

# Early Years Pre-School

A World of Possibilities







**Chantlers**  
Primary School

# Welcome

**A very warm welcome to Chantlers Primary Pre-School.**

Our Pre-School is an integral part of our Early Years setting and is available to children aged 3 to 4 years old. We provide a nurturing environment for children to explore, gain a sense of self, play with peers and build self-confidence.



"The Early Years Foundation Stage is outstanding. The start the youngest children have in Early Years at Chantlers sets them up for lifelong learning and they thrive exceptionally well."  
**Early Years Review 2019**

Our approach to learning nurtures a language 'rich' environment and a curiosity and motivation to learn. We help our children to acquire the skills and confidence needed to go forward into primary school.

We have a purpose built building within the school grounds, with a designated, exciting and stimulating play area.

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# Pre-School Curriculum

Our curriculum is aligned with the ethos and values of our school which gives all children 'A World of Possibilities'. It follows the Early Years Foundation Framework to plan and implement a wide range of stimulating, play based learning opportunities to promote all aspects of learning.

The curriculum content is presented in a way that is appropriate to how very young children learn. It is our aim to ensure that your child has access to a positive, motivating and secure environment in which to develop their skills.

The Foundation Stage environment provides stimulating, exciting and well-organised resources for your child to use and explore at their own pace. The resources are easily accessible and presented in areas, which are referred to as Continuous Provision areas.

We also highly value the importance of outdoor play and learning. Our Pre-School children have access to our inspirational Forest School area, where they are encouraged to investigate and explore the outside world.

"Staff deliver a well-organised phonics programme with confidence."  
Ofsted 2025

## Phonics

We follow Letters and Sounds Phase 1 within Pre-School which continues in school, Phase 2, 3 and 4 in Reception and phase 5 in Year 1.

## Assessment

Our staff work closely with individual children, observing their particular interests and planning activities for them based around those interests which help to promote their learning and development. We use observation and questions to make sure that we have a clear understanding at each child's stage of development in all areas of the curriculum and how we can best support their further development.





# Forest School

Our forest school area is within the school grounds and is an integral part of our school curriculum. It boasts a large pond and mature woodland environment, providing a wildlife reserve and a sensory green space. It enables our children to access a purpose built pond dipping platform, nature trails and woodland habitats, creating an idyllic environment for delivering our forest school programme.

We run an inspiring forest school programme incorporating weekly sessions providing an opportunity for our children to interact with nature, work together and build relationships with each other.

Forest school is a specialised approach to outdoor learning that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning. It sets learning in a different context for children where they can undertake a range of practical activities and carry out small achievable tasks. At forest school our children can develop their team working skills and also learn to become more independent.

“The way that the school develops pupils’ character is praiseworthy.”

Ofsted 2025

## Outdoor Play

Fresh air and vigorous activity are essential for children’s well-being, fitness and physical development. The more children’s muscles and senses are exercised, the more the brain will develop its capacity for learning. Our stimulating outdoor areas are well designed and offer exciting learning opportunities that extend the learning that happens indoors.

Each of our play areas are landscaped with all weather surfaces, climbing frames and a variety of activity panels and equipment. The outdoors provides endless possibilities for exploration and is an excellent place to express different feelings and emotions with places to be quiet, relax and daydream. Outdoor play is an important part of every child’s day and whatever the weather the children get plenty of fresh air.



# Fees & Funding

Age  
**3&4**

We offer 15 and 30 hour funded places for parents who qualify.

All 3 and 4-year olds in England currently receive 15 hours per week Government funded early education. Parents living and working in England, may be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare. If eligible, you would be entitled to access the 30 funded hours from the beginning of the term following your child's 3rd birthday.

For those parents who don't qualify for 30 hours but wish to send their child for additional sessions, it would be at a cost of £18.50 per 3 hour session. The morning session is 8.45am to 11.45am, the afternoon session is 12.15pm to 3.15pm.

Claims for funding, fees and grants will be made for all days that the Pre-School is open, irrespective of your child's attendance.

"Pupils flourish from the supportive, caring relationships that they have with staff."

Ofsted 2025

"Pupils at this vibrant, welcoming school believe in themselves."

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# Pre-School Admission

Children are welcomed into Pre-School in the term following their third birthday, when they embark on a journey of fun and learning. Once an application has been received, a home visit will be arranged before your child starts with us to meet with the Pre-School teachers. Your child will then be invited to come into Pre-School for a short session to become familiar with the setting.

Applications can be made throughout the year. Sessions offered are:

**Full-time 30 hours:** 8.45am – 3.15pm.

## **Part-time 15 hours:**

- **Mornings:** 8.45am - 11.45am
- **Afternoons:** 12.30pm - 3.15pm
- **Two and a half days:**

Monday, Tuesday 8.45am – 3.15pm and Wednesday 8.45am to 11.45pm  
**or** Wednesday 12.30pm – 3.15pm and Thursday, Friday 8.45am to 3.15pm.

However, we recognise that working hours are determined by employers and individual circumstances will be considered.

We have a September, January and April intake. Places are offered on the basis of their age, whether they have siblings in school and their locality to the school. However, the capacity of Pre-School to meet the needs of the individual child will be considered at every stage.

Parents wishing to remove their child from Pre-School, at any time during the school year, must give 4 weeks' notice. If a child's hours are to be reduced, parents must give a minimum of 4 weeks' notice in writing/email.

## Before & After School Service

Pre-School children will have access to our before and after school service, at a cost of:

**Breakfast:** £6 per hour

**After School Club:** £5.50 per hour

If you would like to arrange a visit or require any further information, please contact the school office on **0161 761 1074** or register your interest by completing the Pre-School Enquiry Form.





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