

Wild KINGFISHERS PRESCHOOL



our setting brochure **2020**



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YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN AND GROW THROUGH PLAY

Welcome to Wild Kingfishers!

Our approach to the care of your child is to build on their strengths and develop their confidence, this promotes self-esteem and encourages the independence to explore, ask questions and learn. We began in 1978 and we are an intimate preschool situated in the heart of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Our school accommodates 24 children giving them the best personal care and development. We promote outdoor learning all year round (whatever the weather!). We have taken the best from each different learning style and we use a combination of each.



From the Wild Kingfishers Team



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS TOGETHER

How we work with you:

Your child will be able to explore their environment which will push their drive to ask questions and find out more. We follow your child's interests, increase their imagination and develop their learning.



When your child joins our setting, we like to learn about them by talking to you, the parent or carer. We want to find out how they are at home and things they have already experienced in their life. We do this because we believe in developing strong partnerships with parents and carers to ensure we can provide the best experiences for all of our children. After all, you know your child better than anyone and you are their biggest influence in life.

We live in the moment at Wild Kingfishers and every day is different because we use child-led play as a learning tool and this encourages the development of your child's natural interests.

We keep you up to date with the development of your child through our online journal, where you can also share comments and photos from home.



We use the
online journal
called
TAPESTRY
to share your
child's
development

THIS IS OUR EHTOS

We use **Early Years Foundation Stage** (EYFS) as a tool to monitor children's progress, but we mainly consider the **Characteristics of Effective Learning** to understand the many different ways in which children learn and develop. These **focus on the 'how'** of learning rather than 'what' they are learning. We believe this is an important part of the early years of children's lives and helps **prepare them better** for the future.



LEARN



EXPLORE

We explore **natural and real-life** resources, such as our wild garden and this is done all year round, so that we can observe the changing seasons, weather and environment. We explore our **local community** with walks to the shops, market, library and parks. We also have a yearly visit to the local fire station. We **explore ideas and test them out**. We promote trial and error and solve problems together - **every child has a voice** and these are respected and valued by everyone.

Child-led play develops skills for life, including **speech, communication, independence, resilience and respect**. We promote shared thinking through open ended questions and allow the children to form their own opinions. We limit the amount of 'one-use' resources and instead we provide **real-life tools** for the children to use. We promote can-do attitude for all our children, offering plenty of opportunities to approach problem solving, risk taking and form **new ways of thinking**.



PLAY

Our door is always open for when parents or careers would like to chat.



CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

Part of our 'Learn' ethos explained ..

Playing and Exploring – children investigate, experience things and 'have a go'

Active Learning – children keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements; and

Creating and Thinking Critically – children develop their own ideas, make links and create strategies for doing things.

More information can be found at www.EarlyYearsResoucrs.co.uk



Children who receive the right sort of support and encouragement during the early years will be creative, and adventurous learners throughout their lives



A TYPICAL DAY AT WILD KINGFISHERS

8.30am Breakfast Club

9am Gate is open for children to arrive

9.30am Gate is locked and we sing our Welcome song

9.40am Free flow - indoor or outdoor play / activities

10am Snack time is available for 1 hour

11am Outdoor play - everyone in the garden

11.30am Speech and language sessions

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12pm Story time sit down

12.15pm Lunchtime - we all sit and eat together

1pm Outdoor activities in the playground

2.15pm Afternoon Club begins

2.45pm Story time sit down

3pm Everyone goes home





THE FACILITIES WE OFFER

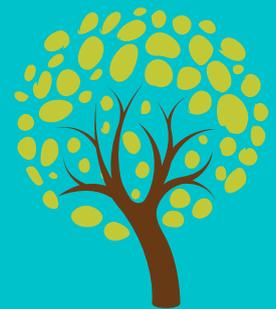
We have an extensive wooded garden attached to our setting, where the children can climb, make dens, play hide and seek, build mud cakes, find worms and generally let off steam. We also have a separate playground area that is sheltered, just in case it rains. We also have two guinea pigs, creatively named Fudge and Scissors.

Outdoor Play Area:

- Extensive garden
- Mud kitchen
- Climbing equipment
- Sandpit
- Pets Corner for our guinea pigs
- Playground with bikes

Indoor Learning for:

- Reading
- Counting
- Home economics
- Role play costumes
- Tuff tables for 'hot topics'



We are lucky to
have a large
garden
surrounded
by fields and
the natural
world



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Afternoon Clubs - these are adult led sessions that vary from day to day. Our various themes cover cooking, arts and crafts, science, music and physical/forest school.

Lunch Boxes - we ask that children do not have nuts in their lunch box and that healthy food options are encouraged - see our website for lunch box ideas.

Guinea Pigs - the children learn to care for them: we feed them, hold them and clean them out. In the warmer months they are based in the garden where they have their own area. Children can also volunteer to look after them at home during the holidays.

Donations - we are a charity, so we welcome donations. We are always trying to raise money for new equipment and resources for the children.

Opening Times

Core Opening Hours

Monday to Friday
9am-3pm

Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday
at 8.30am

we provide a breakfast of
hot porridge or cereal

Sessions times are:

Full Day - 9am-3pm

Half Day - 9am-12pm or
12pm-3pm.

However we are flexible,
so if you have other
needs let us know.

Prices

£3.00 per day for
Breakfast Club

£5.50 per hour for
2 year old's*

£5.00 per hour for
3-5 year old's

£20 per term for snacks

*The difference in price is justified due to the ratio of staff: 2 year old's require a ratio of 1:4 and 3-5 year old's require 1:8, therefore the extra care legally required for a 2 year old is reflected in the price

Funding

We accept Government funding, please see our website for more information about the support that is available to you, such as:

Childcare for 2 year old's
15 hours FREE childcare
30 hours FREE childcare
Childcare vouchers and
employee schemes
General Childcare
information

We are a non-profit
making setting so the
fees and charges are
minimal.

MEET OUR TEAM



Miss Lorna
Setting Manager

I have worked in childcare for over 10 years. This was initially spent working in two previous nurseries and then in a children's center. I took a break when I had my own 3 children but I returned to work just before my youngest started school. She attended Wild Kingfishers and enjoyed it so much that I joined as a helper, and I then became a member of staff in February 2018. I have always enjoyed working with children and I feel it's a privilege to be part of their 'early years' journey, if only for a short time. There's no greater reward than helping a shy and unsure preschooler grow into a confident and thriving person, ready for school.



Miss Danielle
Deputy Manager

I've worked in childcare for over 5 years and I am a fully qualified Early Years Practitioner. I really enjoy watching and supporting the growth and development of the children. Seeing them use their imagination in play fascinates me and I love to get stuck in, especially during outdoor play.



Miss Sharon
EY Practitioner

I have my NVQ3 and have worked in childcare for 8 years. I also have two children of my own, now ages 14 and 27. I'm an incredibly bubbly person and love to interact with the children and get messy!

In September 2019 we changed our name and refreshed our brand to Wild Kingfishers Preschool because we wanted to develop and heavily promote the outdoor learning that we love.

Our setting was founded 41 years ago, in 1978
- so it's safe to say that we are established and know our stuff!

GALLERY

