

Newbury Weekly News



FREE REGISTRATION AND FREE PRE-SCHOOL SESSIONS AVAILABLE for 2, 3 and 4 year olds
Please call 01635 876667 for more details

ALL YEAR ROUND & TERM-TIME AVAILABILITY

- Flexible sessions available
- Cosy and homely rooms
- Separate sleep room
- Request access security
- **THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED LARGE GARDEN**
- 5 Star Food Hygiene rating
- Healthy meals
- freshly cooked on-site
- Holiday Club

Audlen House DAY NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL
From 3 months to 5 years
MON-FRI 7.45am to 6.15pm

131-133 Station Road, Thatcham, Berkshire RG19 4QH aesopaudlen@aol.com





Chieveley Pre-School

ARE you looking for a Pre-School where children are safe, confident and independent and where Staff act as superb role models and play alongside children as they teach them to share, take turns and respect differences?

If so, you need look no further than Chieveley Pre-School, a fantastic place for little people to develop and grow.

At Chieveley staff follow the children's ideas and interests as much as possible.

They are constantly being led by them, believing children learn better doing the things they want to do.

Their 'learning through play' ethos continues to be crucial both inside and outside of the classroom.

The team pride themselves on their outdoor learning

programme. They regularly put on their 'nature detective' hats and enjoy foraging for sticks, hunting for bugs and generally exploring the great outdoors.

As a pre-school, Chieveley continues to promote its strong partnerships with parents and good links with the local primary schools.

They encourage parents to get involved, from parent help slots on the rota to joining the children for bacon sandwiches every once in a while.

The school's readiness programme helps to promote independence and ensures a smooth transition for school leavers.

The team is particularly proud of the outstanding features identified by the inspector in the recent Ofsted inspection, where the key person system was found

to be "exceptionally well established and highly effective".

Chieveley Pre-School is a charity and relies heavily on the support of parents, extended family members and the local community to help them fundraise.

They have set the colossal challenge of raising £10,000 this year. Through online auctions, pub quizzes, a sponsored bike challenge and many other events they are well on the way to achieving this, which will help them maintain the high standards they set for themselves.

If all of this sounds like the setting your child would thrive, then they ask that you please do get in touch via e-mail - chieveleypreschool@gmail.com.

They also have a newly updated website with more details about the pre-school - www.chieveleypreschool.co.uk



Chieveley Preschool is relocating to the Children's Centre at Chieveley Primary School for September 2017.

Come and enjoy a 'Gruffalo themed Stay and Play' session at the Children's Centre for children and parents on

Friday 23rd June 2017 at 9.00-11.30am.

Find out more about our plans and enjoy a Gruffalo tea!

For more information please email chieveleypreschool@gmail.com Or call 07511 098720



Burghclere Pre-school

BURGHCLERE Pre-school is a long-established Ofsted Good-rated pre-school located in the lovely village of Burghclere, conveniently located between the A339 and A34, and just five miles from Newbury.

The pre-school runs termly, Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm, with half or full days available depending on your preference.

The pre-school also offers an early drop-off, should this be required.

It is based in Portal Hall, in the centre of the village, which gives a fantastic open space to work in. There is also a secure outdoor play area, complete with mud kitchen.

They are also very lucky to be adjacent to the village play-ground, which they make full use of. They are also surrounded by beautiful countryside, so often go on nature trails to see what can be found, learning as they go.

Inside, there are learning zones for the children to explore, ensuring they cover all areas of learning as directed in the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

The pre-school's focus is to work in a partnership with parents, families and the local community, who all contribute to each child's early years learning experience.

Staff want to ensure that learning does not take place in isolation, but that it is a fusion of experiences and interactions that happen daily, at home, at pre-school and in the wider community.

The pre-school is proud to be part of the Burghclere community and to be making a difference to children as they guide them on their educational journey.

The qualified, dedicated staff ensure that the pre-school offers a safe, loving and stimulating environment with high standards of care.

Children are always creating, baking or planting, but equally there are quiet zones for reading and relaxing.

The pre-school has up-to-date educational equipment as well as providing the individual attention and stimulus each child needs to feel happy and confident.

They have recently introduced Tapestry, an interactive online learning journal, which enables staff to record, track, share and celebrate children's progress in early years' education with their parents.

Here is some recent parent feed-

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As a working Mum I love getting notifications so I can see what Harry's been up to and we can then talk about it when I pick him up. Good move preschool – well done!

back: “I love that you are using Tapestry it's just great!

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Staff have a passion for providing the best in care and education for young children.

Their purpose is to partner with parents to support their child's healthy development and early learning.

Each child has a dedicated member of staff as their key person, who will work closely with parents to keep them fully informed of their child's progress.

The team also produce a weekly newsletter to keep parents up-to-date on preschool activity, plans for coming months and any future developments.

They proactively seek parental feedback as this is vital in order to continually improve the setting, and the pre-school is also committed to the continual professional development of its staff.

Burghclere Pre-school welcomes visitors and would be delighted to show any prospective parents and children around to discuss its day-to-day activities.

To arrange a convenient time to visit please call: 07749 316 968 or email: admin@burghclere.org.uk preschool or you can visit www.burghclerepreschool.co.uk



Burghclere Pre-School and Toddler Group

Ofsted says we're 'GOOD'

BURGHCLERE PRE-SCHOOL

Where little flowers bloom
Providing a fun and stimulating pre-school education for children aged 2 to 5 years

WE WELCOME VISITORS

- Pre-School - term time 9am to 3pm (half days available)
- Children enjoy both indoor and outdoor play
- Village setting – just outside Newbury between A339 and A34
- Funding available

“Children enjoy exploratory and self-directed play indoors and outdoors. As a result, children are independent and active learners.”

OFSTED 2014

www.burghclerepreschool.co.uk
T: 07749 316 968 E: admin@burghclerepreschool.org.uk

Audlen House Day Nursery

Nursery can be more affordable than you think!

Claim your free 15 hours* or 30 hours* of free childcare at Audlen House Day Nursery
Offering care and education to children aged 3 months to 5 years
All Year and Term Time sessions available
Various session times • Rated Outstanding by Ofsted
Separate pre-school • Extended opening times
Thoughtfully designed large garden

*Terms and conditions apply

<p>ETHOS See how Audlen House Day Nursery will work to bring the best learning and fun to your child.</p>	<p>STRUCTURE Find out about how the nursery is laid out, the sessions we provide and about our staff.</p>	<p>AGE GROUPS Our nursery is divided into age groups. Come and see the Fairies Pixies and Elves.</p>	<p>CONTACT Want to find out more? You can contact via the website or over the phone.</p>
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Newbury Gardens

NEWBURY Gardens offers children a range of exciting and challenging activities, which suit their individual needs.

Once a week, they are visited by sports coach Dave from In2Sport. He works with the children from the age of two. He teaches them football, rugby, cricket and athletics.

They also receive a visit from Megan at Wiggle Waggle.

Megan introduces the children to a whole range of music and dance. It's energetic and upbeat and the children love it.

There is a large, beautiful woodland garden where the children are safe and can thrive.

And they also get to spend time on walks in the local community, visiting the market to choose fruit and veg. They visit the library for Rhyme Time and take outings to local farms.

There is a large onsite kitchen, and cook, Jackie, prepares fresh balanced meals everyday.

Newbury Gardens provides breakfast, cooked lunch and pudding, tea and snacks.

Children can also participate in cooking activities. Jackie teaches them about weighing ingredients and the importance of healthy eating.

The children's parents have said some lovely things about the nursery, so here are a few comments they would like to share:

"All staff at the nursery are warm and welcoming. The nursery is extremely supportive of the needs of working parents

and we always feel included. All staff have the children at the forefront of their minds and this has shown in the progress our child has made. A fabulous and caring environment that we are extremely pleased with"

"We felt extremely welcomed and we felt that everyone was really knowledgeable"

"We feel that our child's key person is fantastic. She made every effort to make us all feel part of the nursery and she certainly made the transition into nursery an extremely easy process"

"We can see our child is

extremely happy in the nursery and this is a huge comfort that we know she is in a safe place with lots of love and care. We are exceptionally happy with the standard of care the staff, the surroundings and the way that our child has settled in. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend the nursery to other families"

"We are extremely happy with Newbury Gardens and can think of nothing that can be improved"

"All staff very informative, reassuring and professional"

If you would like to visit Newbury Gardens or have any questions, please contact them on (01635) 580980.



Victoria Park Nursery School

Starting education in a play-filled and stimulating environment

VICTORIA Park Nursery School is an outstanding nursery school offering a quality play-based curriculum that inspires and motivates pupils to develop a lifelong love of learning.

Staff work from the children's interests and needs to plan a broad and stimulating curriculum, reflecting the diverse community that the nursery school serves.

This curriculum is often enriched by visits such as from mobile farms, children's authors and Diwali dancers.

Children are introduced to their local environment with short trips to local parks, the market and library. Children and their families are also encouraged to join in events such as World Book Day and Children in Need.

Classes are led by fully-qualified teachers working with experienced nursery nurses and learning support assistants in an exceptional environment both indoors and out.

The inclusive curriculum is focused on the characteristics of effective learning and the prime areas of physical development, personal, social and emotional development and communication.

Children's progress is monitored carefully, working with their families to ensure the child's wellbeing and their ability to become involved in their own learning is valued and developed.

The nursery works closely with its integrated Family Hub to promote the wellbeing of families throughout the area. Victoria Park Nursery School is very

proud of its Outstanding Ofsted report and can offer 15 or 30 hours free funding to all children who will be three by August 31, 2017.

There is also some space for children whose third birthday falls between August 31 and December 31, 2017, on a self-funded basis.

Places are also available to some two-year-olds whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits through the government's free nursery places.

To find out if you would qualify for one of these places please visit www.westberks.gov.uk/fe2 or contact the family information service.

Visits to the nursery school are welcome and to arrange one or for more information telephone (01635) 41296 or email to office@victoriapark.w-berks.sch.uk.

Newbury Gardens Day Nursery

Spaces Available

Caring for children from 3 months to 5 years

- Located five minutes walk from Newbury train station
- Open 8am-6pm Monday-Friday, 52 weeks of the year
- Full, part-time and flexible spaces available
- Beautiful woodland garden and large play area
- We aim to provide a 'home from home' environment for your child
- Fresh vegetables and home-made meals prepared on site everyday by our Cook Jackie
- Weekly music and movement sessions provided by Wiggle Waggle
- Weekly sports sessions with In2sport
- Funding accepted for children aged 2 - 4 yrs

Come and see what we have to offer



Greenham House, Greenham Rd, Newbury, West Berkshire RG14 7HS
 Phone: 01635 580980 email: info@ngdn.co.uk
www.newburygardensdaynursery.co.uk



Victoria Park Nursery School & Family Hub

Newbury, RG14 1EH



Is your child 3 before 1st September 2017?

If so, FREE 15 and 30 hour Nursery School places are available from September

Children taught by fully qualified Teachers and Nursery Nurses

"Parents are rightly delighted with the support and care their children receive and the progress they make." (Ofsted January 2017)

For more information:

Tel: 01635 41296

Email: office@victoriapark.w-berks.sch.uk

Website: www.victoriapark.w-berks.sch.uk





The Winchcombe School

THE Winchcombe School, situated close to Newbury town centre, is a thriving primary school with pupils aged three to 11.

The school's motto *Achieve, Believe, Care* summarises its positive ethos and vision to develop children to reach their full potential in a safe, collaborative environment.

The Foundation 1 class, Acorns, provides places for three year olds beginning their journey of learning.

Extra, paying sessions are available in the afternoons provided there are spaces.

Learning takes place within a well-resourced, inspiring unit, facilitated by experienced teachers and learning support assistants.

Children have the opportunity to explore both the inside and outside environments; interacting with all the children including those from the Foundation 2 classes, Seedlings, Saplings and Sproutlings.

A whole range of fun, play-based experiences builds the children's confidence and helps them to develop social, emotional and physical skills.

Parents are seen as vital partners in the growth of their chil-

dren.

Home and school successes are shared and celebrated. The friendly staff are readily available to talk to parents and parent feedback is welcomed.

Life in Acorns is full of variety, meeting the needs of all children, enriching strengths and building new interests.

The children become increasingly ready for transition to full-time education.

This transition to Foundation 2 is seamless as the children are fully embedded in life at The Winchcombe School.



The Winchcombe School

Achieve. Believe. Care.

Maple Crescent, Newbury, RG14 1LN



“The Early Years is highly effective. Positive relationships and a thirst for learning permeate through the enabling and highly engaging environment.” (Ofsted December 2016)

Foundation Stage 1

Is your child turning three soon?

Winchcombe Foundation Stage takes children from the term after their third birthday. We provide a safe and enriching environment within excellent purpose built facilities. Children are encouraged to develop their own interests through exploration, meeting challenges and learning together.

Open Mornings

Tuesday 9th May between 9.30 and 11.30 am Tuesday 16th May between 1.30 and 2.30 pm

We welcome visitors to the Foundation Stage and main school at any time.

Please contact **Hannah Smith** on **01635 232780** or email **office@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk** to register for the open mornings or a visit at your convenience.



Harriet House

HARRIET House is a Montessori School for boys and girls aged two to five years, set in the idyllic five-acre Walled Garden in the heart of the Yattendon Estate, Berkshire.

Harriet House strongly believes in the joy of childhood and the adventure of learning.

The school offers a varied curriculum, wonderful teachers and small classes, ensuring every child thrives.

As the Headmistress, Harriet Hathaway, states: "Childhood can be very short these days, at Harriet House we intend to make it last as long as possible."

At Harriet House staff believe in building self-esteem, celebrating individuality and the adventure of learning. The Montessori ethos is applied throughout the school and there is a strong

emphasis on positive role models, manners and respect for each other and the environment. Children are allowed to discover their environment in their own individual ways and develop their unique skills in their own time.

Harriet House delivers a full and varied curriculum for the children allowing them to explore their interests.

Not many schools come with their own literary festival, but the school believes in the power of books and hope to instil a love of literature from an early age.

The festival started three years ago and in that time authors from many different genres have visited, including Giles Andreae, Nanette Newman, Nick Cope and Kimberley Quinn at the children's events and Max Hastings,

Jocelyn Dimbleby, Santa Montefiore, the Countess of Carnarvon and HRH Princess of Kent at the adult events in the evenings.

The school has continued to go from strength to strength, and in September 2016 due to popular demand Harriet House opened The Little House, a beautiful Beatrix Potter-themed nursery for children aged 24 months and above.

The Little House offers a unique, calm and nurturing setting ripe for learning and playing.

September 2017 is another important date in the school's timeline as the doors open for an exciting new Reception class.

For more information about The Little House, Harriet House or the new Reception class, please call (01635) 200837.

www.harriethouseschool.co.uk

St John's Pre-School

Building confidence and independence to prepare children for school

BASED at St John's church, Newbury, St John's Pre-School provides free and paid for (subject to personal financial status) childcare from 15-30 hours a week for two, three, four and five-year-olds.

They operate during school term-time and run daily breakfast and after-school clubs.

Their graduate-led team provide a child-led curriculum in a safe and nurturing environment.

Children are supported in order to be 'school ready' when they leave, gaining independence and confidence, developing a 'can do' attitude and recognising what they are 'expert' at.

Children also develop the ability to enjoy their peers' interests and capabilities.

St John's Pre-School team pride themselves on the wide range of experiences they give children in their care, from weekly accredited Forest School sessions to walks in the community and Sticky Kids early years' music and movement sessions.

Their child-led approach and ethos results in children being able to follow their interests and explore the world around them.

A recent example came about after the children showed an interest in how post is delivered to Pre-School.

They wrote a letter to the post office to find out more and subsequently visited the sorting office to observe the process that leads to the postman going on his round to Pre-School.

St John's Pre-school is set up to enable free-flow from the inside



space to the dedicated outside space to encourage independence and interaction between children.

Parents, carers and grandparents are actively involved in Pre-School. It holds regular 'Stay and Play' sessions to give the opportunity to participate in activities with the children.

Parents have also run special insight sessions showcasing festivals such as Thanksgiving and jobs such as a police officer.

The Pre-School promotes healthy eating and provide healthy choices for children at snack time and have a daily fruit café.

There are a few spaces remaining for summer term 2017 and they are accepting registrations for September.

So if you would like to visit or find out more, please contact Laura Randall: 07814 155110.

www.saintjohnspreschool.co.uk



Building self-esteem and confidence in every child

A Montessori School for boys and girls aged 2-5



"Free the child's potential and you will transform him to the world"
~ Maria Montessori

Open Morning
Friday 5th May
10am-12pm



Harriet House School, The Walled Garden, Frilsham, Berkshire, RG18 0XX
www.harriethouseschool.co.uk
01635 200837



Rated 'Good' by Ofsted and awarded
West Berkshire Quality Award

St. John's Pre-School

Friendly, nurturing pre-school in the heart of Newbury

- Hartbeeps music sensory sessions
- Highly qualified graduate led practice with small group sizes
- Real life experiences - woodwork bench, Vegetable patch and Herb garden
- Mud Kitchen and Weekly Walks
- Literacy and Maths sessions. Dough Disco, Letters and Sounds and Numicon
- Tailored Communications and Language Programme for children needing extra support
- Accredited Forest School provider and weekly sessions at Cheam School
- Funded spaces available for 2, 3 and 4 year old's



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Tel: 07814 155110

Ridge House, Brockhurst & Marlston House pre-prep department

BROCKHURST (boys) and Marlston House (girls) are twin schools sharing the same estate at Marlston, Hermitage.

They offer a unique education, with the best features of small single-sex classes and shared extra-curricular activities, at the centre of which is a magnificent Jacobean style mansion set in stunning Berkshire countryside. The school's aim is to develop well-rounded individuals with liberal and enquiring minds who are confident in challenging their understanding.

The particular personal qualities we value and foster in our boys and girls are enthusiasm, appropriate self-confidence and good manners.

Specialist and qualified staff promote a family atmosphere for the 3-13 age range and prepare children for entry to leading independent schools to which they regularly gain academic, sport, drama, art, music and all-rounder scholarships.

There are outstanding facilities with 21 acres of games fields within a 500-acre site, including a sports hall, indoor 25m swimming pool, tennis courts, art and design studios, performing arts centre, ICT suite, new Learning Development Centre with CreSTed status and a superb equestrian school.

The school's Gifted and Talented programme, called Quest Club seeks to identify early potential.

Children in Quest Club meet weekly for problem-solving and critical thinking challenges, the latest of which was to research, design, build and market a board game in six weeks.

At Brockhurst and Marlston House, the nursery and pre-prep children have the advantage of a department designed specifically for their age group, adjacent to the main prep school, within its own garden and adventure play area.

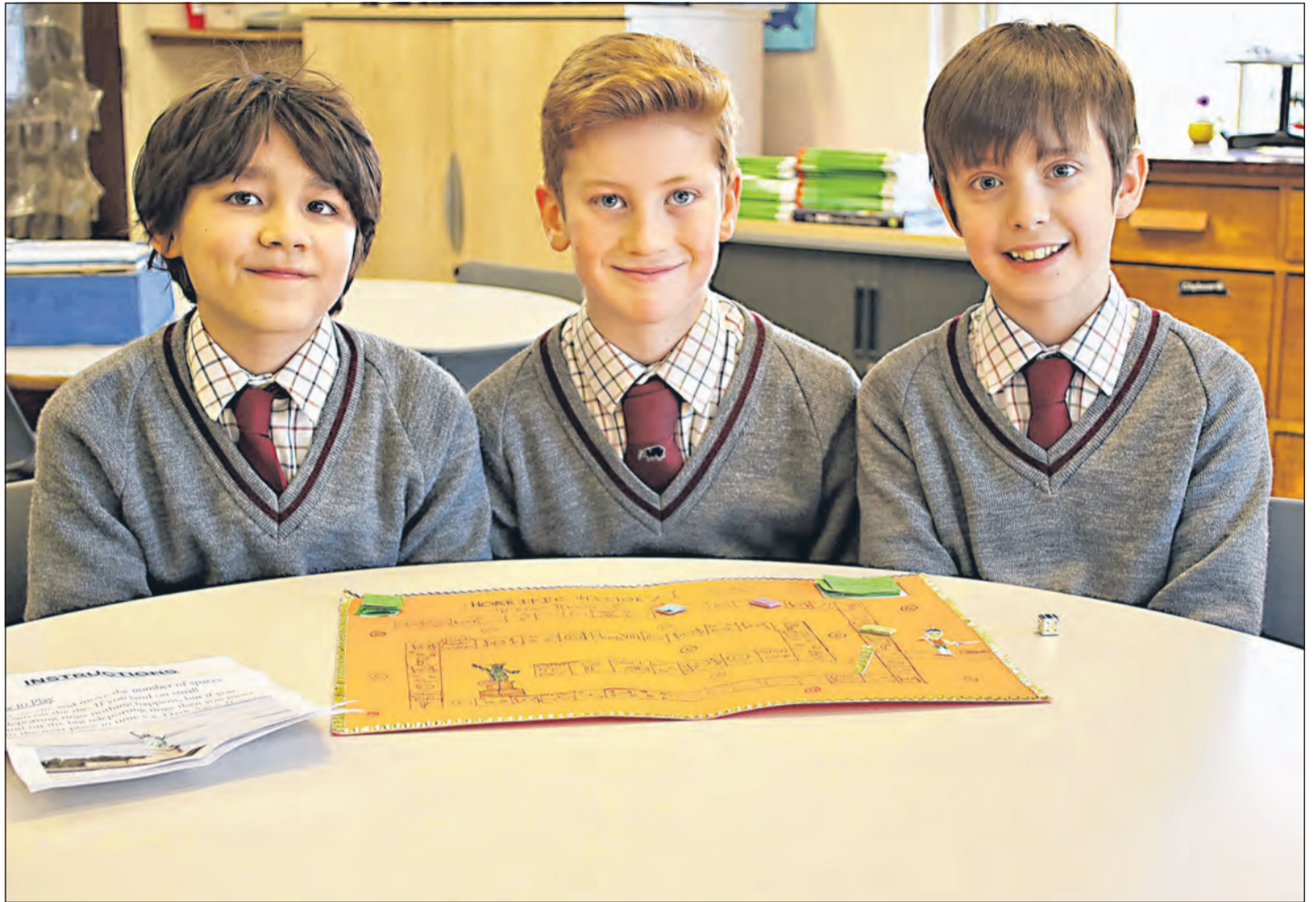
Children join the nursery class following their third birthday and most are introduced to the school day by attending the swimming sessions each Wednesday morning for Toddlers and Parents. These are free sessions for those registered for the nursery class.

The curriculum is designed to meet the early learning goals, while extending each pupil according to their own pace of learning and development. Much attention is given to social skills and boosting confidence.

The pre-prep children use all the facilities of the prep schools and therefore the transition from pre-prep to main school is smooth and automatic.

For more information visit www.brockhurst.org.uk or call (01635) 200293.

Come and see for yourself at the school's open morning on Saturday, May 13, 10.30am to 12noon.



Brockhurst & Marlston House Schools

Twin schools combining the best features of single-sex and co-education



TRADITIONAL COUNTRY PREP SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-13



Small class sizes | Strong academic focus | Gifted and Talented Programme

Day, full and weekly boarding available | Family atmosphere | Set in over 500 acres

NEXT OPEN MORNING 13th MAY 2017 10.30 am-12 noon

If you would like to attend please contact Mrs R Harper c: registrar@brockmarl.org t: 01635 200293

Marlston Road, Hermitage, Berkshire, RG18 9UL

www.brockmarl.org.uk

Home Farm, Elstree School

HOME Farm is the Nursery and Pre-Prep department of Elstree School. Founded more than 20 years ago and named after the farmhouse in which it still partially stands, it caters for over sixty girls and boys aged three to seven years.

Home Farm is often a child's first experience of school life and we understand how important these initial steps are and that parents want to feel that their children are happy and secure.

The energetic, enthusiastic and well-qualified staff work hard to ensure that all children are valued as individuals and are encouraged to explore and develop their talents to the full.

The school prides itself on its special and homely environment, influenced largely by the family principles of Elstree. The offer of home visits and taster days prior to a child starting in the Early Years eases the transition between home and school.

Children have the opportunity to make use of all the extensive facilities at Elstree School, set in its magnificent 150 acres.

This enables the Early Years children to go pond dipping, on 'bear hunts' and muddy puddle walks, to name but a few activities.

The parachute games are also immensely popular.

Home Farm has developed an engaging woodland area where each week, Early Years children spend time investigating and exploring the natural environment.

In the colder months, the



children thoroughly enjoy their hot chocolate, freshly made over the campfire to accompany their picnics.

There is a well-resourced, dedicated Early Years Garden, which is in constant use in the free flow learning environment.

Other facilities enjoyed by the children include a vegetable patch, a raised pond and a giant sandpit. A weekly cooking

session adds to the fun.

Over the summer holiday, the nursery and reception classrooms are being extended, as is the Early Years garden, which will further enhance the learning environment.

Music and drama help children to develop skills, attitudes and attributes that can support learning in other subject areas. These include listening skills,



the ability to concentrate and help to develop their creativity, and sensitivity towards others. These subjects are taught by specialist staff from nursery age. French is also taught from this age.

The physical development of a child is of great importance. At Home Farm, the pupils are fortunate to benefit from excellent facilities and specialist PE teaching from the earliest stage of their school career.

Physical skills are also developed by many activities throughout the day, from riding the balance bikes and scooters, climbing on the pirate ship and playing on the low ropes course, to the fine motor skills, which are the focus of many classroom activities.

To enhance their learning, children are taken on trips connected with their topic. Recent visits have included Wellington Country Park, Marwell Zoo, Bucklebury Farm Park and a local garden centre to purchase seeds for the vegetable garden.

Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their children's learning, and are invited to termly events. There is a grandparents' afternoon and both nursery and reception hold Mummies Afternoons.

The Den Building Day in the summer term of reception is a firm favourite with all.

Throughout the year, various events are organised for Home Farm children and also visitors from other schools and nurseries.

There are performances from theatre companies, a rugby-tots afternoon and a mini-olympics.

An active parents' association, Home Farm Friends, organises regular coffee mornings, lunches, dad's curry nights and a family fun day. All of these events help families to feel welcome and at home from the beginning of their child's time at Home Farm.

To find out more, please come and visit the school at the next open morning on Saturday, May 13, 10am to 12noon.

Contact Tish Gauci on telephone number (0118) 9710 3302 or email registrar@elstreeschool.org.uk.



Home Farm

NURSERY & PRE-PREP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 3-8

"In the Early Years Foundation Stage, outcomes for children are excellent."

ISI REPORT, MARCH 2015



Open Morning

10.00am - 12 noon Saturday, 13th May 2017

To book a visit, please call the Registrar on 0118 971 3302



Home Farm, Woolhampton, Berkshire RG7 5TD • www.elstreeschool.org.uk

Quackers Day Nursery and Pre-school

QUACKERS is an established family-run day nursery and pre-school with more than 30 years' experience of providing childcare.

They are based in a converted house in Chieveley, which provides a homely feel to the setting.

What sets it apart from other day nurseries and pre-schools is that its staff are all long-serving and they do not use any temporary staff.

Quackers' manager has been there for 13 years and around 80 per cent of the team are mums or grandmas themselves, bringing real-life childcare experiences with them.

In April 2012, the nursery's owners Anthony and Victoria Pickford, who have a eight-year-old daughter and three-year-old son joined the Nursery Child-care team.

Anthony and Victoria are hands on and have a simple philosophy that the service provided by Quackers Day Nursery and Pre-



School must be to the very high standards that they expect for their own children.

This philosophy has been recognised externally by the regulator, Ofsted.

Quackers has four separate rooms, each dedicated to the care of your child based on your child's age, allowing staff to tailor the day's contents.

■ Tadpoles – Ages three months to 18 months

■ Newts – Ages 18 months to 26 months

■ Frogs – Ages 26 months to 32 months

■ Ducks Pre-School – Ages 32 months to 59 months

For those parents eligible, Quackers Pre-School will soon be offering the 30 hours' free funding to parents

For more information about Quackers please visit www.quackersdaynursery.co.uk



Woodlands Day Nursery

WOODLANDS Day Nursery offer the highest quality of care and learning. Their ethos is one of warmth and friendliness and life at Woodlands is a journey of searching and discovery.

Woodlands staff believe passionately that each child should be given every opportunity to flourish and this is done with encouragement, praise and fairness.

Being independent ensures they can be flexible in their approach to the care of your child – they are creative and resourceful.

The nursery is on Greenham Business Park and is spacious, light and airy, with ample off-road parking.

There are four large age-related rooms with direct access to their

own secure garden space. Health and Safety is paramount in the care of the children and being a purpose-built nursery all the rooms are at ground floor level. Woodlands has an outstanding qualified nursery teacher who believes keenly that a happy and secure child moves to primary school confident in their ability to develop and make new friends, assured of their own ability – the amazing feedback they receive, bears this out.

The school's online learning journal portal keeps you updated on your child's day at nursery – this is a two way conversation and parent's feedback is welcomed.

The gardening/craft club offers endless opportunities for chil-

dren to learn through play, but most importantly to play – which is so important in a young child's life.

Dance, gymnastics and Spanish are part of daily life at Woodlands plus so much more.

The senior hands-on management team share years of knowledge and are sensitive to the needs of each and every child.

No day is the same in childcare, new opportunities present themselves every day and the Woodlands team embrace each and every day.

To find out more visit: www.woodlandchildcare.co.uk, email: enquiries@woodlandchildcare.co.uk or call: (01635) 33626

"What I most like about Quackers Day Nursery and Pre-School is the friendly 'home from home feel', dedicated staff who demonstrate amazing capability to develop and bond with children and their professional approach" - Mrs. C Rickard



www.quackersdaynursery.co.uk
or call 01635 247555

* TERM TIME and FULL TIME places available * No Deposit Required



A safe space to play, learn and have lots of fun

Situated on the A339 between Kingsclere & Newbury

We are an independent day nursery at ground floor level with tons of space inside and out.

We believe passionately that every child should flourish and this should be done with encouragement and praise.

Did you know?

We have a biometric entry system, fingerprint not recognised, no access.

Each of our children's rooms is especially designed to ensure that activities, meal times, sleep times operate smoothly and each have age related separate gardens.

Our brilliant & friendly Senior Management team share years of experience and is always available.

Our highly-qualified Nursery teacher ensures that our children in our pre-school are more than ready to move on to their primary schools as happy and confident individuals.

We are incredibly proud of our highly qualified, long serving staff.

Our in-house chef makes nutritious, balanced and amazing meals, our menus rotate on a 4 weekly basis and change with the seasons.

We have a gardening/craft club, offer different sports, dance, gymnastics and Spanish. Our online learning program ensures that parents are kept updated on a regular basis.

Discounts available for children of NHS workers and those who work on Greenham Business Park

Limited number of term time places available for children of teachers

www.woodlandchildcare.co.uk

email: enquiries@woodlandchildcare.co.uk

Visit us: Greenham Business Park, Newbury, RG19 6HW

Or just phone us on 01635 33626



Ladybirds Pre-school

LADYBIRDS Pre-school is a warm, welcoming setting with a family feel, now open from 8am-5:30pm.

They pride themselves on understanding their children as unique individuals and support them as they grow into confident and curious, motivated and busy learners, prepared for their next steps as they transition on to 'big school'.

Staff plan a broad curriculum linked to its children's needs, interests, experiences, play, collaborations, characteristics and the learning they observe them choose to explore.

Each child's progress across all areas of learning is carefully monitored and shared with families, with a focus on children's wellbeing and levels of involvement in their activity.

The children's direction of play can often be influenced by trips out, for example visits to the local museum and library, where families are welcome to join in. Or maybe a walk to the post box with a nature excursion on the way.

These experiences enrich their learning as the children relive and link them in their play.

Ladybird's parent partnership and key person approach is very important, building strong links with home.

Here is a snap shot of what some Ladybird families wanted to share:

"How to describe one of the best pre-schools on the planet? Great outside space, brilliant activities and such a well organised pre school. It's a little gem of a

setting hidden away and I am so glad my daughter is part of it."

"We are absolutely delighted with the quality of care offered by Ladybirds. They offer personalised support to meet the needs of all children and show a real interest in them and their development. Our son can't wait for Ladybird days and runs in the door with a smile on his face. We are delighted with the progress he has made and would highly recommend Ladybirds to any prospective parent"

"I always feel comfortable and confident that he will be happy and enjoy his day at Ladybirds."

"They are the best pre-school in the area and my daughter has flourished since she started."

Pelican Day Nursery

How does our garden grow?

Spring and Summer is a time of wonder for children.

The weather becomes milder and the days longer, allowing for more opportunities for outdoor play. Flowers emerge from the ground and colour brightens up the days.

All-weather, all-year-round play is something that Pelican Day Nursery in Newbury promotes.

It has long been established that engaging in outdoor activities can help to improve concentration and promote wellbeing, as well as allowing little ones to burn off their excess energy.

As well as developing skills, being outdoors is fun and at the team at Pelican are firm believers in learning through play.

Children have daily, direct access to the fully resourced garden area where there are seasonal activities for them to enjoy.

At nursery, staff maximise the opportunities that the season of new life has to offer. Vegetables and plants are grown, teaching children about lifecycles, growth and nature.

This extends to the kitchen where the harvest from the garden is sampled later in the year, learning more about nutrition and healthy eating.

Pelican nursery hopes to inspire a generation of little ones to love and respect the natural world as well as develop a curiosity for healthy, nutritious food.

Their aim is to give children early experiences of the natural world to build familiarity and curiosity.



There is evidence that instilling a love of nature from a young age has a lasting impact into adulthood.

Children who have had greater interaction with the natural world develop an enhanced appreciation and respect for the environment.

How does your garden grow at home? Below are some great ideas for garden activities at home.

■ Bug hunts

■ Collecting leaves

■ Create a composter

■ Make a daisy chain

■ Create a garden scrapbook

■ Outdoor mud kitchen

■ Make a bird feeder

■ Creating a mini vegetable patch in a planter

For more information about Pelican Day Nursery call (01635) 46494 or email

pelican.nursery@childbase.com.



Ladybirds Pre-school

"I can't rate it highly enough! The staff are first class, all big smiles, enthusiastic, experienced and brilliantly friendly with the level of professionalism you want from those you entrust your little ones to. Thanks Ladybirds!"

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Why Choose Ladybirds?

- Flexible sessions. Full days, wraparound care, mornings, afternoons or a mix of everything – we offer what you need!
- Funded places offered for 30 hour and 15 hour entitlement as well as funded 2 year olds. Additional hours available charged at a competitive hourly rate.
- Early Years Curriculum delivered through free flow, free choice play for all pre school children aged 2 - 5
- Varied activities, outside play, quiet room, story telling and specialist yoga sessions
- Low staff: child ratio ensuring time for 1-1
- High quality parent partnership
- Fully accessible, adaptable environment, catering for all individual needs.

Where are we located?

Roebuts Close is a quiet cul-de-sac in south Newbury off Three Acre Road/ Wendan Road. We can also be reached easily from Andover Road through the pedestrian alley near the speed camera

Open term time only 8am – 5:30pm

See our website for more details.



Now taking registrations



Fun is an essential ingredient at Pelican Day Nursery and Preschool where the care and education opportunities for each and every child are as extraordinary as the staff who provide them.



£50 Love to Shop Gift Vouchers

If your child starts at nursery between 1st March 2017 and 30th June 2017

Please quote reference LF-LTS17



"Fantastic nursery. A brilliant team who really care about my son's well-being, happiness and development. He has recently transitioned from the baby room to the toddler and this was handled very well with lots of preparation visits and as a result we had no problems with his move. I couldn't recommend the nursery highly enough."

Parent, www.daynurseries.co.uk

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Jubilee Gems and Jubilee Day Nursery

Encouraging confidence, independence and a love of the outdoors

CONVENIENTLY situated between Newbury, Reading and Basingstoke, Jubilee Gems Term-Time Day Nursery and Jubilee Day Nursery in Padworth provide exceptional care for babies and children up to five years of age.

The two nurseries are independent and offer term-time day and full-time provision respectively.

The Jubilee name has become synonymous with high quality outdoor learning and both nurseries provide a caring, safe learning environment where your child will be happy, nurtured and encouraged to develop and achieve their potential.

Recent research has shown that the first five years of a child's life are crucial to their long-term learning and development.

As well as qualified Early Years teachers, Jubilee places great emphasis on a well-rounded learning experience, which encompasses a child's physical, personal, social and emotional development.

They are passionate about outdoor play and learning and are fortunate to have more than 50 acres of open countryside, private woodland and their very own working farm for the children to enjoy.

The ethos at Jubilee is 'learning by doing' – both inside and out, every day. They believe it essential that children explore, learn and play – safely and freely.

With the support of an experienced team, children gain an



understanding and respect for nature through the outdoor learning programme which links directly to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Children can play in their purpose-designed gardens, create in the mud kitchen or explore

the farm and its animals with staff.

Everyone enjoys spending time in the beautiful woodland making dens, learning new skills at Forest Schools and going on bug hunts.

Such experiences provide a

unique way of building confidence and self-esteem while learning new life skills and promoting independence through hands-on learning.

The nurseries have attractive and homely spaces – both indoors and outdoors – for each age group with activities care-

fully selected for every stage of development; whether that be a group baby sensory session, messy play, craft activities, singing, soft play or maybe some dressing up and role play for the toddlers.

Children from two and a half are introduced to concepts such as a healthy lifestyle and participate in a fun weekly fitness programme specifically designed for this age group.

Rated 'Good' in all areas by Ofsted, it was noted how 'enthusiastic children are on entering nursery and how all settle quickly'.

Children have the space to explore and discover in a safe, secure environment with a caring team close at hand to encourage and support individual needs, play, learning and development.

Pre-school children have dedicated free-flow spaces leading into their own garden, designed to promote and encourage independence.

It's here that the highly-skilled team prepare the children for their eventual move to 'big school'.

Children naturally develop at different rates and the team at Jubilee support them by encouraging everyone's unique talents through their in-depth understanding of child development.

Children learn about topical festivities and enjoy visiting the dedicated Learning Hub, where they really start to get to grips with phonics during fun sessions

with their teacher, enjoy educational games and dance, and immerse themselves in other lively activities, all of which are linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Senior Nursery Manager Lesley Thompson said that many people talk about a 'gut feeling' when they are looking for a nursery.

"We like to think the warmth of our team and our environments contribute to that," she said.

"It's very important to get a feel for who will be looking after your child and for the setting itself.

"We often receive comments from primary school teachers who tell us they can recognise 'Jubilee children' for their 'confidence, independence and joy of learning'.

"If you haven't already done so, please do come and see us – we have an open door policy."

If you would like your family to be part of the Jubilee experience – why not request a prospectus and book a visit to see first-hand the fantastic opportunities they can offer.

To find out more about Jubilee Gems Day Nursery (term-time only) or Jubilee Day Nursery (full-time), email info@jubileegems.co.uk or info@jubileedaynursery.co.uk or call 01189 834 018 or 01189 701600



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Rocking Horse Nursery

ON April 1, the Rocking Horse Nursery at Newbury Racecourse threw open its doors for a morning of family fun.

Around 800 people visited the nursery, which opened its new building in the Summer of 2015.

Visitors were welcomed by new manager Melanie Godliman, who joined the nursery last summer.

Current families of the nursery and their friends, neighbours and potential new clients enjoyed an array of activities, which were designed to delight the senses of children and adults alike, and celebrated the opening of their newly revamped sensory room and garden.

The main attraction was the farm animals, who mingled with people in the nursery's fantastic gardens.

The goats, in particular, enjoyed munching on the children's newly planted herb garden.

Crafts were a massive hit too with the Creation Station being kept busy all morning and a face painter proving as popular as always.

While there were warm-blooded animals enjoying the sunshine in the garden, some cold-blooded creatures were making themselves comfortable inside.

Visitors had the opportunity to view a number of different reptiles, which were on show. More unusual than the furry friends, the children were fascinated by the scaly guests.

The nursery was designed by industry experts and in addition to the age-related playrooms that you would expect, there is a



library and a sensory room.

The sensory room has received a facelift in 2017 with an emphasis on light, sound and touch and smell.

Melanie Godliman said: "It was such a treat to have some many local people from Newbury join us at the Family Fun Day.

"We wanted to say a big thank you to our existing families, but also provide the opportunity for many more to come and familiarise themselves with the amazing facilities we have on offer at the Rocking Horse Nursery."

Away from the open day, but staying on the animal theme, the chil-



dren at the nursery watched excitedly as 10 chicken's eggs, which had been incubated in a special unit, hatched.

They then got to hold and feed the chicks.

The nursery is always keen to offer the children the opportunity to learn from nature.

The children have also enjoyed Easter celebrations this spring, which included the older babies decorating Easter biscuits.

The Rocking Horse Nursery is housed in a purpose-built facility within a spacious area of the Newbury Racecourse Estate.

The nursery welcomes children

from birth to five years and there are currently very limited places available.

To secure your little one a space at the Rocking Horse Nursery, Newbury's most advanced childcare option, you can join the waiting list.

For further information on the Rocking Horse Nursery see www.rockinghorsenewbury.co.uk, email info@rockinghorsenewbury.co.uk or call (01635) 48969.

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