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Thursday 6th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Full time Nursery

We are pleased to offer trial for a limited number of free full-time nursery places (up to 30 hours per week, term time only). This trial is designed to evaluate the impact of increased hours on children's progress and readiness for Reception.

Who is the trial for?

This offer is only for families whose children are currently entitled to the universal 15 hours (i.e. not eligible for the government 30-hours scheme). If your circumstances change and you become eligible for the 30-hours code during the trial, please let us know.

Trial period:

Start date: Monday 5th January 2026

End date: If Plains Farm is named as your first choice for our reception 2026 intake – **22nd July 2026**
If Plains Farm is not named as first choice for our reception 2026 intake – **2nd April 2026**

Pattern: Monday–Friday, full school day – pick up 3pm

Cost: Free for the duration of the trial (see Meals below)

Attendance commitment

To ensure a fair and meaningful evaluation, we ask that children attend at least 95% of available sessions during the trial (allowing for illness). If attendance falls significantly below this, we may need to reallocate the place to a child on the waiting list.

Meals and snacks

Snacks are provided free of charge.

Lunch: Please provide a healthy packed lunch or **purchase** a school meal at a cost of £2.50 per day/£12.50 per week.

What the trial will evaluate

We will review children's:
communication and language, early literacy and maths
personal, social and emotional development
attendance, punctuality and settling
parent feedback on routines and home–school balance



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Withdrawal/changes

The school reserves the right to withdraw or amend the trial with reasonable notice.

If circumstances mean the place is no longer suitable for your child, we will meet with you to agree next steps.

How to apply

If your child already attends our school, please contact the school office to confirm you wish to take up the offer.

If your child does not attend our Nursery currently, but you would like them to, please contact Miss Oughton, Early Years Lead to discuss your child joining us on 0191 5203109 as we have a limited number of places available for new applications.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss LA Cassidy
Headteacher