



St Anne's College Nursery Our Curriculum

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.

Intent

We believe that **our children are at the heart of the curriculum**. By developing strong, supportive relationships with each child, we create a warm and secure "home away from home" where children feel safe to explore their interests, friendships, and sense of self.

Communication and language are foundational. We support every child, including those learning English as an additional language, with a language-rich environment full of storytelling, singing, and everyday conversations that promote self-esteem and social connection.

Our curriculum is designed to help children engage with the **seven areas of learning** in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

We use both the **Statutory Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2021)** and the **Birth to Five Matters** non-statutory guidance to shape our planning and assessments.

Implementation

We follow **“In the Moment Planning”**, where staff carefully observe and respond to children's interests and engagement. By capturing these teachable moments, we are able to extend learning in a meaningful way for each unique child.

Our daily routines include:

- Communicating and building relationships
 - Engaging in music, stories, and rhymes
 - Exploring literacy and numeracy through play
 - Creating and discovering through sensory experiences
 - Outdoor play and exploration
 - Trips to local parks, libraries, and shops
 - Cooking and sharing family traditions
 - Learning about nature, recycling, and sustainability
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Impact

Our goal is to build confident, resilient, and capable learners who are ready for the next phase of their educational journey. We strive to provide each child with a strong foundation for lifelong learning, one that is rooted in curiosity, joy, community, and care for the world around them.