



# **Uley Pre-School**

## **Part of Uley C of E School Primary**

We would like to welcome you and your child to our Uley Pre-School at Uley C of E Primary School.

### **Uley C of E Primary School**

Uley School is a welcoming, inclusive family school with a strong Christian ethos, a sense of community and a commitment to excellence for all children in our care. We aim to ensure that each one of our children feels happy and safe, and is enthusiastic, secure and confident. We do this by nurturing each child's uniqueness and responding to individual needs. We want each child to flourish in their learning and to be the best they can be, now and for their future.

### **Our Pre-School**

At Uley Pre-School, we embrace our vision to "Live, Learn and Flourish" by providing an environment where every child is given the opportunity to be the best they can be, succeed and flourish. Our Pre-School children are integrated into Class 1, alongside our Reception children, allowing them to access to a play-based curriculum as they would in other pre-school setting. This integration helps to foster a sense of belonging and encourages early learning through shared experiences, ensuring each child feels part of our nurturing school community. It also enables a seamless transition in to their reception year.

Class 1 caters for Pre-School and Reception aged children. The children work together for some tasks and in separate age appropriate groups for other tasks. Our excellent facilities mean we can provide a wealth of play and learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors and our talented, teacher-led team ensure that every child has the best learning opportunities to help them develop individually.

It is important for parents and carers to feel they can come and talk to school staff. The school staff are in the gate every morning and are happy to have a quick chat. We are always happy to set time aside to meet with you for a catch-up should more time be needed.

## **Smooth Transitions for a Flourishing Future**




Our Pre-School sessions run throughout the week, from Monday to Friday, providing a structured routine that supports each child's development. By integrating Pre-School children into Class 1, we help them build familiarity with the classroom environment, making the transition into Reception smooth and comfortable. This integration nurtures confidence and a sense of security, allowing children to flourish as they move seamlessly from one stage of their educational journey to the next.

## **Early Years Curriculum**





At Uley School, we ensure that all children receive a broad, balanced, and rich curriculum, based on the seven areas of learning outlined in the EYFS framework.

Learning through play is a big part of the early years' experience. Children learn so much through play that it is a very important part of the school day with regular opportunities for structured and unstructured play. We encourage our children to be outside and active as much as we can.




### **These areas are categorised into three prime areas which are:**

-  Personal, Social, and Emotional Development
-  Communication and Language
-  Physical Development.

### **Then four specific areas which are:**

-  Literacy
-  Mathematics
-  Understanding the World
-  Expressive Arts and Design

In our practice, we focus on how children learn as well as what they learn. This includes the Characteristics of Effective Learning:

-  Playing and Exploring: Children investigate, experiment, and engage with the world around them.
-  Active Learning: Children concentrate, keep trying when faced with challenges, and enjoy their achievements.
-  Creating and Thinking Critically: Children generate ideas, make links between their experiences, and develop problem-solving strategies.

These characteristics guide us in planning and supporting children's learning, ensuring it is both meaningful and challenging. In addition to child-initiated learning, we provide adult-led sessions tailored to specific developmental needs.

## **What will my child need?**

- A named or clearly identifiable drinks bottle filled with water only.
- A change of clothing, plus extra pants and bottoms – just in case. Please keep on top of this and send in extra clothes when your child has required a change in school.
- We would recommend that children are toilet trained as much as possible, but also appreciate some children may take longer than others. We recommend avoiding nappies due to limited changing facilities. Pull-ups are a better option if needed.
- Pull ups, wipes and nappy sacks if your child requires these. Again, please keep us topped up.
- Ensure your child comes dressed for the weather e.g. coats, hats and gloves in cold weather and sunhats and sun cream in hot weather
- A healthy lunchbox or your child may have a hot dinner-these can be ordered through the school.
- A healthy snack for the morning and afternoon if staying all day.
- We ask that all belongings are labelled, this not only helps us relocate items but also promotes the independence of your child.
- Please do not bring toys from home as they cause upset when asked to share, or may get lost or broken.

## **Clothing**

Pre-School operates as part of the main school and therefore wear our usual school uniform, including a red jumper with a logo and a yellow polo shirt. Pre-Schoolers may wear school trousers or skirts, plain leggings or jogging bottoms and comfortable shoes or trainers.

A warm coat for winter days and sun hats in warm weather! Sun cream must be applied at home for the day or light clothes to cover exposed skin.

## **Snacks and Lunches**

Please provide your child with a small healthy snack for each session (no nuts please. This includes peanut butter and hazelnut chocolate spread).

Cooked lunches can be ordered at a cost of £2.54 per meal and paid for via ParentPay, or children can bring their own healthy packed lunch.

## **Admissions, Sessions, Funding & Fees**

Our Pre-School is open term time only. The school academic year is broken into six terms interspersed by holiday periods, and this year's School Terms and Holidays are available on the school website

Children can attend our Pre-School using the 15 hours of universal Government funding. We also accept applications from those who are eligible for 30 hours of funding; the criteria for this can be found [15 and 30 hours childcare support | Childcare Choices](#)

### **Sessions**

Morning Session: 8.40am – 12.00pm (Pick up before lunch)

Afternoon Session: 12.00pm – 3.15pm (This includes lunchtime)

Whole day: 8.40am – 3.20pm

To help with continuity for your child, we ask that a minimum of 2 sessions a week must.

Children can attend up to 5 days a week. Children attending the morning session are to be collected at 12pm before lunch. Lunchtime is 12.15 – 1.15. Children who come for the afternoon are to arrive at 12 and stay for lunch.

Please also refer to the Uley Pre-school Admissions Policy, Procedures and Terms & Conditions

### **Fees**

We accept a minimum booking pattern of 2 sessions per week

Morning	8.40am-12.00pm	£20.00
Afternoons	12.00pm-3.20pm	£20.00
All Day	8.40am – 3.20pm	£40.00

All 3-4-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours per week from the term after their 3rd birthday. Some families may be eligible for 30 hours per week of funding.

Childcare funding is available for children, starting the term after they turn 3 years old. All children can receive universal 15 hours or you may be eligible for 30 hours funding. For more information, follow the link below:

[15 and 30 hours childcare support | Childcare Choices.](#)

If my child turns 3 years old between	I can access their funded hours from
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January

Any hours not funded will be invoiced at £6.00 per hour and must be paid a month in advance by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. To maintain quality of care, we ask you to book sessions required for the whole school year – 38 weeks. If your circumstances change within the year, please get in touch, and we will endeavour to accommodate your needs if possible. Places are limited and dependent upon numbers in Reception, which we assess each year.

We accept company childcare vouchers. The voucher company pays the school directly and we accept payment by most voucher companies in the UK.

Please note fees are payable whether your child attends or not, through illness or holiday.

## Joining Age

Children can start once your child has turned 3 years olds, but this would need to be fully funded by the parents until their 15 hour entitlement starts – see chart above.

If you would like to start your child the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, then please note the starting dates below.

-  Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025
-  Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
-  Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Applying for a place

You will need to complete a 'Register of Interest Form' (available online or from the school office). Please give this to the school who will look at your request for places. Should these places be available and accepted, you will be requested to fill out an 'Admissions Form' sharing details of key contacts, medical conditions, etc., as well as submitting key documents like a birth certificate.

## Wraparound Care

Breakfast and after-school care will also be available from 7.45am– 8.40am and from 3.20pm– 6.00pm. This is based in the school hall.

Fun Club — Breakfast from 7.45am....£5.50 per child

Breakfast is available – cereals and toast

Fun Club — after school until 5pm ... . £8.00 per child

Fun Club — after school until 5.30pm ... £9.50 per child

Fun Club — after school until 6pm ... £11 per child

Please provide a snack or lunchbox for after school club