




Woodentots
Nursery



Quality Childcare at
HMS Collingwood



Seeing children grow, play and learn is a wonderful thing. That's why our happy, vibrant nursery is designed to give your child the best possible start in life.

Giving little ones everything they need to be content, confident, healthy and curious – ready for the next step of the adventure and their educational journey. Whether they're snuggling in, building a den, painting a picture, learning about the weather or playing in the sand.





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Welcome

We understand that choosing a nursery that is right for both you and your child can be a difficult decision, which is why we do our best to make it as easy as possible.

We offer everything you would expect from an Ofsted registered setting, such as excellent standards of daily care and education; a nurturing and safe environment, freshly-prepared food, and highly qualified and experienced practitioners.

But what makes Woodentots popular with parents is that we fully understand the specific needs of military families and provide continued support for you and your child during deployments.

In fact many parents tell us that for their child, Woodentots is a 'home from home' because we accommodate their needs rather than the other way around. This, we believe, is the essence of Woodentots.

We hope this guide provides some insight into our ethos here at Woodentots as well as providing you with the detail you need to make your choice. However, there is no better way to know if we are right for your family than to visit us first-hand. So we do hope you will give us an opportunity to show how we can provide a 'home from home' for your child too.

Emma James
Nursery Manager





We are Open
0730 - 1800
Monday to Friday



Enclosed
outdoor learning
spaces for
each room

About Us

Woodentots Nursery opened in 1996 in response to the growing need for daily childcare required within the base and offers full day care for up to 90 children, aged 4 months to 5 years for Military Personnel, MOD Civilians, and other contractors who are able to gain access through a security pass.

Set in two large building within the grounds of HMS Collingwood, the nursery offers a homely environment for the very young, whilst toddlers and older children continue their great learning adventure with the support and security, which is essential at this time. We all benefit from the large enclosed garden which provides safe and stimulating outdoor play.

We aim to provide a warm, caring environment where children feel secure, happy and confident.

We will encourage the children in our care to develop at their own pace, both socially and emotionally. Our pride is in the individuality of our children.

The nursery is run by Lucy and Martin who took over in 2002. They are very active in their roles and can be found in the nursery each day. They enjoy working at all levels, interacting with children, providing support for staff and building partnerships with parents.





"Woodentots
is a real haven
of happiness"

Parent, Jan 2021

The Baby Unit



Our Baby Unit is the base area for children aged up to 25 months. It has 2 base rooms The Nest and The Explorers. The unit is led by our experienced Under 2's leader.

Stacey Jamison
Baby Unit Leader



The
Nest

Ages 4 - 14 months

- ✓ Flexible, child-led routine
- ✓ Separate sleep room
- ✓ Individual weaning menus
- ✓ Dedicated outdoor space



The
Explorers

Ages 24 - 35 months

- ✓ Fun, stimulating activities
- ✓ Treasury and sensory baskets
- ✓ Tumble Tots sessions
- ✓ A cosy area to snuggle in



The Foundation Unit

Ages 24 - 47 months



The
Investigators

- ✓ Mark marking & pre-writing
- ✓ Cooking sessions
- ✓ Exploring the natural world
- ✓ Singing and rhymes

Ages 37 - 60 months



The
Preschool

- ✓ Phonics & Maths sessions
- ✓ 'School Ready' programme
- ✓ Forest School
- ✓ Practical life skills



Our Foundation Unit is the base area for children aged over 25 months. It has 3 base rooms The Discoverers, The Investigators and The Preschool. The unit is led by our Qualified Early Years Teacher.

Becky Woods
Foundation Unit Leader



The Foundation Unit



The
Discoverers

Ages 24 - 35 months

- ✓ Small group sessions
- ✓ Walks around the base
- ✓ Messy play activities
- ✓ Domestic role play



The
Investigators

Ages 24 - 47 months

- ✓ Mark marking & pre-writing
- ✓ Cooking sessions
- ✓ Exploring the natural world
- ✓ Singing and rhymes



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Forest
School
Sessions

The Important Stuff

Our Food

Our menus are healthy and balanced, to fuel children's growth and development, and they're also full of tasty and interesting ingredients, to fuel their imaginations and tastebuds.

We spend a lot of time making sure our menus are nutritionally balanced and don't add sugar or salt, but most of all, we make sure every dish tastes great and encourage children to try new things. All our food is homemade on site by our cook, using fresh, quality, wholesome ingredients, so we know exactly what goes into each meal. We're happy to cater for all dietary requirements including allergies and cultural needs.

Babies and weaning

We work closely with parents to make sure it's an easy transition from milk feeds to solid feeds.

Our Team

At Woodentots we have a long serving staff team with over 200 combined years working within the nursery. We tend to 'home grow' our staff, supporting them through their initial childcare qualification before becoming a fully-fledged qualified practitioner. At present, 70% of our staff started with us as an apprentice, including most of the management team.

Although Ofsted only require 50% of staff to hold a Level 2 childcare qualification, at Woodentots we pride ourselves on a minimum of 75% of our staff holding qualifications at levels 2 – 6, with Lucy and Becky holding Early Years Teacher status. However, we believe that it is more than qualifications which ensure your child receives the best care.

We value staff who are experienced, really engage the children, are passionate, enthusiastic, and really demonstrate their love and care for each child. All our staff are paediatric first aid trained.



Settling in

Starting nursery is a big step, so we'll do all we can to help your child settle in positively, happily and confidently. We'll get to know them and what they like and don't like. We'll also make sure they get to know us and the other children here. We'll give you plenty of time to settle in, so both you and your child can get used to life here. We'll also make sure your child has a key person, so they have someone they feel happy, confident and secure with when you're not around.

Settling in is unique to each child, so we'll tailor a plan to suit your child's needs. We find it works best to start with small visits, and then gradually extend them, until your child is happy to be here for as long as you need them to be in our care. Settling in can take time and commitment but don't worry, we're here to support you and your child every step of the way. If possible, we suggest you allow at least a week to settle in with your child, before you leave them with us.

Working together

We believe in working closely with families to provide the best possible care and education for each child. To help build a strong, supportive relationship between family life and nursery, your child will have a key person, so you can both develop a strong bond with one of our staff. Someone you can talk to and ask for help and support, who knows you, your child and your unique situation. Our door is always open, any time of day, and we welcome your thoughts and feedback.

WPSA

Woodentots Parent Staff Association (WPSA) is a charitable organisation formed in February 2014. The aim of the WPSA is to further strengthen the communication links between the nursery and parents, contributing to the existing partnerships already established, through regular social and fundraising events.

Our Curriculum

We follow the curriculum set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Personal, social and emotional

we help children to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.

Communication and language

we give children opportunities to experience a rich language environment and develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Physical

we provide opportunities for young children to be active, interactive and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. Children are helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

Literacy

we encourage children to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children are given access to a wide range of reading materials to ignite their interest.

Mathematics

we provide children with opportunities to develop their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces, and measures

Understanding the world

we guide children to make sense of their physical world and community through exploration and observation, helping them to find out about people, places, technology and their environment.

Expressive arts and design

we enable children to explore and play with a wide range of materials and to share their thoughts, ideas and feelings using a variety of art, music, dance, role-play, and design and technology activities.



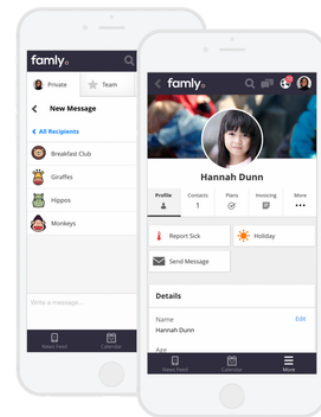
Early Years
Funding
for 3 & 4
year olds

Communication

We use an app called 'Famly' which allows our staff to share photos, videos and instant messages with parents and parents to share information with nursery via their mobile phones, tablets or laptops.

There is a news feed and the look is similar to other social media programmes that parents are familiar with such as facebook. You can message, post and can 'like' items that nursery staff post and even add emoticons.

All information is visible in real time which means that you can see important events as they happen.



family.

What our parents say:

"I can see on my mobile phone if my daughter is having a nap and schedule when I go to collect her for when she wakes up so that I don't have to wake her or wait around until she wakes"

"It's really helpful to be able to see on the Famly App what and how much my child has eaten during the day"



Woodentots
supports my family
so well during
deployments
Parent, Jan 2021



Caring,
professional
and highly
qualified
practitioners

Our Fees



Below is a guide to our daily fees.

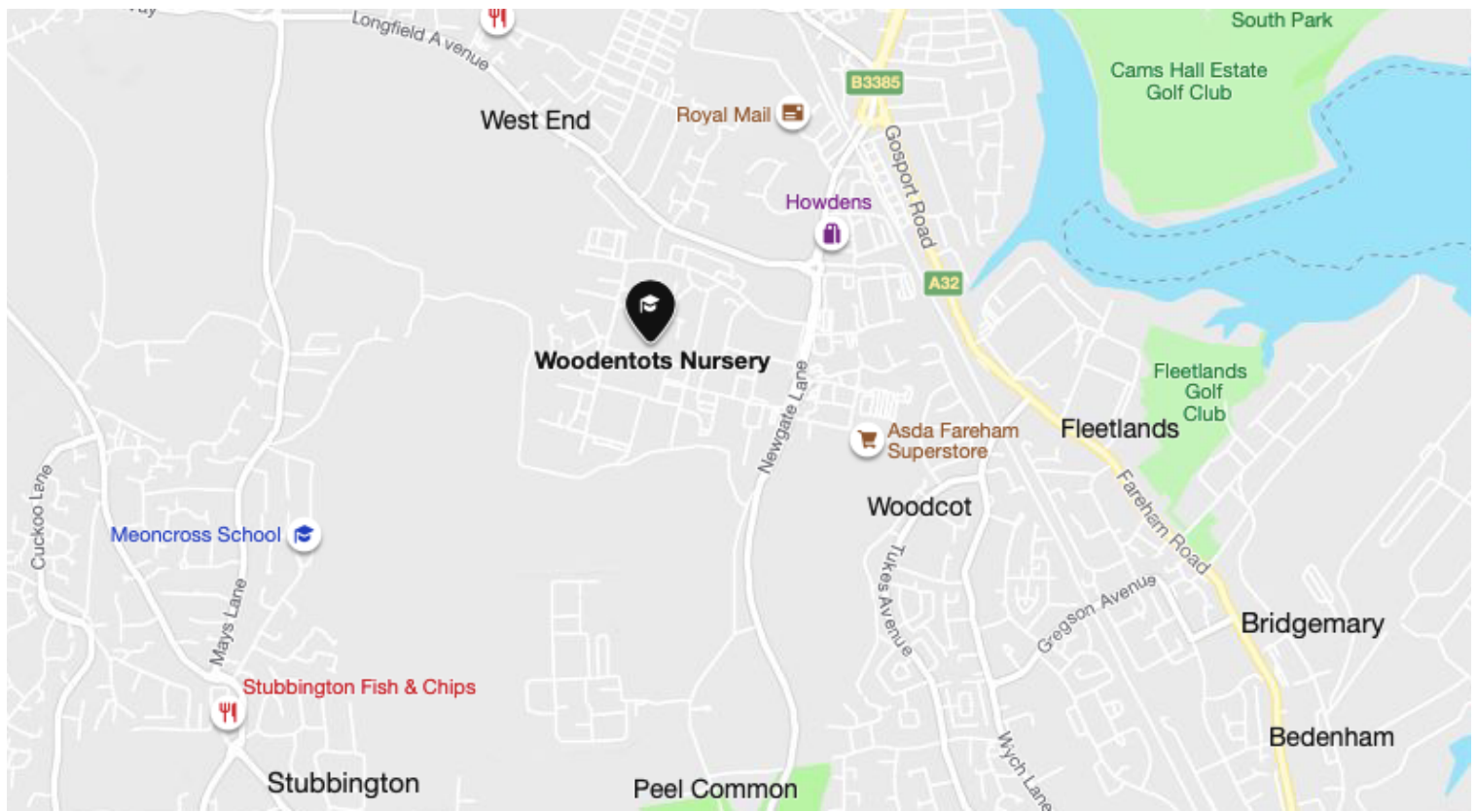
We offer:

- Full year places (50 weeks) and a limited number of Term time places (38 weeks)
- Five weeks holiday discount
- One weeks sickness discount
- 15 and 30 hours Government funding for 2, 3 & 4 year olds (1 year olds from Sep 24).

Each child's fees are calculated on the basis of the place booked, so please do ask us for a quote based on your individual requirements which will take into account the appropriate discounts.

Monthly fees:

	30 hrs funding	15 hrs funding	0 hrs funding
3 Full Days	£416.67	£644.67	£872.67
4 Full Days	£705.67	£933.67	£1161.67
4.5 Full Days	£888.63	£1116.63	£1344.63
5 Full Days	£994.67	£1222.67	£1450.67



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