



**St James' C of E**

Forest Pre-School  
& Nursery

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# Welcome

St James' C of E Forest Pre-School and Nursery is part of the St James' C of E Primary School family. We offer a forest pre-school and nursery as well as a primary school situated in the heart of the local community, catering for children aged 2-11 years old.

We believe that every child should be treated as an individual and will work together to ensure they are respected, nurtured and reach their full potential. At St James' C of E Forest Pre-School and Nursery, we have embraced the Forest School approach to teaching. This is a child-centred inspirational learning process. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and

supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through child-inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

We are blessed with outstanding outdoor grounds for both nursery and reception. Our Forest school 'rewilding' project has inspired our children to develop a deep and meaningful connection to the world and an understanding of how they fit within it.

Our Forest Pre-School and Nursery offers a high quality, structured early years' curriculum. This ensures our children make the best transition to school with strong foundations in early reading

(phonics), writing and maths. The strong blend of educational approaches helps learners develop socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically and intellectually. Our qualified teacher works with families and external support agencies to ensure all individual children's needs are met. At the end of the Pre-School year, our children leave nursery equipped with the skills required for a formal curriculum.



*Doug Sticher*

**Mr D Sticher**  
**Headteacher**

# Mission and Vision



## Vision Statement



Guided by our Christian Values, we endeavour to inspire, cherish and serve our school community. We strive to be exceptional in all we do. We will nurture a love of all God's children. We seek to build respect of all faiths and beliefs.

**'Serve one another in love'**

Galatians 5.13

## Mission Statement



Together we value, inspire and develop each other within a happy, safe community based on Christian values and respect for other faiths.

**'Show respect to everyone'**

Peter 1 2.17









# Our Values

## Our Christian Values

These underpin all that we seek to do and are fully supported by all of our families.

Daily acts of worship are highly inclusive and they inspire pupils to reflect and consider the way in which they treat others and view their world.

All children attend special services at St James' Church during Harvest, Christmas, Easter and end of year.



### Love

*'Serve one another in love.'*  
Galatians 5.13



### Respect

*'Show respect to everyone.'*  
Peter 1 2.17



### Courage

*'Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'*  
Joshua 1.9

# Our Childcare

**We offer both free and paid-for childcare daily from 8:00am – 5:00pm term time only.**

The free entitlements will be delivered consistently so that all children accessing any of the free entitlements will receive the same quality and access to provision, regardless of whether they opt to pay for optional hours, services, meals or consumables.

Parents can see the eligibility criteria and funding available on the following links:

[www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds](http://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds)

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

[www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator)



# Unfunded Childcare Hours



## Unfunded childcare hours Times and prices

Additional hours are sessions in Nursery over and above each child's free entitlement of 15 hours per week.

Space permitting, parents have the opportunity to purchase additional sessions before and after these sessions. Additional hours must be paid for in advance and is non-refundable.

Below prices correct at 01/09/2024 and may be subject to change

Session	Times	Charge per session
Breakfast club	8:00am - 8:30am	£3.00 including breakfast
Morning session	8:30am - 11:30am	£14.00
Lunchtime	11:30am - 12:10pm	Refer to main school pricing
Afternoon session	12:10pm - 3:10pm	£14.00
After school	3:10pm - 5:00pm	£8.00









# Booking

**Please apply for a place by contacting the school office on 01254 698335. Once you have completed and returned the nursery application form you will be contacted to arrange a visit. You will then be provided with an early years' agreement form to complete and return after which we will provide your child's start date.**

The agreement form confirms your child's attendance for the following term. Places must be booked in advance to ensure adequate staffing levels.

Please be aware that attendance at our Forest Pre-School and Nursery does not guarantee your child a place at our primary school. If you wish your child to attend St James' C of E Primary School when they reach statutory school age, you will need to apply in the usual way. Details of our admissions procedures and policies can be found at:

**<https://www.stjamesceprimaryblackburn.co.uk/page/school-policies/90103>**

## Contact Details

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