

Bertie's

NURSERY SCHOOL



A very warm welcome to Bertie's

Opened in January 2018, our beautiful children's nursery is registered with Ofsted to provide quality childcare and pre-school education for children aged 6 months to school age.

Our setting is unique; Bertie's is situated in the rural parkland of the former Tyntesfield Estate, in the grounds of The Downs Preparatory School. With gardens, forests and carefully designed all-weather outdoor play spaces, our excellent outdoor facilities mean there is always something new to discover, explore, create and learn.

Indoors, our four nursery rooms are thoughtfully designed to encourage your child's curiosity, creativity, independence and natural passion for learning at each stage of their development. At the heart of the Bertie's ethos is our commitment to the development of each individual child in a warm and stimulating environment. Our team of well qualified and experienced staff guide each child's development responding to their individual needs and interests. We encourage individuality, curiosity and kindness, we want our children to 'learn through laughter' to be happy, confident and resilient.

We appreciate what an enormous decision it is to send your child to nursery and we never underestimate the trust you place in us to look after your children. Childhood is special; when you enter Bertie's you will see the wonderful environment in which your child can grow and develop.

Please come and visit us.

We look forward to meeting you.

Maggie Wookey *B.Ed Hons*
Head of Nursery





Learning with Laughter

“It’s an infectious place of laughter, learning and love. We are always safe in the knowledge that our children are nurtured and cared for, whilst being inspired to learn”



Visions and Aims

At Bertie's we are committed to offering the best possible care and education for young children. We believe a child's first experience at nursery is crucial for laying the foundation from which they build their future learning.

Our Vision

At Bertie's we strive to provide a welcoming, friendly setting where children feel safe and secure and can thrive. We seek to provide an appealing setting, that stimulates the interests of all children, a setting that promotes fun and healthy living. Play is at the heart of everything we do. Through purposeful play children develop their social, emotional and physical skills. They can create adventures, challenge themselves and empathise with others. We want them to move on as confident, curious, children happy to become engaged in the process of learning. We intend to help children gain the important skills they need for life. These skills include learning how to be independent, being kind and respectful of others and to develop qualities such as perseverance, confidence, enthusiasm and tolerance.



Our Aims

- To nurture happy, confident children that are courteous, kind and respectful
- To embrace the outdoors, fresh air and nature
- To equip each child with the personal skills required to learn effectively in the future. These skills include the ability to listen, to partake, to persevere.
- To provide a broad, diverse range of experiences that promote curiosity and interest in each child
- To provide opportunities, free flow learning activities, for children to learn spontaneously
- To use effective, modern observation methods to assist in the development of each child
- To provide exceptional, considered support for the children by employing staff of the highest calibre who demonstrate a love of their job.
- To promote clear, shared values between parents and teachers that serve effectively to support the development of each child



Free flow
learning
Activities

Space to Grow


We aim to provide a warm, safe, family environment in which each child is happy.

Within this setting we nurture confidence, curiosity and courtesy. We aspire to equip each of our children with the skills necessary to successfully approach and enjoy the more formal learning of school, and life, as they move on.

We provide a rich, diverse programme based on the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. We also enjoy close links with The Downs Preparatory School; just half a mile down the drive we often visit Pets Corner, the amazing Tree House and occasionally gently partake in some Music and PE lessons with the Reception classes. These are fun but the mini bus drive is the main interest of the young children! We firmly believe in fresh air, wellies and muddy knees. Good manners, kindness and respect are essential and encouraged.

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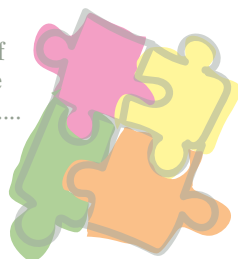
A photograph of a child's legs from the knees down, standing on a large, mossy tree log in a forest. The child is wearing blue pants with a pattern of colorful dinosaurs (red, yellow, green) and horizontal blue and dark blue stripes. They are also wearing bright yellow rubber boots with dark blue soles. The background is a lush green forest with out-of-focus foliage. The ground is covered in dry leaves and twigs.

“The facilities are wonderful, most of all the fabulous garden and surrounding woodland, which allows for some great adventures.”

Our day



Throughout the Nursery Rooms, the organisation of the day varies according to the age and needs of the children. An example of a typical day might look like....



7:30am
Early Starters

8:00am
Breakfast

8:30am
The majority of children arrive and are welcomed into their rooms. The children are able to spend time exploring the resources that have been set up

9:05am
Children have some time together to sing a hello song and learn more about the day

9:30am
Free Flow Play, indoors and outdoors with adults scaffolding the children's learning and supporting their development

10:00am
Snack time – children are invited to share in a snack and as they gain in independence help with pouring, peeling and cutting

10:30am
The children continue to learn through play and exploration

11:35am
Story and Singing time

12:00 noon
Lunchtime with the adults eating with the children, encouraging them to try new foods, develop independence and modelling good table manners

1:00pm
Nap time – Staff discuss individual children's sleeping needs with parents and plan accordingly
Or Free Flow Play

2:15pm
Snack time

2:00pm-4:00pm
The children continue to learn through play and exploration

4:00pm
Stories, Songs and Rhymes

4:30pm
Going Home Time or Tea Time

6:00pm
Late Stay Collection and Going Home Time

Throughout the week, the children will have the opportunity to visit the Forest School Area and Mud Kitchen and participate in physical activities such as Yoga.

They may go for local walks to The Downs School, visit Pets corner or The Tree House or take part in some activities with specialist teachers or visitors.



What a happy day!



“Bertie’s is an inclusive school
that welcomes all children from
all backgrounds and abilities.”





Admissions

Places at Bertie's are allocated on a first come first served basis. We are grateful that there exists significant demand for places and so it is advised that contact with the school is made as soon as possible. If you would like to know more about the school our prospectus has been specifically designed to give you an insight into our unique philosophy and ethos at Bertie's.

A copy of our prospectus can be downloaded from our website at

www.bertiesnursery.com

For all other enquiries please contact the office at office@bertiesnursery.com

We would be very pleased to hear from you, be it to organise a visit, join one of our Open Days or simply to answer any questions you might have about what we do at Bertie's.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Book a visit
to come &
Explore



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