



# APPLE TREES

## DAY NURSERY

WHERE CHILDREN BLOSSOM



# Parent Pack





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# About Us

Apple Trees is a family run business, setup with love and care, with over ten years experience, we know what you and your child deserves.

Welcome to Apple Trees Nursery, nestled in the heart of Bushbury, Wolverhampton, conveniently positioned at the junction of Cromwell Road and Primrose Avenue. Merely 1.5 miles away from M54 J2, our nursery boasts excellent accessibility for both children and their families. With a spacious on-site car park at your disposal, we ensure a seamless experience for drop-off and pick-up, catering to the convenience of you and your loved ones.

Our childcare services are available from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, offering year-round support except on bank holidays and during the Christmas period. Impeccably designed, our nursery exudes a remarkable level of craftsmanship, resulting in a cosy and inviting ambiance that feels just like home.

At our establishment, you'll find an exceptionally skilled staff ensemble, encompassing key roles such as an Operations Manager, Nursery Manager, and dedicated nursery practitioners entrusted with the well-being of the children. Complementing this team, we also have adept support staff responsible for preparing nourishing meals and maintaining the nursery's cleanliness on a daily basis.

# Apple Trees Nursery

Our attentive and caring staff collaborates closely with both you and your child throughout their developmental journey, placing a special focus on accommodating individual needs, preferences, and requirements. Moreover, we provide exceptional amenities, high quality resources, and a meticulously crafted educational setting. Our commitment guarantees that each day unfolds as a thrilling exploration, abundant with chances for your child to flourish, evolve, and realize their utmost capabilities.

At Apple Trees, our commitment to sustainability is evident through our concerted efforts to minimize plastic usage within our premises. While many of our resources and furnishings adhere to a natural, wooden aesthetic, we acknowledge the necessity of some plastic-based items.

The foundation of our exceptional childcare is built upon a robust safeguarding framework. Every member of the Apple Trees team undergoes rigorous DBS checks and holds the necessary approvals to engage with children, ensuring your peace of mind regarding the well-being and nurturing of your little ones during their formative years. Heading our nursery's safeguarding initiatives is Alisa Smith, our dedicated Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Thank you for taking the time to look at our setting. If you have any further questions please call the nursery.

Contact details can be found on the back page.

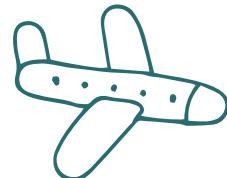


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# Our Vision

At Apple Trees, our unwavering dedication revolves around furnishing your child with a secure haven for learning, exploration, and growth.



Embedded in our philosophy is the cultivation of respect within children, not only for themselves but also for their peers. Through a rich tapestry of diverse and imaginative encounters, we bolster their aptitude for social interaction, foster creativity, facilitate self-expression, and nurture their cognitive development.





# Our Environment

Here at Apple Trees your child's well-being is our main priority, and we are proud to have an excellent environment that ensures children are safe as well as having fun.

## Indoors

Our setting is set out in a way that encourages children to be independent learners across the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Immersed in a genuine and organic environment, we present an atmosphere abundant with open-ended materials, imparting children with tangible encounters mirroring real life. Our surroundings are thoughtfully divided to accommodate various age groups, each space meticulously outfitted to align with the specific developmental stages of the children. This arrangement allows independent access to resources, nurturing their journey towards becoming joyful, self-assured, and adaptable individuals.

## Outdoors

Our children have full use of an enclosed 100sqm garden space.

This includes a mud kitchen, an outdoor sandpit, a mark making station, a climbing area and a play bridge.

The opportunity to play outside, throughout the year, in all different kinds of weather, is as important as playing inside.





# The wider community

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As well as our excellent reserves within the nursery, we also, make use of the wider community. Children are given the opportunity to explore the local area including visits to the local parks, local shops and forest school.





# What makes us special

We create an authentically nurturing "home away from home" atmosphere, dedicated to the education, care, and nurturing of children. Our focus is on fostering their confidence, resilience, and overall happiness, equipping them with essential skills for their future learning journeys. Each child is regarded as a distinct individual, and our environment is thoughtfully tailored to accommodate their unique needs and interests.

In the baby room, our staff are well-versed in "Understanding Babies" and "Blossoming Babies" training, and boast a minimum of 2 years of experience working with children under 2 years old.

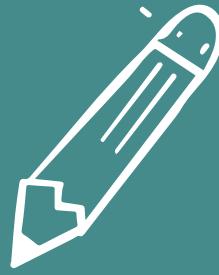
At Apple Trees, every staff member undergoes comprehensive training in Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid, and Food Hygiene. Our lead SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and Designated Safeguarding Officer collaborate to ensure an all-encompassing and inclusive environment for all children, at all times.

Furthermore, Apple Trees extends opportunities for all children to engage in the following experiences:

- Parents and Guardians Evening
- Achievement Days
- Parent Workshops
- Graduation Ceremonies
- Variety of trips



Children are treated as unique individuals and the environment reflects their needs and interests.



# Our Curriculum

The first five years of life are imperative for children's learning and development. This is an exciting time for your child as they learn and make sense of the world around them. We incorporate children's interests into our learning environment, weekly planning and adult led activities.

The statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage set the standard for learning and development of children aged birth to five years. The four guiding principles help to shape our approach:

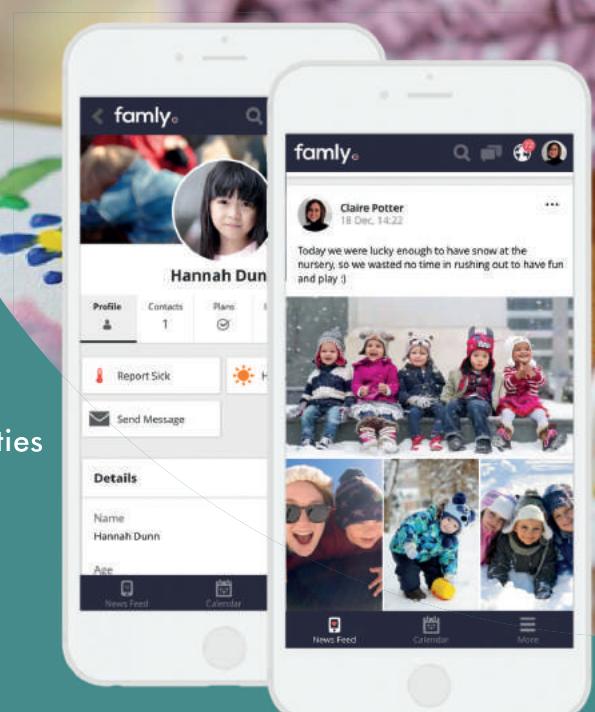
**Every child is a unique child, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident, and self-assured.**

- Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships
- Children learn and develop well in enabling environments.
- The learning and development of every child will be different

We consider how our children like to learn and promote the characteristics of effective learning by providing opportunities to promote:

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically.

Apple Trees follows the Birth to 5 Matters document for guidance on children's development





# Our Curriculum

## The seven areas of learning and development



**Communication and Language** - Your child will experience a language rich environment; explore sound, rhyme, songs and stories and develop their confidence in expressing their thoughts, feelings and opinions.

**Physical Development** - Your child will develop fine and gross motor skills, enabling them to become more independent. Children will learn about their body and how to look after it. Children will access the outdoor environment daily and participate in yoga, funky fingers and sensory activities.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development** - Your child will develop a positive sense of themselves; form positive relationships and respect for others; develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and have confidence in their abilities.

**Literacy** – Starting with simple mark-making and the task of learning to hold a pencil, children develop writing skills through several structured and free-play activities. Reading skills develop across a range of interactions, with one-to-one and small group activities.

**Mathematics** – Your child will develop an understanding of maths through practical activities. They explore the concepts of space and measurement by comparing size, shape and capacity.

**Understanding the World** – Your child will explore the world around them through practical activities, such as sowing seeds in their gardens and making good use of their environment. Your child will build with different materials, know about everyday technology and learn how and what it is used. They will find out about past, present and future events in their lives and the wider community. They will find out about different cultures and beliefs.

**Expressive Arts and Design** – Your child will explore colours and shapes, textiles, models, trying out dance, music-making, and acting out different roles using their imagination. They will explore and have access to a range of materials and media, as well as our outdoor learning space. Staff will encourage children to engage imaginatively in their interests.

# A Well Balanced Diet

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Our nursery strives to provide the best start in life for your child and recognise the importance of a well-balanced diet.

We provide healthy snacks and hot, nutritious meals served straight from our kitchens.

Below is two examples of our rotating weekly menus.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Breakfast</i>	<b>Cereals, Porridge or Toast</b>				
<i>Snack</i>	<b>Fruit / Vegetables &amp; Milk / Water</b>				
<i>Lunch</i>	Bolognese Pasta	Cheese & Potato Pie and Beans	Roast Chicken or Quorn Dinner	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Fish or Fishless Pie
<i>Pudding</i>	Fruit Salad	Frozen Yoghurt	Apple Crumble	Gelatine Free Jelly	Shortbread Slice
<i>Snack</i>	<b>Fruit / Vegetables &amp; Milk / Water</b>				
<i>Tea</i>	Cheese or Ham Wraps	Variety of Sandwiches	Crumpets	Homemade Tomato & Basil Soup	Crackers with Cheese / Dairy Free Butter

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Breakfast</i>	<b>Cereals, Porridge or Toast</b>				
<i>Snack</i>	<b>Fruit / Vegetables &amp; Milk / Water</b>				
<i>Lunch</i>	Cheese, Veg and Potato Pie	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Chicken/Quorn and Mango Curry	BBQ Chicken/Quorn with New Potatoes and roasted peppers with courgettes	Vegetable Pasta Bake
<i>Pudding</i>	Banana Cake	Yoghurt	Flapjack	Banana Blueberry Muffins	Frozen Yoghurt
<i>Snack</i>	<b>Fruit / Vegetables &amp; Milk / Water</b>				
<i>Tea</i>	Variety of Sandwiches	Vegetable Soup	Croissant	Cheese or Ham Wraps	Pancakes

\* Dietary requirements can be met.

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# Opening Hours & Age Range

Our nursery is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm all year round, excluding Christmas week and Bank Holidays.

Apple Trees offer childcare for children between 3 months and 5 years old. We also provide 15 hours of funded childcare for 9+ month old children and with an additional 15 hours available to children aged 3-4, if criteria is met.

Funding hours may vary, speak to the nursery manager for more information.





# Our Fees

## Full Day

7:30 am to 5:30 pm

**Aged Under 2: £62.00**

**Aged 2+: £58.00**

\* Price difference accounts for different staffing ratios.

## Half Day

07:30 am to 12:30 pm or 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**£34.00**

**Additional Hour £8.00**

## Snacks, Meals and Consumables (Funded Children Only)

15 Hours Funding - **£10.00 per week**

30 Hours Funding - **£20.00 per week**

**Non-refundable registration fee (Private Children) £100.00**

**Deposit Fee (Funded Children) £20.00**

## Discount

We offer 5% discount for the following groups:

- Blue Light Card Holders
- Military Personnel

\* Discounts cannot be applied on 'Snacks, Meals and Consumables'.

## Notice:

- Funding hours vary, speak to the nursery manager for more information.
- All paid sessions include meals and snacks.
- Late pickups will be charged, please see our T&C's.
- Discount / Offers are not combinable.

- Prices as of 01/01/24 for parents registered on this date or after.

Apple Trees fees are payable either weekly, bi-weekly or monthly in advance.



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