

## Welcome to **Mulberry Bush Day Nursery**

### Our Aims

At Mulberry Bush Day Nursery we aim to -

- *Be a home from home for your child, enabling you to go to work with peace of mind*
- *Make each child's welfare and development our priority*
- *Provide a safe and stimulating environment that encourages a community atmosphere, where families feel welcome and supported*
- *Nurture each child's sense of self-worth*
- *Instil in each child an awareness and caring for the world around them*
- *Provide a rich variety of activities and opportunities to learn through play*
- *Encourage independence and confidence*
- *Help children develop an understanding and awareness of the multi-cultural nature of our society, and have a healthy respect for themselves and all other cultures and religions.*
- *Actively promote the development of those skills needed for **lifelong learning***

### The Team

Our staff are recruited for their enthusiasm and dedication to the care and development of children. They are continuously trained and are keen to develop their skills.

In a nursery of our size, we expect that your child will know and be fond of all members of staff, although we do employ a 'key-person' system. This means that one particular member of staff will know you and your child's specific needs and requirements whilst at nursery. With support from a 'buddy', this member of staff will have the responsibility of keeping up to date with you and your child's requirements. They are also responsible for the upkeep of your child's development record – 'The Learning Story'.

### Organisation

#### **'Fledglings'** (3 months-2 years)

This dedicated area is furnished as a comfortable, home environment with a separate room for rest and sleep. The needs of the individual are fully recognised and managed within a flexible structure by caring and dedicated staff who have a special affinity with our youngest children. The babies and toddlers frequently have opportunities to explore the rest of the nursery and mix with the older children. As well as playing in the garden or being taken out for buggy-walks, there is also the opportunity to explore the orchard area. The Fledglings experience a range of exciting and stimulating activities including art and craft, sensory activities, dressing-up, role-play, music and cooking. This age group is staffed at a 1:3 ratio.

#### **'Ducklings'** and **'Goslings'**

Within this room we have space for a maximum of 28 children. There is a staffing ratio of 1 adult to every 4 children under the age of three (*'Ducklings'*), and 1 adult to every 8 children aged three years and above (*'Goslings'*).

The room is arranged into 'areas' where children can access resources and equipment either independently, or supported by staff members. The resources are age appropriate and include books, sand and water trays, real and natural items, puzzles, art and craft equipment, musical instruments, construction kits and dressing up clothes. The children are encouraged to explore, socialise and learn at their own pace in a happy and relaxed atmosphere.

Alongside this independent play, children are encouraged to join in with activities and learning opportunities offered by the staff. These include cooking, art and craft, music, circle times, phonics sessions, games, maths activities, dance and stories. Staff make observations which are used to monitor progress and interests: This knowledge is used to influence further opportunities for learning based on your child's interests together with the Early Years Foundation Stage.

#### **The Garden**

Our garden is designed for physical, energetic play but also offers the opportunity for discovering nature from planting and growing to minibeast hunting. The garden is appropriately equipped for all ages. The Ducklings and Goslings have access to the garden throughout the day, whatever the weather!

### **The Orchard**

To the rear of our site we have a small orchard where all children can be taken to play and explore, as well as collect fruit for snacks and meals. The orchard is a shady, peaceful area and is also used for picnics and quieter activities.

### Fees

We make every effort to keep fees to a minimum without compromising on quality. Fees are paid monthly, in advance, via Standing Order. You can choose from a morning, afternoon or full day session (for a minimum of 2 sessions.) As we aim to be flexible, opening times may be extended with prior notification.

The fees include a mid-morning snack, a two-course hot lunch and tea—all food is freshly prepared on site and uses local produce wherever possible. The fee also covers all equipment and resources that your child will use during the day. Breakfast can be made available at a charge of £1.50.

Session	Time	0-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years
Morning	8am-1pm	£25.25	£22.75	£21.75
Afternoon	2pm-6pm	£21.30	£19.30	£18.50
All day	8am-6pm	£45.00	£40.00	£38.00

### Childcare Vouchers

Childcare vouchers are a benefit for all working parents. If you are an employee, each month £243 can be taken from your salary before tax and National Insurance are removed, which makes a possible saving of £1,196 a year on your childcare costs. Both parents can take advantage of Childcare Vouchers which increases the potential saving to £2,392 per family, per year.

#### Funding for 3/4 year olds

The term after your child turns 3, they become eligible for government funding. Your childcare costs can then be reduced by approximately £1,600 a year.

## Location

*Mulberry Bush Day Nursery at St. Edmunds* is located on Norwich Common, Wymondham, within easy reach of the A11 and Norwich.

Norwich Common is the road between Wymondham and Hethersett (the Old A11) just 2 minutes drive from the Police Headquarters and Waitrose.

*Mulberry Bush Day Nursery at St. Edmunds* is a converted chapel, set in it's own grounds with ample parking to the rear. The children benefit from a secure location, with access to it's own garden and orchard.

## Our day

The nursery is open from 8am (however, opening times may be extended with prior notification.) Children are encouraged to choose from a variety of free-play equipment at the beginning of the day, while other children are dropped off and parents are leaving or talking to staff.

The children have free access to the areas and resources of the nursery throughout the day, with staff ensuring that children's own personal themes of play and development are supported, with adult led activities also on offer.

We have a mid-morning snack at around 10am. Lunch is at 12pm and tea is served at around 4pm.

At the end of your child's session you will have the opportunity to talk with your child's carers, as well as find out about the activities your child has taken part in during the day.

The nursery closes at 6pm.

## About Us

*Mulberry Bush Day Nursery* is owned and managed by Ros Cutts and Jo Billham.

*St. Edmunds* aims to replicate the same standards of care and education already established at *Mulberry Bush Day Nursery on the Common* at Mulbarton which has been open since September 2003. We continually strive towards being an environment which provides time and space to children. Providing support as they develop self-esteem and enjoyment of life. We aim to be a home from home where all are valued, respected and supported.

*Mulberry Bush Day Nursery at St. Edmunds* will open in September 2009.



For any extra information, a full prospectus or a copy of our Learning for Life policy, please contact us: -

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*Also in Mulbarton*

Nursery Education and Day Care  
Provision for children aged  
3 months to 5 years

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