

Buttercup Nursery at



Growing at Meadowside Primary School

Welcome to Buttercup Nursery

Buttercup Nursery is a term time preschool situated in the school grounds of Meadowside Primary School for children aged 3-4. Our aim is to provide children with high quality care based on sessions of a school day. Our team provides continuous provision throughout the setting based on “the individual child’s interest” and adult led activities/ group times following the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

Buttercup Nursery is involved in various school celebrations and events throughout the school year. We embrace the school values within our learning experiences and our stimulating environment will allow children to learn and grow through their play into independent and confident learners, giving them the best start to school life.

Miss Fry-Nursery Lead



Hello my name is Miss Fry and I will be leading your child’s learning throughout their Buttercup journey. I have been working within Buttercups since it opened in 2019 and am very passionate and enthusiastic about the Early Years. I started working in childcare over 18 years ago, experiencing lots of different settings and leading various preschools as well as having work experience within school settings. I have three children of my own who come to Meadowside, and I spend most of my free time watching them play football, taking them on days out and walking our dog Flo together. I am very excited to welcome all the new children to Buttercups and look forward to meeting you all.

Mrs Crane - Nursery TA



Mrs Perkins - Nursery TA



The staff within Buttercup Nursery are highly experienced within the Early Years and are very passionate and enthusiastic.

The Nursery Lead will be your child's key person throughout their Nursery experience and your child will be assigned to one of the Nursery TA's as a "buddy." This is to ensure children and parents form a secure relationship, which enables us to work together to give your child the best possible experience.

Facilities



Buttercup Nursery offers the children a fantastic indoor and outdoor learning environment with continuous provision alongside adult led activities. Each area of the Nursery is planned accordingly to meet the children's individual needs and interests.

The nursery is accessed through its own entrance gate which leads into our four main indoor rooms.

The Bumblebee Room

Within this room we have a large carpet area, this is where the children normally sit for registration and group times- including phonics, maths and topic times.

We have an interactive white board which the children have access to throughout the day.

The room also offers continuous provision for mark making, creative play, reading, writing and construction.



The Dragonfly Room



Within this room we have our imaginative role play area and a small world area. We base these areas of learning on our termly topics as well as following the children's interests.

Although maths themes are weaved across the nursery provision the Dragonfly room allows specific maths exploration opportunities both with adults and through child-initiated activities.



The Butterfly Room

Our relaxing sensory room includes:

Bubble machine, sensory lights, coloured torches, heuristic play baskets, sensory play and our “calm corner” for quiet time or self-regulation.



The Ladybird Room

Our Ladybird room is our adult supervised messy play and cooking area. This is where the children can learn to use cooking/creative tools and equipment, follow simple recipes and instructions, create their own playdough, slime, cakes, fruit kebabs and much more.

The Outdoor learning environment

We follow an outdoor learning programme called the Wanderlust Nature Study which is now embedded into our curriculum. Children participate in weekly planned activities around these topics. For example, MUD- Making mud cakes, exploring mud with our senses and adult led discussions- “What will happen when we mix the mud with water.”



The main areas of the garden include construction, mark making, maths, music, reading, our sensory garden, mud kitchen and writing shed. The children also have access to balance bikes, scooters, trikes and monkey bars which help to promote their gross motor skills.

The garden is accessible daily and we provide mud suits so that the children get to enjoy the outdoor environment in all weathers.

We have regular access to the school’s pen palace, sensory garden and “HMS Buttercup” climbing frame throughout the week.



Nursery session

We feel it is important for children to have consistent sessions to allow them to make secure relationships with their peers and staff and help children to become ready for school. Here is an example of a typical day:

Opening Hours 8:45-3:15 term time only

Tuesday	8:45-9:30	9:30-11:00	(Approx. 5-10 minutes)	11:30-12:45	12:45-1:15	1:15-2:45	2:45-3:00	3:10	
	Welcome Music and Movement-Go Noodle	Register Book of the week *The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Free flow and learning Indoor and outdoor environment	Maths group time *Focused on the number 1	Lunch and outdoor play on the playground or in the Nursery garden	Register Phonics group time *Listening game	Free flow and learning indoor and outdoor environment	Music and singing *Rhyme time song bag	Home time

Rolling snack will be available for all children between 9:30-10:15am and 1:15-2:00pm

We promote healthy eating at Buttercup Nursery offering fresh fruit daily, a free carton of school milk and other snacks which include items like crackers, breadsticks, yogurts.

Please inform us if your child has any allergies or dietary requirements.

What your child needs

To stay at nursery- **Clearly labelled**

- Sunhats and sun cream for our “Sunny day” box
- Hats and gloves for our “Cold day” box
- Wellies
- A few changes of clothes including pants and socks in a small bag. We like to get messy!

Daily

- Nappies if needed- Although we do encourage all children to be toilet trained before starting at nursery, we know this isn’t always easy. We are happy to support you and your child with toilet training
- Wipes/flannel. We like to get messy and have lots of fun so we kindly ask you to provide a packet of wipes or a labelled flannel.
- Water bottles- **clearly labelled**. We promote keeping “healthy and hydrated” so please send water in your child’s bottle and we will ensure it is refilled throughout the day.
- Lunches- Please provide a packed lunch for your child if you are at Nursery over lunchtime. Hot dinners / sandwiches are also available to order through the school lunch provider (Dolce).

Reminders *No nuts *No sweets in lunchboxes.

Uniform



A Buttercup jumper or cardigan. A Buttercup t-shirt or white t-shirt. Comfortable trousers, dress, joggers, leggings, or shorts in **black or grey**. Comfortable footwear *Please can we ask for velcro or slip-on shoes/trainers. This is to promote the children's independence helping them to get ready for school. Uniform can be purchased through <https://www.coolcatsclothing.co.uk>

Settling in sessions

We will contact you a few weeks before your child is due to start at Buttercup Nursery to discuss any important information you would like to share with us. We will also discuss your child settling in sessions- This will consist of a few hourly stay and play sessions for your child.

The Curriculum

At Buttercup Nursery we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.

If you would like to learn more about this please follow this link or speak to a member of staff.

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>



Target tracker

Once your child has settled into nursery, we will begin to share observations of your child's learning through play using the Target Tracker app. This will include weekly short observations-snippets of your child's day, and termly long observation- more in depth. These observations will link to the different areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). Observations may include photos, videos and comments.

Contacting Buttercups

If you would like to contact us at any time please phone the school office or email us: buttercupnursery@meadowsideprimary.org This includes any home learning or WOW moments you would like to share, questions you may have or any other key information you would like to share about your child.

Safeguarding

Meadowside Primary School and Buttercup Nursery fully recognises the contribution it can make to protect and support pupils within the setting. The pupils' welfare and safety are of paramount importance. The aim of the policy is to safeguard and promote our pupils' welfare, safety and health by fostering an honest, open, caring and supportive climate.

Fees

Unfunded Buttercup Nursery Sessions Costs

Unfunded Session	Cost
A Morning session: 8.45am-11.30am (2.75 hrs)	£13.50
B Lunch session: 11.30am-12.30pm (1hr)	£5.00 (£2.50 per day for 30hrs funded)
C Afternoon session:12.30pm-3.15pm (2.75 hrs)	£13.50
D Full day 8.45am-3.15pm (32.5hrs)	

If your child is not having a school dinner then a packed lunch will need to be provided if your child is attending a lunch session or a full day in Nursery.

NB we are only able to offer a maximum of 14.75hrs per week out of the 15hrs entitlement (i.e. 5 am or pm sessions plus 1 lunch per week).

NB As our session lengths do not fit exactly with the Extended Hours entitlement of 30hrs we charge £2.25 per day to cover lunch time.

MASC breakfast and after school club opening times

Session	Price
Morning session: 7.45am-8.45am	£4.75
Evening session: 3.15pm-5.50pm	£13.00

If breakfast or afterschool session are required please contact the school office to complete registration process for MASC membership, booking and payment.

Please note, we not do charge a registration fee nor do we charge for snacks.

Additional costs may be requested in the event of a trip or covering the cost of cooking activities.