



Casual Nursery Assistant

£12.60 per hour

The College

One of the largest Colleges in the University of Oxford, with around 865 students, St Anne's is known for being down-to earth, ambitious, outward facing and collaborative. We aspire to understand the world and change it for the better.

Established in 1879 to enable women from all backgrounds to access an Oxford education, the College is committed to securing our legacy and future by being a diverse and inclusive community that is the home of choice for the brightest and most ambitious from all backgrounds, including those who may think that Oxford is not for people like them.

Our community includes undergraduate and graduate students, academics involved in world leading research and teaching, and staff from a wide range of professional backgrounds. Helen King, our Principal since 2017, is a graduate of St Anne's who took on the role after a thirty-year career in policing.

As a Charity and one of the more modern Colleges, our finances depend upon a diverse range of income streams including a successful vacation conference business and the generosity of our worldwide network of committed alumnae and donors.

At St Anne's we are committed to sustainability and our collective responsibility to preserving the environment. We are working in support of the University of Oxford's target of being carbon net neutral and biodiversity net gain by 2035. We expect all members of College to work towards these goals.

For further information about the College, please visit <http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk>

The Nursery at St Anne's College

Rated **Outstanding** by Ofsted, St Anne's College Day Nursery is a full-time day nursery, located in a purpose-built detached building and private garden within the grounds of St Anne's College. It caters for up to 12 children aged 6 months to 4 years, and is open year-round.

At St Anne's College Nursery, we offer a rich and varied curriculum designed to nurture every child's development through meaningful, engaging experiences. Our approach fosters active, curious, and independent learners in a safe and caring environment, where children are supported to thrive and grow.

We provide a **free-flow system** throughout the year, enabling children to follow their interests both indoors and outdoors. Our setting encourages exploration, discovery, and joy through play, conversation, and connection.

We strongly value **outdoor learning** and regularly take children on planned outings, such as walks to the local park, explorations of college grounds, and community visits to shops, libraries, and bookstores. These opportunities give children the chance to connect with the world around them, enhancing their physical development, communication, and understanding of their local community.

Weekly music sessions are a much-loved part of our provision, helping children express themselves creatively while developing rhythm, confidence, and emotional awareness. Singing, movement, and musical play are central to our approach each day.

Our children come from **diverse cultural backgrounds**, and we celebrate every child's uniqueness through inclusive practices and **multicultural activities**. We aim to create an environment where all children feel respected, represented, and valued. We incorporate cultural stories, traditions, and family involvement to promote a strong sense of identity and belonging.

We are committed to **sustainability** and teach children how to care for the environment through everyday routines and hands-on experiences. From recycling to planting and learning about local wildlife, we guide children in understanding their role in protecting the planet and appreciating the natural world.

The oldest day nursery within the University, St Anne's Nursery was founded to provide childcare for Tutorial Fellows and other academics and staff of the College. It also offers places to children of students of St Anne's, to University staff children, as well as to the wider community.

The role

This is a casual role with no guarantee of being offered any shifts.

Main duties:

- Comply with the new statutory framework for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and follow the practice guidelines for EYFS;
- Comply with all safeguarding procedures and stay up to date with relevant training;
- Provide a stimulating and happy atmosphere through play and other activities in which all children can interact and develop fully, mentally or physically. Activities must be relevant to children's ages and aim to meet individual needs;
- Report and record information regarding children's progress and development;
- Work both as an individual and as a member of staff team for the wellbeing of all children;
- Identify and assist any child with special difficulties or disabilities;
- Supervise meals, rest periods, toilet and washing routines;
- Promote high standards of cleanliness and hygiene at all times;
- Maintain equipment and ensure all toys, books, etc. are kept clean, in good repair. Remove from play any damaged toys / equipment and report them to the Manager;
- Assist in the development of good working relationships between children and parents and ensure you have good communication with the parents by utilising drop off and pick up times and meetings as required;
- Promote the Nursery and encourage parents to be actively involved and interested in the Nursery;
- any other duties that apply in a day nursery setting as laid down by the Nursery Manager, Fellow and Committee.

The above list of duties and responsibilities is not exhaustive and you may be required to carry out alternative tasks. The successful candidate should be prepared to undertake training to equip him or her to discharge the job.

An enhanced DBS certificate will be required for this role.

Personal specifications:

Essential

- Experience of working in a Nursery setting
- Knowledge of the statutory framework for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and experience of complying with it
- A respect and fondness for children with an understanding of their needs and feelings.
- The ability to inspire and enthuse young children and willingness to encourage them in exploring the natural world
- Excellent communication and listening skills
- Energy, resourcefulness, responsibility, patience and a caring nature
- Enjoy working outdoors in all conditions
- Ability to work as part of the team, co-operate and build positive relationships
- The ability to remain calm and to keep things in perspective

Terms and Conditions

Appointment:	We hope the successful applicant will start as soon as possible. The appointment will be conditional on confirmation of eligibility to work in the UK. Further information is available at: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/
Wage:	£12.60 per hour
Hours of working:	Variable hours. This is a casual role with no guarantee of being offered any shifts.

Application process

If you would like to apply for this position please send us all three of these documents:

- A completed application form (download from our website).
- Your CV
- A covering letter stating why you are interested in, and suitable for, this role.

Applications should be sent to recruitment@st-annes.ox.ac.uk

If you would like to discuss the role, or have any queries please call us on 01865 274866 / 284685

St Anne's College is an equal opportunities employer.

The policy and practice of St Anne's College require that all staff are afforded equal opportunities within employment. Entry into employment with the College and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. Subject to statutory provisions, no applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. Applicants are encouraged to complete the equal opportunities monitoring form.

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