

Nursery News



A BIG warm welcome to this year's Chatham Nursery family!

Our Mission & Values

At Chatham, we are committed to ensuring every child feels safe, valued, and supported. Our **FAMILY** values guide everything we do (you can find these on our website www.chathamnursery.co.uk)

Our School Rules

We teach our values & expectations through 3 important school rules:

- **Be Kind.**
- **Be Respectful.**
- **Make Good Choices.**



Our Classes & Staff

- Little Acorns - Les, Charlotte, Kayleigh, Sueha & Toni
- Oak Tree Class - Miss O'Keefe, Jenni, Emelia
- The Nest (Specialist SEND Unit) - Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Howard, Sarah

Key Person Approach

Each child is assigned a dedicated Key Person who will:

- Build a strong relationship with your child & plan learning experiences for them.
- Share progress with families through Tapestry and Parent Partnership evenings.

Attendance & Punctuality

Chatham Nursery School offers morning sessions from 8:30am to 11:30am and afternoon sessions from 12:15pm to 3:15pm.

Regular **attendance and excellent punctuality are essential** to ensure children make the most of their learning, develop confidence, and establish positive routines.

We ask all families to support their child's education by ensuring they attend every session whenever possible and arrive on time.

Late arrivals & collections can disrupt everyone's learning and make it harder for children to settle. **Every minute and every day counts in supporting your child's success.**

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Tapestry Learning Journal

We use Tapestry, a secure online learning journal, to share your child's experiences and achievements.

At Chatham Nursery School, our priority will always be spending quality time interacting, talking and playing alongside your child.

While we do use Tapestry to share special moments and celebrate your child's learning journey, our staff's focus is on being fully present with the children. We believe that the best progress is made when adults are actively engaged with children's play, curiosity, and interests.

What to Bring to Nursery

- Spare clothes, including underwear and socks (names written on everything)
- Nappies and wipes if required
- Weather-appropriate clothing



To help keep everyone healthy:

- Children must remain at home for 48 hours after sickness.
- Prescribed medicines can only be administered if **named and in date**.
- Children starting **antibiotics** should stay home for the first 48 hours.
- Please call or email the office if your child is absent.



At Chatham Nursery School, **play is at the heart of learning.**

Every day children explore, discover, and develop through:

- Creative and messy play
- Outdoor learning in **all weather**
- Sand and water play
- Physical development activities
- Social interactions and friendships
- Independence skills such as dressing, feeding, and toileting.

The curriculum is built around the seven areas of learning, including Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and is delivered **both indoors and outdoors throughout the year.**

