Little Blossoms Nursery

Private Day Nursery for children aged
3 months - 5 years

Nursery Prospectus

Little Blossoms is a purpose built, single storey children's day nursery which is set in the heart of Clives Fruit Farm orchards with stunning views of the Malvern Hills.

We are a happy, homely and stimulating day nursery which takes full advantage of our extensive orchards and woodland areas. We welcome children from three months old up to five years as well as an after school and holiday club.

We aim to provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment in a rural setting where children can learn and develop positively as individuals and benefit from the space the nursery has to offer.

The Staff Team

At Little Blossoms, we have taken great care in choosing a committed, enthusiastic and professional team of staff, ensuring that experience, professionalism and qualifications are matched to each area of the nursery. With a good understanding of children's individual needs, the staff are able to plan the next steps for your child's play, learning and development.

All our staff have been registered and police checked by Ofsted and the DBS. All staff are First Aid trained in line with our Millies Mark accreditation.

Safeguarding

We support the children within our care, protect them from maltreatment and have robust procedures in place to prevent the impairment of children's health and development. Little Blossoms will work with children, parents, external agencies and the community to ensure the welfare and safety of children and to give them the very best start in life. Children have the right to be treated with respect and to be safe from any abuse in whatever form.

The nursery is registered with Ofsted and operates in conjunction with the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Opening Hours
Nursery hours are 8am to 6pm.
We open 5 days a week all year round excluding Bank Holidays and a week at Christmas.

Admissions
Anyone wishing their child to attend must complete an Admission form and pay a non-refundable fee (currently £100) to request a place. This will cover all the settling in sessions that we provide for you and your child, therefore no further payment is required for these sessions.

Children With Additional Needs
Little Blossoms Nursery is keen to integrate children with special needs where it is clear that our facilities and resources can effectively meet the needs of the individual child.

Key Person System and Learning Journals
At Little Blossoms, we operate a key person system where children are assigned to the member of staff who will see them the most. The key person is primarily responsible for building a relationship with you as a parent, gathering information about your child and their home life through the course of the settling sessions, and from then on, they will support your child's growth and development through close observation, careful planning and the regular completion of an online learning journal. These journals are regularly updated and will contain observations of your child along with photos. You are welcome to log in to your individual and secure account and have a look at your child's profile any time.

Meals and Nutrition
A healthy balanced diet is provided in our award winning '5 stars' kitchen with a hot farmhouse lunch at 12pm, a light tea at 4pm with snacks provided mid-morning and afternoon. Menus operate on a 4 week rota and all meals are home cooked and nutritionally well-balanced. We are a nut free nursery and all ingredients used in the preparation of food are fresh from the farm shop or sourced as locally as possible.

Resources and Learning Experiences
Children learn at their highest level through play and exploration. Throughout all departments in the nursery, children are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of learning experiences. These experiences are devised taking into consideration individual interests of the moment. A variety of activities are provided throughout the day with children choosing which ones they wish to access. The focus of all experiences is on the importance of the process involved and the interaction between the child and their environment, their peers and the adults who are scaffolding their learning.

Outdoors play a big part of who we are at Little Blossoms Nursery. Regardless of the weather, children will access the outdoors on a daily basis.

Our Departments

Seedlings (3 months – 16 months)

In the Baby department, children are able to experience a range of activities from body painting and baking, to soft play and outdoor fun. The ratio in this department is 1 adult to 3 children.

Your children will enjoy the many different musical and sensory experiences in which our enthusiastic staff team love to encourage all to join in with, as well as snuggles in the book corner!

The baby department benefits from a separate sleep area to ensure your little one can have a peaceful and relaxing nap during the day.

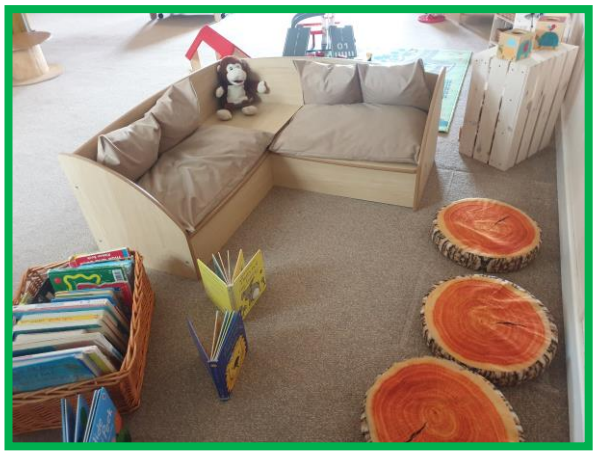
We provide gradual settling sessions over a number of weeks to ensure a smooth transition from home to nursery. A supportive key person will give you that reassurance and make sure you and your child feel welcomed, safe and cared for.

A separate "messy area" allows the babies to explore different textures such as sand, water, safe paints as well as enjoying a social mealtime.

Upper Seedlings (16 months – 2.2 yrs)

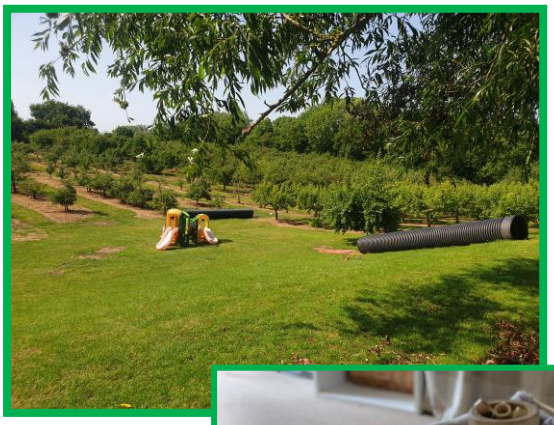
Children experience a range of sensory and outdoor activities throughout the day, with an optional nap time in the afternoon.

Your child will be assigned a key person, who will manage your child's personal care, plan for their development needs and liaise with you after every session.



We firmly believe that children flourish when playing outdoors, enabling them to explore and help them make sense of the world around them. The under 2's enjoy the outdoors as much as the older children, with their very own garden area.

At Little Blossoms we are fortunate enough to be able to explore the outdoors further in the surrounding orchards, and the under 2's department have many trips down to the farm to feed the animals.



Saplings (2.2 – 3 years)

At Little Blossoms, we ensure your child's transition to the 2-3 year olds department, Saplings, runs as smoothly as possible with a number of settling sessions, and a supportive key person giving your child the reassurance to feel safe and cared for as they move up.

The Saplings department benefits from three areas, which includes an art room. We are a very 'messy' nursery and the children will certainly have fun exploring in sand, water and flour play!

All children have the opportunity to join in with our weekly music and movement session of 'Tumble Tots' in Saplings, as well as making their own music during song-time with musical instruments.

The large secure garden which is just for our under 3's gives many challenging but achievable experiences for your children. From ride on toys and slides to the play house and a giant sand pit, we aim to support those little imaginations through active role play as well as allowing time for winding down in the 'quiet corner'.

Pippins Apples and Pippins Pears (3 -5 years)

The Pippins departments are our pre-school rooms, where your children's learning will be extended through the great emphasis on the environment, indoors and out. Our knowledgeable staff team can support your children to enjoy and achieve, with planned experiences that follow your children's interests.

Whether in the busy 'small world area' or the relaxing 'cosy corner', your children can build up those all important secure relationships by sharing a story with their key person or a game with their peers.

Your little ones will have fun getting messy in the creative area with weekly cooking sessions and daily art experiences. We aim to support all children to be self-assured, and with their imaginations running wild in the role play corner and weekly 'Show and Tell' sessions their confidence will grow.

The separate garden areas have their very own mud kitchen which provide endless opportunities of fun. A wide open space allows the children the freedom to explore and express themselves.

The 'Hey dee Ho' music and movement session keeps your children active, as well as weekly sessions at 'Forest School' where you will find the children sliding down the mudslides and searching for bugs- all parents welcome!

Forest School

At Little Blossoms, every child in the Pippins departments (pre-school) has the opportunity to take part in Forest School, and we have two qualified Leaders who provide weekly sessions to ensure all children are able to access this exciting opportunity.

Forest School is a child–led initiative which means that although each session is planned, it is also guided by the choices and interests that each child makes. By using the outdoor environment, children of all ages and abilities are encouraged to grow in confidence, independence and self–esteem. This is made possible by providing them with small achievable tasks so that a child never 'fails'. As the child grows in self-esteem and self-confidence, the challenges become more complex.

Both practitioners and parents of children involved in Forest School have reported positive changes in their independence, self esteem, health and well being as well as their social outlook.

We are always keen for our parents to participate in activities at Little Blossoms so if any parents would like to come along with us to Forest School, either to find out more about it or to possibly help out, please speak to a member of the Pippins teams.

Child illness

In accordance with nursery policy, children who are ill, have an infection or contagious disease, will be excluded from the nursery for the required minimum exclusion period. This is in the best interests of the ill child and the other children in our care.

Adverse Weather

In the event of adverse weather conditions or a severe infectious illness which prevents the correct number of staff from attending, we may be forced to close the nursery.

Complaints

In the unlikely event that you feel you need to make a complaint about the nursery, the details of the procedure can be found in the policy folder or by contacting a senior member of staff.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

In every force. In every school. For every child.

Our Nursery is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between Early Years Settings, schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to childcare settings, prior to the start of the next day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As an Early Years setting, we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children in our care, and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Orchard Explorers
After School/Holiday Club

- Picking up from 2 local schools
- Provides nutritious meals
- Age-appropriate exciting activities
- Abundance of outdoor experiences in the farm and orchard surroundings

Funding Available

From April 2024, Funded sessions are available for all children over the age of 2.

Government funding is intended to cover the cost to deliver up to 15 or 30 hours per week of high-quality and flexible childcare. It is not intended to cover the cost of meals, consumables, additional hours and additional services therefore these incur charges. These services include, but are not limited to snacks, lunches, high teas, Forest School, Multi-Skills sessions and other such specific activities.

Please see our 'Schedule of Fees' for more information on our session costs.

In order to claim funding, parents must complete the online Worcestershire County Council Funding form that will be emailed to you via a company we use called 'Funding Loop'.

Contact Us

The management team would be happy to answer any queries you may have, and to arrange a visit of the Nursery at a time convenient to you.

Call us on Telephone number: **01684 592743**

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You can also see what we get up to on our Instagram page - @littleblosoms_nursery
Or on our Facebook page: Little Blossoms Nursery.

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To request a space at Little Blossoms Nursery, please complete the form below and return, and we will be in touch!

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Place Request Form

Childs Name/s:

Date of Birth:

Parents Name/s:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No.:

Email:

Sessions Required:

	Am	Pm	Full Day
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

Start Date:

Signed: Date:

We will contact you on receipt of this request and inform you of the availability, or if preferred please contact us on the number above.