



Abington Vale Pavilion Preschool are now enrolling for September
Join the fun, learning and laughter in our homely environment
Boasting a large outdoor area
15 and 30 hour funded spaces available
Term time only preschool open 9am-4pm providing a engaging learning environment for children aged 2-4 years
Contact 01604 629360 or email Pavilion@avps.org.uk for details

Abington Vale Pavilion Preschool Prospectus 2024-25

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Welcome to The Pavilion

The Pavilion Preschool was established in 1979 and has been a part of Abington Vale Primary School and NPAT (Northamptonshire Primary Academy trust) for three years.

We offer superb education and care for children aged 2 years until school age. Our aim is to provide children with a positive, caring, and motivating experience. Our experienced and dedicated team support children to develop a strong sense of self, confidence, and independence.

Through play and teaching, children are nurtured and inspired to become independent, resilient, and proactive learners.

Leaving your child, maybe for the first time, can be a daunting and worrying process, we understand this and so, before deciding whether to register we encourage you to come and look around.

What can we offer?

- A 'good' Ofsted rating

In the latest report, March 2024, Ofsted inspectors said: "There is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding if the inspector were to carry out a section 5 inspection now."

- Dedicated staff who are qualified and experienced in delivering positive learning experiences
- Use of Tapestry online learning journal to record and share your child's journey with one another
- A small yet inviting indoor homely space with opportunity to play, explore and learn

- A large outdoor area, boasting an allotment, large play apparatus, sand pit and mud kitchen
- Ample car parking
- No. 5 bus service runs close by every 30 minutes

Opening times

We are open 38 weeks of the year, five days a week. Our sessions are:

Mornings: 9.00am-12 noon

Afternoons: 1.00pm - 4.00pm

We offer spaces for 15 hours a week or 30 hours, funded or unfunded. Children will have to attend either 5 mornings, 5 afternoons or full days. All booked sessions are chargeable irrespective of whether your child attends.

Please speak with a member of the staff team to discuss availability.

Lunch club is available for children aged over 3 years; booking is required as spaces are limited. Parents are required to provide a healthy packed lunch. Children can stay after their morning session, arrive before their afternoon session, or use the lunch club to join their morning and afternoon sessions to allow them to attend the preschool all day. Our lunch club fee is £5.25 per day and fees apply to all children. Funding cannot be offset against these charges.

Fees

Our fees for a morning or afternoon session is £15.75 for 3&4 year olds and £16.50 for 2 year olds. Fees for day session are charged at £36.75 per day for 3&4 year olds only.

Children need to attend either 5 mornings, 5 afternoons or 5 full days.

Funding - 2 years

15 hours free funding is available from the Government for eligible parents of 2

year old children. To find out more go to the Government's one-stop shop at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Funding- 3 and 4 years

15 hours free funding is available from the Government for all children in the term after their third birthday. 30 hours free funding is available to eligible parents. To find out more go to the Government's one-stop shop at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Admissions

How can my child obtain a place?

Should you decide that the Pavilion is right for you and your child, their name will be added to our waiting list.

We recommend that you add your child's name to the waiting list as early as possible.

When will I know that I have a place?

The term before your child is due to start you will be contacted by a member of staff.

What Happens Next

What do you need to know about my child?

When you are offered a place, you will receive a Welcome Pack which includes useful information, including your child's key person information and a home visit appointment. During the home visit your key person will fill in an All About Me form with you. It will ask things about your child, such as family life, likes and dislikes, toileting, medical conditions and food allergies/dietary needs. This gives us a chance to get to know a little bit about your child before their first day.

Is there a chance to look around?

You are always welcome to make an appointment to look around. We plan open days and offer meet and greet sessions at the beginning of each term. This will give you the opportunity to have a look around and meet the Staff.

Our preschool is arranged to support the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage principles and characteristics of effective learning.

What about my child's first day?

Bring your child at the start of the session and stay for as long as you feel necessary to allow your child to settle in.

Some children take longer to settle than others and we will work with you to help your child to feel confident and secure in the group.

Development & Learning

What will my child do in a session?

Our prime aim is for your child to enjoy their time spent at the Pavilion, whilst enabling them to learn and develop their social and practical skills in preparation for starting primary school. Our curriculum is child-centred, fun and exciting. We concentrate on process children make rather than just the product and value the experiences they gain.

Our sessions offer children:

- ✓ Opportunities to develop communication, sharing and turn taking skills in supported small group activities and play;
 - ✓ Water, sand, malleable and other sensory experiences;
 - ✓ Creative play and mark-making;
 - ✓ Stories, rhymes and singing;
 - ✓ Role play and imaginative opportunities;
 - ✓ Development of large and fine motor skills;
 - ✓ Opportunities to develop literacy and numeracy skills;
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- ✓ Opportunities to investigate the world around them both natural and man-made.

We have a creativity space where children can use their own ideas to make their creations. There is a snuggly space for sharing stories and sensory objects giving the children time to reflect on their day and quietly enjoy books.



Previous fundraising efforts allowed us to purchase new ICT equipment with specialist preschool software. Children can now use touch screen technology to develop skills in all areas of the curriculum.

Outside we have developed an allotment space where we grow potatoes, pumpkins, rhubarb, tomatoes, and so much more.



Our large outdoor space provides opportunities to develop gross motor skills. Children learn to take risks and explore as they access large climbing equipment, tyre swings, a sand pit and mud kitchen.

The indoor space has a range of resources which children can access freely to help them learn to make choices and learn respect for toys and equipment. Additional enhancements are planned and implemented based upon the children's interests and needs.

Are snacks included?

Fruit and milk is available daily. We offer an additional choice alongside the fruit which may include yoghurt, cheese, breadsticks or rice cakes. We ask for a small donation of £15 per term (Autumn, Spring & Summer or £35 for the whole academic year towards ongoing food costs.

What about trips?

The preschool has, in the past, offered children the opportunity to visit the local farm and pantomime, we have even had a farm come to the pre-school. We also take short walks to feed the ducks or to visit the shops on Landcross Drive. As a part of Abington Vale Primary School we have opportunities to use their mini bus for short trips.

The Curriculum

What is the EYFS?

As a Preschool we follow the Government framework, known as The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The guidance within it sets out standards of care and learning that all childcare providers are expected to deliver. Its purpose is to ensure that children are provided with a rich learning experience tailored to their individual needs whilst being cared for in a safe and secure environment.

For each area, the guidance sets out early learning goals. These goals state what is expected that children will know and be able to do by the end of the reception year of their education.

The guidance divides children's learning and development into different areas:

Prime Areas:

- ❖ Personal, social and emotional development;
- ❖ Communication and language;
- ❖ Physical development;

Specific Areas:

- ❖ Literacy;
- ❖ Mathematics;
- ❖ Understanding the world;
- ❖ Expressive Arts and Design.

Who do I see about my child's development?

We continually observe, listen to and assess the children in our care. This enables us to record their achievements in each of the seven areas of learning and then to plan activities and provide resources that will extend each individual child's learning and development.

We use Tapestry, a secure online system which holds observations, photos and developmental records about your child in an e-learning journal. This enables us to capture your child's experiences as well as monitor their development and learning. Your child's personal journal is shared online with you, enabling you to

share special moments and view your child's progress. We also ask that you share home experiences on Tapestry so that we can work in partnership with you. For further information see www.tapestry.info

We hold parent evenings twice a year. This will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their Key Person.



Frequently Asked Questions

What if my child has special needs?

It is the Pavilion's policy to make sure that its provision meets the needs of each individual child. We take account of any special needs a child may have and follow current guidelines.

The name of our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator is displayed in the foyer. They will work with you and the relevant agencies to ensure that you and your child receive all the support we can offer.

What if my child has a health condition?

If your child has a health condition, please inform the Manager, so that we can discuss how best to meet your child's needs.

We are able to administer prescribed medicines, providing it is in its original container. We also require written instructions as to when and how often the medicine is to be administered.

What if my child can't attend a session?

If for any reason your child is absent from Preschool, please telephone us on the first day of absence to let a member of staff know that your child will not be attending.

I'd like a place for my child during the year, but they have not yet turned 2. Can I reserve a place?

Typically, all children start at the beginning of the academic year in September. However, for parents wishing to reserve a place until their child is ready or eligible to start preschool there is a holding fee of £50. Non-redeemable or refundable.

What about toilet training?

Children develop these skills at different rates. We understand that some children will be toilet trained by the time they reach preschool and others not.

We would ask that you supply pull-ups or nappies. Our fees do not include the supply of nappies/pull-ups.

We have potties, steps and low sinks for the children to use to ensure that toileting is not a daunting process.

Getting Involved

There are many ways in which parents take part in making the setting a welcoming and stimulating place for children and parents, such as:

Supporting our fundraising efforts

We ask you to support as many fundraising activities as you feel able - such as mufti-days, fetes, fun competitions, photographic portraits and sponsored events.

All money raised goes towards improving the environment in which your child learns to grow and develop.



Stay and Play sessions

We encourage all parents/carers to join in with some of our stay and play sessions. This is a fun way for you to spend time with the children and become involved in some of the exciting opportunities the children are offered. If you have any skills you feel you could offer to enhance our opportunities then please speak with staff. We are keen to build up strong partnerships with our families.



Policies

In line with DfE requirements, The Pavilion has a number of policies and procedures that aim to ensure that the service provided by the preschool is enjoyable and of a high quality.

Key policies are displayed in the file kept in the foyer at the Preschool.

All policies are available at <https://abingtonvaleprimary.org.uk/>

Further Guidance

We are supported by a number of local and national organisations, including Early Years Advisors from Northamptonshire County Council, Ofsted and the Preschool Learning Alliance. The following organisations provide more information for parents.

Ofsted:

www.ofsted.gov.uk

Our latest inspection report is available to view in the foyer or via their website.

Preschool Learning Alliance (PLA):

www.pre-school.org.uk

The PLA is a leading early years membership organisation. It provides us with invaluable information so that we have up-to-the minute advice in areas such as staff training and best practice.

H.M. Government:

www.directgov.gov.uk

The Government's guide to public services will provide you with information on EYFS, free early education, tax credits and voucher information.

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Single point of information for all government funded childcare offers including free childcare and tax free childcare. The website includes a childcare calculator

www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

What if I have any more queries?

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We look forward to hearing from you soon