



PROSPECTUS 2026 -2027

'Where every child flourishes and every day holds an abundance of opportunities'



LITTLE LEARNERS, BIG OPPORTUNITIES:

HONEYBEES PRESCHOOL AT NORTHIAM C OF E PRIMARY

Nestled within the grounds of Northiam C of E Primary School, Honeybees Preschool offers a nurturing and stimulating environment for young children to flourish. Housed in a dedicated, self-contained building, Honeybees provides a safe and engaging space for pre-schoolers to embark on their early learning journey.

The Honeybees building boasts a spacious and well-equipped main room, designed to facilitate a wide range of activities and learning experiences. Convenient toilet facilities and a dedicated kitchen ensure the children's needs are catered for throughout the day.

But the learning doesn't stop indoors! Honeybees pre-schoolers benefit from not one, but two distinct enclosed outdoor play areas. The first is a practical and versatile space covered in a tarmac safety surface, allowing the children to enjoy outdoor play regardless of the weather. This area encourages active exploration and movement all year round.



The second outdoor space offers a more natural and imaginative setting. A large barked area provides ample room for running, playing, and connecting with nature. A sizable sandpit invites creative construction and sensory exploration, while a charming playhouse sparks imaginative role-playing and social interaction.



Beyond their immediate surroundings, the Honeybees children are also privileged to access the wider facilities of Northiam C of E Primary School. This unique advantage provides them with exposure to a wider learning environment and prepares them seamlessly for their transition to primary school. They enjoy regular visits to the school library, fostering a love of reading from an early age. , The sports hall provides a dedicated space for physical activity and games with professional coaching by Wayne and Primary Active Sports.. Furthermore, the children benefit from access to the school's trim trail, promoting coordination, agility, and healthy movement, and the expansive school field, offering even more space for outdoor adventures.

Proud to be part of the DCAT family of Schools



We exist to provide a first-class option for schools choosing to become an academy. We currently have 24 schools making up our Trust, each maintaining its own unique character and identity, serving its own distinct community.

We consider, and our schools tell us, that one of the strengths of our Multi Academy Trust is that all our schools are an equal part of our DCAT family; schools that share ideas, stories and, when appropriate, recourses to *helping every child achieve their God-given potential*, which is our Trust vision.

To support this, we have clear and stated aims. We aim to be a Trust in which:

- Developing the whole child means pupils achieve and maximise their potential
- Continued development of staff is valued and improves education for young people
- All schools are improving and perform above national expectations
- The distinct Christian identity of each academy develops and is celebrated

As well as now helping over 706 staff to best support nearly 4,927 children in the Trust, we are forward-thinking and our [Trust 7-year strategy](#) is about meeting our vision and aims alongside three drivers of growth, innovation and collaboration. I would be delighted to speak to you about this or any aspect of Trust life.

On behalf of our Trust Board, as Chief Executive Officer, I am determined to work with our distinct Academies to best serve their children and communities.

Mark Talbot

Chief Executive Officer

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NURTURING FUTURES: THE HONEYBEES PRESCHOOL ETHOS



At Honeybees Preschool, we understand that the early years are a crucial period of growth and development. We believe that the experiences children have from birth to age five significantly shape their future opportunities and well-being. That's why our core ethos centres around creating a secure, safe, and happy childhood for every child in our care.

We recognise that a fulfilling childhood is not just a stepping stone to adulthood; it's valuable in its own right. It's a time for exploration, discovery, and the development of critical social, emotional, and cognitive skills. We are committed to providing an environment where children can thrive and develop their unique personalities and talents.

Our approach is built on the foundation of strong partnerships with parents. We believe that good parenting and high-quality early learning go hand-in-hand, creating a powerful synergy that allows children to reach their full potential. We strive to work collaboratively with families to understand each child's individual needs and provide personalized support and encouragement.

Honeybees Preschool is dedicated to providing a stimulating and supportive learning environment where children can:

- **Feel Secure and Loved:** We prioritize creating a warm and nurturing atmosphere where children feel safe, valued, and respected.
- **Explore and Discover:** We encourage curiosity and exploration through engaging activities, play-based learning, and hands-on experiences.
- **Develop Key Skills:** We focus on fostering the development of social, emotional, cognitive, and physical skills necessary for future success.
- **Build Confidence and Independence:** We empower children to develop self-esteem, confidence, and independence through age-appropriate challenges and opportunities.



WHAT MAKES HONEYBEES SO SPECIAL



Imagine taking your first independent steps into a world buzzing with warmth, laughter, and endless possibilities. That's the promise we make here at Honeybees Pre School. Just like the industrious honeybee, we believe in nurturing young minds through play and providing an environment where children thrive, develop independence, and build lifelong friendships.

Why the honeybee analogy? Because honeybees are truly special, and their teamwork, dedication, and connection to nature perfectly embody the principles we hold dear. We have a genuine passion for giving children the best possible start in life, recognizing that these early years are crucial for developing a love of learning and a foundation for future success.

Our philosophy centers around creating a safe, caring, stimulating, and above all, extremely happy environment. This is achieved through:

- **Building Independence:** Just as a young bee learns to fly and forage, we empower children to explore their capabilities and develop crucial independence. We encourage them to make choices, solve problems, and take initiative, fostering a sense of self-reliance that will serve them well throughout their lives.
- **Nurturing a Love of Reading:** Honeybees gather nectar to create something sweet - honey. Similarly, we cultivate a love of reading, exposing children to a world of stories, knowledge, and imagination. We believe that reading is a gateway to understanding and a powerful tool for growth.
- **Learning in Nature:** A honeybee's life is intrinsically linked to the natural world. We embrace this connection by incorporating outdoor learning experiences into our curriculum. From exploring the wonders of the garden to discovering the secrets of the forest, we encourage children to develop a sense of wonder and respect for the environment.
- **Building Friendships:** A hive is a community, and so is our setting. We foster a sense of belonging and encourage children to build strong, positive relationships with their peers. Learning to cooperate, share, and support one another is a vital part of growing up and contributes to a happy and fulfilling experience.

Just like the honeybee is vital to our ecosystem, we believe that providing children with a nurturing and stimulating environment is vital to their development. We are committed to helping them take their first steps towards independence with confidence and joy, equipping them with the skills and knowledge they need to flourish. Come, join our hive and let us help your child blossom!



FROM SEED TO SUPPER:



CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY THROUGH OUTDOOR-BASED LEARNING

At Honeybees Preschool, learning extends far beyond the four walls of a classroom. Here, a unique Farm School curriculum blossoms, fostering a deep understanding of science, sustainability, and community through hands-on experiences in agriculture and environmental

Imagine a classroom where living things aren't just pictures in a textbook, but are real, breathing, growing entities. This is reality at Honeybees, where children actively engage in animal husbandry and horticulture. They learn about living things, food hygiene, and food technology not through rote memorization, but through direct interaction with the natural world.

The benefits of this farm-based approach are immeasurable. Children gain invaluable experience as they plant seeds, tend to animals, and witness the entire lifecycle of food, from seed to supper. This immersive learning brings a deeper meaning and comprehension to their studies, making learning both engaging and truly memorable.

A key element of the Farm School is the preschool's own allotment, conveniently located just a few meters away and shared with the wider school. This accessible garden allows children to regularly participate in planting, nurturing, and harvesting a variety of fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Where possible, the food they grow is incorporated into their regular cooking sessions, completing the full circle of the food cycle.

Beyond the garden, Honeybees also embraces the natural classroom of the nearby forest. Regular forest school sessions immerse children in the wonders of nature, allowing them to learn first-hand about lifecycles, changing seasons, and the intricate web of life that surrounds them. This hands-on exploration fosters a deep appreciation for the environment and instils a sense of responsibility for its care.



PRICELIST 2025-26



Please see the table below for our session's costs :

	Morning	Afternoon	Full Day
08.30-12.30	£30.80	£23.10	£53.90
12.30 – 15.30	£29.50	£22.20	£51.80

Hourly Rates are :

2 year olds £7.70 per hour

3 year olds + £7.40 per hour

EYPP funded hours/15 hours for two year olds/ 30 Hours for 3 year olds and universal 15 hours for 3 year old's funding can be used to cover each session, if you require further hours charges listed are above. Section A1.32 reaffirms there must be no mandatory charges for parents. Providers can charge for specific categories of consumables or activities ie cooking/PE/Forest School, but these will be voluntary for the parent. We currently do not charge for these activities however, we may choose to do so in the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you what is included in your EYEE funded hours:

- Forest School
- Farm School
- PE Coach
- Cooking
- Choice of Snacks – Halo Project
- An EYFS class teacher every day
- A self-contained nursery with extensive site.
- Access to all the school site including the hall/field/playground.

Notice Period

If you receive funding for your child's place and wish to change their setting from Honeybees we would require 4 weeks notice.

BLOOMING WITHIN THE NORTHIAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY



As a vital part of Northiam C of E Primary School, Honeybees aligns closely with the school's curriculum and daily routines. This integration provides a strong foundation for future academic success, ensuring that the children are well-prepared for the transition to primary school.

One of the key benefits of Honeybees is their involvement in whole-school activities. The children participate in lunchtime with the rest of the school, fostering social interaction and a sense of belonging. They are also invited to special events, allowing them to experience the vibrant school culture and build relationships with students and staff across different year groups. This early exposure helps them feel comfortable and confident as they grow within the school environment.



Furthermore, the innovative "Hive" setup brings Honeybees together with Willow Class, creating a dynamic learning environment. This collaborative approach provides ample opportunities for shared learning experiences. Children in both classes can engage in joint projects, activities, and play, fostering teamwork, communication, and mutual support. This allows them to develop into confident learners, comfortable collaborating and contributing within a group.

Beyond the classroom, Honeybees actively participate in school-wide events. They showcase their talents in Christmas performances, bringing festive cheer to the entire school community. And for those preparing to move on to primary school, they enthusiastically participate in the leavers' show, celebrating their achievements and marking the end of their Honeybees journey.

Sports Day is another highlight of the year, providing a fun-filled opportunity for participation and friendly competition. In the spirit of inclusivity, the focus is on fun games where everyone is a winner, encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship. This event also provides a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to socialise and even get competitive in their own races!



SETTLING IN: MAKING YOUR CHILD'S PRESCHOOL TRANSITION



Starting preschool is a significant milestone for both children and parents. We understand that this transition can sometimes be a little daunting, and we're committed to making it as smooth and positive as possible for everyone. Our goal is to ensure your child feels happy, safe, and secure right from the start.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you'll find it easy to get organized. Coats, shoes, lunchboxes (if needed), and bookbags can be left in the cloakroom, where your child will have their own designated peg. Our staff will be ready to greet you when the door opens for the morning session at 8:30 am. They'll be aware that it's your child's first time and will be there to offer a warm welcome.

LEAVING YOUR CHILD:

Once your child feels comfortable and you're happy to leave, simply let a member of staff know. We understand that some children may experience separation anxiety, and we're prepared to help them settle. If your child becomes upset, we'll work closely with you to find the best approach to comfort and reassure them. Please don't worry; we will not hesitate to call you if your child remains distressed.

A PERSONALISED APPROACH TO SETTLING IN:

We believe every child is unique, and therefore, we tailor our approach to meet their individual needs. We will work with you to determine the best way to help your child adjust to preschool life. This might involve shorter visits initially, gradual introductions to activities, or strategies to comfort your child when you say goodbye.

YOUR KEY PERSON: YOUR PARTNER IN TRANSITION:

To provide consistent support and communication, your child will be assigned a "key person." This dedicated staff member will be your primary point of contact and will play a crucial role in supporting both you and your child throughout this transitional stage. Your key person is available to talk to you at any time should you have any questions, concerns, or simply want an update on how your child is doing.

OPEN COMMUNICATION IS KEY:

We believe that open communication is essential for a successful transition. Don't hesitate to reach out to your key person or the Preschool Teacher or Deputy Manager if you have any questions or concerns. We also have a detailed policy on helping children settle into preschool, and we'd be happy to provide you with a copy.

SNACKS & LUNCHES



Please ensure any dietary needs are discussed with your keyworker and noted on your registration form. We will ensure these requirements are

Lunches are provided by our catering company Relish and can be booked via the Relish website. Once your child has enrolled with us a log in will be issued allowing you to review the menu and make selections. Payments for lunch selections need to be paid for on this Arbor platform.



WEEK 1					
Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Side Salad, Homemade mixed potato wedges	Chicken Korma to go with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken to go with Broccoli, Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Sausage Roll to go with New Potatoes, Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad	Fish Cake to go with Mashed Potato, Peas
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Side Salad, Homemade mixed potato wedges	Vegetable Korma to go with Mixed Rice	Quorn Roast to go with Broccoli, Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Vegetarian Sausage Roll to go with New Potatoes, Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad	Vegan Nuggets to go with Mashed Potato, Peas
Combo	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Wrap to go with Mixed Rice, Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Ham Salad, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Wrap to go with Mixed Rice, Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Ham Salad, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo	Pasta to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Cheese Sauce, No Topping
...and to finish!	Fruit Kebabs with Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Pot, d	Banana Loaf Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Summer Fruits Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view relishschoolfood.co.uk for Allergen Information

WEEK 2					
Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	BBQ Chicken Pizza to go with Baked Beans, New Potatoes	Beef Bolognese to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Mixed Pasta	Sausage to go with Mixed Veg, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers to go with Baked Beans, Mashed Potato
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausages to go with Mixed Veg, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Cheese Panini to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Quorn Hotdog to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges
Combo	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Wrap to go with New Potatoes, Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Pasta to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Cheese Sauce, No Topping	Wrap to go with Chips, Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Ham	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans
...and to finish!	Blueberry Muffins Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Raspberry Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Fruit Meringues Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Orange Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream

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WEEK 3					
Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Pepperoni Pizza to go with Coleslaw, New Potatoes	Beef Lasagne to go with Side Salad	Roast Gammon to go with Broccoli, New Potatoes, Gravy	Meatball Sub to go with New Potatoes, Side Salad	Cod in Batter to go with Peas, Homemade Potato Wedges
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Coleslaw, New Potatoes	Roasted Veg Lasagne to go with Side Salad	Quorn Roast to go with Mixed Veg, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Macaroni Cheese Sub to go with Coleslaw, New Potatoes	Vegan Nuggets to go with Peas, Homemade Potato Wedges
Combo	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Wrap to go with Mixed Rice with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Ham Salad, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo	Pasta to go with Side Salad, Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Wrap to go with Mixed Rice with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Ham Salad, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo	Jacket Potato to go with Peas, Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans
...and to finish!	Apple Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Pineapple Upside-down Pudding Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Cherry Muffins Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Oat Cookies Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Choc Ice Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

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HALO PROJECT

HEALTHY EATING FOR LITTLE ONES



For young children, establishing healthy habits early is crucial for their overall development and future wellbeing.

That's why Honeybees Pre School is excited to announce a new initiative in collaboration with East Sussex Public Health, building upon their ongoing efforts since 2016 to improve health outcomes for children and families called the HALO project.

This partnership signifies our commitment to fostering a nurturing environment where children thrive, not just academically, but also physically and emotionally. Our focus will be on promoting three key elements: Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, and Oral Health.

MOVING AND GROOVING: EMBRACING PHYSICAL PLAY

We believe that physical activity isn't just about exercise; it's vital for developing gross motor skills, coordination, and a love for movement. Our updated play and learning policies actively support physical play, both indoors and outdoors. We have carefully designed our outdoor and indoor environment to get children moving.

NOURSHING BODIES AND MINDS EMBRACING HEALTHY EATING HABBITIS

Snack time is more than just a break; it's an opportunity to introduce healthy eating habits and encourage children to try new foods. We are committed to providing a balanced selection of fruits, vegetables, and salad items alongside bread, crackers, and cheese during our snack times.

Parents can stay informed about our snack offerings through the Weekly Snack Menu displayed in reception and the three-weekly menu available on our website.

Our goals for promoting healthy eating are:

- To foster a positive relationship with food by encouraging children to enjoy healthy snacks and participate in cooking sessions.
- To promote healthy eating and lifestyles amongst our children and their families.

We expect to see positive changes such as:

- A wider variety of healthy options in children's lunchboxes.
- Increased openness to trying new and healthy snack choices.
- Children making more informed and healthier choices.

This collaboration with East Sussex Public Health represents a significant step forward in our commitment to the well-being of our children. By prioritising healthy eating and physical activity from an early age, we are helping to lay the foundation for a lifetime of health and happiness. We are excited to see the positive impact this initiative will have on our children and families.



OUR STAFF



Alex has worked as a teacher for over 10 years, having taught in both EYFS and KS1. He has a passion for Early years and Early childhood development and leads EYFS and reading across the school. He also leads the Rye & Rother District Preschool hubs and works for East Sussex County Council as a moderator and head practitioner for Early Years.

ALEX LOVEDAY

CLASS TEACHER & EYFS



Julie has worked in early years for over 12 years. She is a familiar face in Northiam having previously worked in Northiam Nursery.

'I enjoy watching children develop and grow in my care' Julie Sept 21

JULIE LOMATH

DEPUTY MANAGER



I have been working within Early Years for the last 10 years and have had experience taking care of very young babies up to children who are about to journey into school. I joined Honeybees in September 2022 and have enjoyed becoming part of the team. I love getting to know all of the children and how everyday in the Preschool is different.

MEGAN GOLDUP

PRESCHOOL ASSISTANT



I have worked at Northiam Primary School a number of years, before moving over to the Preschool last year. I have had experience taking care of very young babies up to children since I left school and I have children of my own all various ages. I have a caring nature and look forward to taking part in our wonderful afternoon activities..

SAMANTHA PILKINGTON

PRESCHOOL ASSISTANT

POLICES & PROCEDURES



Honeybees has a comprehensive set of policies and procedures, which are updated regularly. Parents are encouraged to read these at any time upon request. These are available on our website.

Our policies help us to ensure that the service provided by Honeybees Preschool is of a consistently high quality and standard and that being a member of the setting is an enjoyable and beneficial experience for each child and their parents/carers. If you have any questions at all about any of our policies, please feel free to talk to the Deputy Preschool Manager or class teacher at any time.

WHERE TO FIND US?



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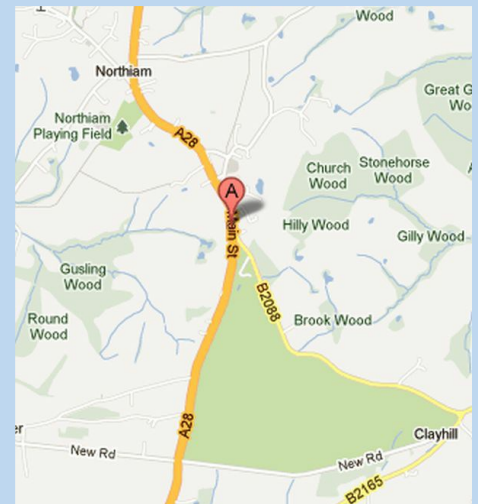
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