



Our Nursery

**Nelson
Academy
Nursery**







Welcome

Welcome to Nelson Academy Nursery.

We believe that nursery should build on the valuable learning experiences children have at home to give them a head start in their social, physical and educational development.

Research shows that children learn best when they feel happy, safe, secure and excited about what they are doing. It is our job to encourage children to explore, question, make choices, collaborate and have fun learning. These experiences will allow them to develop a love of learning and build strong friendships with their peers.

Children can start nursery the term after their third birthday and we have three intakes - September, January and April. They are entitled to 30 free hour's provision a week and we understand that every family's work and home commitments are different, so offer a flexible approach to how these hours are used. You can choose between morning or afternoon sessions, or a mix of full and half days.

Our timings are:

Breakfast club	8.00am - 9.00am
Morning session	9.00am - 12.00pm
Afternoon session	12.00pm - 3.00pm
All day	9.00am - 3.00pm



As with the rest of the academy, the nursery takes a topic-based learning approach, as well as following a child's own interests. There are weekly challenges for you to enjoy working on at home and we share our plans with you via a weekly newsletter. Our newsletters also have information about future events you can be involved with, such as stay and play sessions and trips around the local area. Every half-term we have a story café, which you can attend, listen to a story and enjoy some activities with the children.

Nursery children quickly become familiar with the wider academy environment through physical education sessions in the hall and joint activities with the reception classes. They also attend weekly whole academy assemblies, and even perform their own assembly for parents and other pupils to watch. We are lucky to have access to the playground and wildlife areas too.

The learning environment is bright, spacious and full of carefully planned learning opportunities to support all areas of young children's development. Our outdoor space benefits from a large covered area so children can learn outside whatever the weather.

Children also get together for a short activity on the carpet and for a story or singing before they go home.







Staff lead small group activities, join children in their play and spend time observing them independently. The observations they write and photographs they take go into each child's Learning Story, which develops over the year into a detailed record of their nursery experience. We also ask families to contribute to the Learning Story to help us learn about children's interests and achievements outside of the academy.



Please provide your child with:

- A change of clothes and a pair of Wellington boots. Children can get rather messy when they are busy learning in nursery.
- A coat, hat and gloves depending on the weather. Children need to be prepared for all weathers as they have free access from indoors to outside and vice versa, as directed by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework.
- A water bottle

We ask that children are toilet trained before they start nursery with us, however we fully expect that there will be some accidents. If your child has a medical condition or special educational need/disability which impacts upon their ability to be toilet trained, please speak to the nursery manager.





If you choose to send your child to nursery for a full day they will need a packed lunch and drink, please do not send fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or nuts. No other food will be needed as we have a snack area providing milk and fruit.

When your child starts nursery they will receive a book bag, which should be brought in every day. You are welcome to borrow stories from our book area to share with your child at home, we will also read with them in nursery every week.

Our uniform consists of a navy blue sweatshirt with the Nelson Academy logo. Official embroidered uniform can be purchased from Stratfords in King's Lynn on **01553 772043** or at **stratfords.com**. You can go into the shop and buy it or phone an order through. It can then be posted to your home address or delivered free to the academy on a Tuesday or Friday.

Official embroidered uniform can also be purchased from Tesco Embroidered Uniform Service at **tesco.com/direct/ues**

In addition, girls may wear a grey/navy or black skirt/trousers/pinafore dress in winter, and a blue checked or striped dress or grey/navy or black skirt/trousers in summer.

Boys may wear grey/black or navy trousers in winter and grey/black or navy trousers or shorts in summer.

Please remember to name everything your child brings in from home.

Should you like to visit our nursery, please telephone the academy office on **01366 383824** to make an appointment.





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