

2026/2027 Nursery Fees

We are proud to provide high-quality care and education, with fees that are clear, fair, and designed to support both our families and the long-term future of our nursery. This enables us to continue offering the trusted, nurturing environment our community has valued for over 37 years.

We offer hours covered by the government funding schemes on our Extended Offer (46 weeks) only, as well as other incentives to support parents, such as tax-free childcare and employment benefit schemes from your workplace. For more information on ways to help with childcare costs visit: <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/>. Please refer to our funding policy (available on our website) for details on how we offer funded entitlement.

Note: Fee increases are usually initiated in September each year, usually in line with inflation and salary increases.

Please provide: A home-packed lunch for your child, warm foods can be brought in a food flask - we are a nut-free setting. Please provide nappies and wipes if required.

Securing Your Child's Place

We charge a £50 non-refundable registration fee to join our waiting list or enrol, along with a £500 deposit. The deposit is refundable against your final invoice, provided one full term's written notice is given by the following dates:

- To leave at the end of the Autumn Term, notice needs to be given by 6 September
- To leave at the end of the Spring Term, notice needs to be given by 6 January
- To leave at the end of the Summer Term, notice needs to be given by 16 April

We offer a flexible attendance pattern, allowing you to choose from either a Montessori term-time nursery (38 weeks per year), or as an extended Montessori day nursery (46 weeks per year). Please see the respective fee structures below.

Option 1: Montessori Term Time (38 weeks per year) – invoiced termly (x 3)

5 mornings 9 – 12pm	£4,200 per term
5 full days 9 – 3.00pm	£5,080 per term

We also offer wrap-around care to our Montessori term-time nursery.

	Ad hoc daily request	Weekly request
Breakfast club: 8.30am start	£20	£50
Afternoon: 12.00pm – 3.00pm	£45	NA
After school club: 3.00pm – 5.30pm	£37.50	£150

Holiday camps for children attending Woodentots, past and present, as well as family and friends, are welcome to attend holiday clubs to experience a bit of the Woodentots magic.

Holiday camps ad hoc 8.30am – 5.30pm	Holiday clubs ad hoc 9.00am – 3.00pm
£112 per day	£80 per day

Some children may also participate in the following activities, which are charged separately:

Extra Activities	Cost Per Term
Mindfulness with Ginny (for children in their school leaving year)	£70
Forest School	£250
Mini Beats Music with Caroline	£50
Creative Movement with Harriet	£50

Option 2: Extended Montessori Day Nursery – invoiced monthly x 11 months

Full day 8.30am – 5.30pm

46 weeks of the year

5 full days 8:30am – 5:30pm	£2427 per month over 11 months (Sep - Jul)
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Closure dates for the extended Montessori Day Nursery: Bank holidays, Christmas, Easter, whole month of August, plus 3 inset days (September, January and April). Fees are inclusive of all our closure dates.

All dates are on our website under term dates and are shared with families in the weekly messenger.

Our fees are inclusive of our full enhanced curriculum and specialist activities, and both food

Some children may also participate in the following activities, which are charged separately **per term**:

Extra Activities	Cost Per Term
Mindfulness with Ginny (for children in their school leaving year)	£70
Forest School	£250
Mini Beats Music with Caroline	£50
Creative Movement with Harriet	£50

Funding

We are pleased to offer the government-funded entitlement to eligible families on our Extended Montessori Day Nursery model (option 2). For more information on eligibility, please visit <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/> .

Monthly fees with 15 Hours Funding applied:

	Cost per Month x 11 months
Full-time place	£1809.67
Breakdown of Additional Charges Per Funded Day (included in the fee above)	
Parent-funded hours	£12.90 per hour
Food & snacks (mostly organic)	70p per funded session
Activities (All extra-curricular activities incl. Creative studio time, Mini-Beats music classes, Creative movement, Waldorf craft sessions, Outings, and so much more!)	£2 per funded session

We spread the government-funded hours across our 46-week year, which means children on 15 hours of funding can claim 2.5 hours per day.

Monthly fees with 30 Hours Funding applied:

	Cost per Month x 11 months
Full-time place	£1162.54
Breakdown of Additional Charges Per Funded Day (included in the fee above)	
Parent-funded hours	£12.90 per hour
Food & snacks (mostly organic)	70p per funded session
Activities (All extra-curricular activities incl. Creative studio time, Mini-Beats music classes, Creative movement, Waldorf craft sessions, Outings, and so much more!)	£2 per funded session

We spread the government-funded hours across our 46-week year, which means children on 15 hours of funding can claim 5 hours per day.

In addition to the above charges, some children may also participate in the following activities, which are charged each term separately:

Extra Activities	Cost
Mindfulness with Ginny (for children in their school leaving year)	£70 per TERM
Forest School	£250 per Term

Detailed invoices are provided, outlining free hours, parent-funded hours, non-food consumables, food and activities.

Government funding is not intended to cover the cost of food and non-food consumables and specialist activities which go beyond the basic EYFS provision, which we at Woodentots Montessori pride ourselves in. We charge a small sessional fee on funded sessions to cover the cost of food and non-food consumables and specialist activities.

Parents have the right to opt out of the consumable and/or specialist activity charges on funded hours. Please see our funding policy (available on our website).

Terms and Conditions

Please read this thoroughly before committing to Woodentots.

1. A £500 deposit is required to secure your child's place at Woodentots. The deposit will be credited against your final invoice when your child leaves the nursery, provided the required notice period has been given.

If you decide not to take up your child's place and notify us **more than six weeks before** the agreed start date, the £500 deposit will be retained and is non-refundable.

If you decide not to take up your child's place and notify us **within six weeks of** the agreed start date, the £500 deposit will be retained, and you will also remain liable for **three full months' nursery fees**.

2. Rochester Road – Term Time

Fees are payable in advance by bank transfer. An invoice will be issued before the start of each term.

If you wish to withdraw your child from the nursery, you must give **one full term's written notice**. If the required notice is not given, **one full term's fees** will be charged in lieu of notice.

Written notice must be received by the following dates:

6 January – to leave at the end of the **Spring Term**

16 April – to leave at the end of the **Summer Term**

6 September – to leave at the end of the **Autumn Term**

3. **Rochester Road – Extended Day**

Fees are payable one month in advance and are invoiced over 11 equal monthly instalments. An invoice will be issued each month for your records. Payment must be made by standing order, which should be set up to reach our account on the 30th of each month.

If you wish to withdraw your child from the nursery, you must give three months' written notice, to be received on or before the 1st day of the month in which the notice period is to commence.

If you wish to make changes to your child's attendance, for example changing from Extended Day to Term Time, you must give one month's written notice, to be received on or before the 1st day of the month in which the notice period is to commence.

4. Parents/carers are responsible for cancelling their standing order once all outstanding fees have been paid and the final payment has been made.
5. All clothing and belongings brought into nursery must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Woodentots cannot accept responsibility for the loss of unnamed clothing or personal items. Buggies and scooters are left on the premises at your own risk.
6. In the event that outstanding fees need to be recovered due to non-payment or failure to provide the required notice period, Woodentots reserves the right to use a

third-party debt recovery service and/or pursue recovery through the courts. Any costs incurred as a result will be the responsibility of the parent/carer.

7. Please refer to our website for nursery closure dates and term dates. These dates are included within your fees.
8. A late payment charge of £150 will be applied for each month that fees remain unpaid.
9. Fees will not be reduced or refunded if the nursery is required to close due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances, including natural events.
10. We are unable to offer fee reductions, refunds, or replacement sessions for family holidays, illness, or missed sessions.

These full terms and conditions apply from the point at which your child's place has been secured by payment of the £500 deposit.