fundamental part of developing their foundation skills and increases their chances of their future life opportunities. Sunflowers Nursery recognises that all children should feel happy, secure, confident and valued as individuals in their learning environment. Through fun and engaging activities our young children will become successful independent learners. We highly value our partnership with our families and offer an inclusive learning environment where all children are valued and welcome.

Our nursery learning is planned through adult led and child initiated activities and where learning can be experienced both inside and out of the classroom. The role of the adult is crucial here in supporting, extending and developing the skills and knowledge of the children.



What you need to bring

- **Clothes:** our child will need a change of clothes and underwear which can be left in their bag every day in case they need it.
- **Outdoor clothing:** your child will need waterproof trousers and welly boots in school as we will be accessing our outdoor area in all weathers.
- **Bags:** your child can bring a small bag in for their session that will be kept on their peg.
- **Water bottle:** a named water bottle should be sent in with your child every session.
- **Nappies:** if your child is still wearing nappies please provide nappies and wipes in your child's bag for each session they attend.
- **Autumn/Winter clothing:** please provide your child with a named waterproof coat, hat and gloves.
- **Spring/Summer clothing:** please provide your child with a named sun hat and apply sun cream before coming into nursery.



Settling-in Session

As part of our induction into Sunflowers nursery we welcome you to attend a settling in session with your child. This session is for you and your child to come along and spend time within our setting getting to know the staff, the learning environment and other children. This session will last about 45 minutes and will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

We will use this session to support us to get to know your child's likes and dislikes, alongside you being able to share information that will help your child to settle in. If by the end of this session you feel that your child needs extra settling in sessions then this can be arranged.



Session Times

Our nursery will run 2 sessions a day; a morning session and an afternoon session. You are welcome to collect your child when you wish, to fit in with the school day, but the cost will remain the same.

Our nursery lunch will be served in the school Ivy Hall and the children will be served a hot school meal. The price for each session includes a healthy snack which will include foods such as fruit, cheese scones, breadsticks with houmous and veg sticks.

Session times are as follows:

Morning session	8.45am -12.30am
Afternoon session	12.30pm – 4.15pm

(For our pricing structure, please contact the nursery office)

You can use your government funded hours as part of payment for your nursery fees. Any additional sessions beyond the funded hours will be charged at the rates above. Please note that we cannot refund any sessions when your child is off ill or unable to attend for any other reason.

Our consumable charge covers all items that are not covered by the local authority funded rate. This ensures that we can provide a rich and varied learning environment for our children. Without this funding we would not be able to provide the enriched opportunities that Sunflowers Nursery strives to provide.



Special Educational Needs

At Sunflowers nursery we believe in providing every possible opportunity to develop children's full potential. We are committed to the principle of equality for all pupils to have a broad and balanced Early Years experience.

We aim for all children to feel valued and to have their self-esteem, skills and abilities promoted. With our nursery setting we aim to raise the aspirations and expectations for all pupils with SEND.

We provide a focus on outcomes for all children and through support of our school SENCO (Mrs Katie Burton) and involvement of external agencies, we have a strong commitment to all SEND children.

If you are aware or think your child may have additional needs, please let us know prior to starting nursery, so that we can arrange a meeting to discuss how best to support your child.



Mrs Burton (our SENCO)

Medication in Nursery

If your child needs medication in nursery such as an inhaler for asthma or antihistamine for a diagnosed allergy, please let us know so that you can complete the appropriate paperwork before your child starts nursery.

We are no longer able to administer non-prescribed medicines.



Holidays

Please let us know if your child will not be attending nursery due to a family holiday. In such circumstances, payment for your child's sessions must be paid and payment will not be refunded for funded or non-funded hours.

Entering and leaving nursery

At morning drop off please enter through the main school gates. You will be met at the nursery door by a member of the team who will take your child into the nursery room. If you are collecting your child along with an older sibling at 3pm, please also use the main school gates and collect your older child first.

If you are collecting your child after lunch or at 4.15pm, then please use the buzzer on the gate at the top of the staff car park. Please be aware that there will be no parking available on site for parents to use at drop off or collection times.



Term Dates

IVY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Term and Holiday Dates 2024/25

- = School Holidays
- = Teacher Professional Training Days
- = Bank Holidays



	September 24					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	
Friday		6	13	20	27	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	

	October 24					
		7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29		
2	9	16	23	30		
3	10	17	24	31		
4	11	18	25			
5	12	19	26			
6	13	20	27			

	November 24				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		

	December 24					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	
Friday		6	13	20	27	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	

	January 25				
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		

	February 25				
	3	10	17	24	
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22		
2	9	16	23		

	March 25					
Monday		3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	
Thursday		6	13	20	27	
Friday		7	14	21	28	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	

	April 25				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	May 25				
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	June 25					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	
Friday		6	13	20	27	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	

	July 25				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	August 25				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	

Bank and Public Holidays 2024/25			
Christmas Day Holiday	25 th December 2024	Term 1	38
Boxing Day Holiday	26 th December 2024	Term 2	35
New Year's Holiday	1 st January 2025	Term 3	30
Good Friday	16 th April 2025	Term 4	30
Easter Monday	21 st April 2025	Term 5	23
May Day Holiday	5 th May 2025	Term 6	30
Spring Bank Holiday	28 th May 2025	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	25 th August 2025		days

A further 2 Training Days to be confirmed

Dates are correct at the time of publication – 05/03/2024.