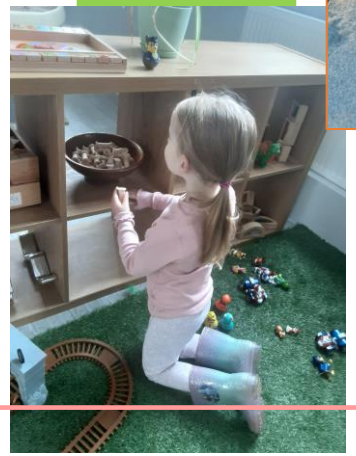
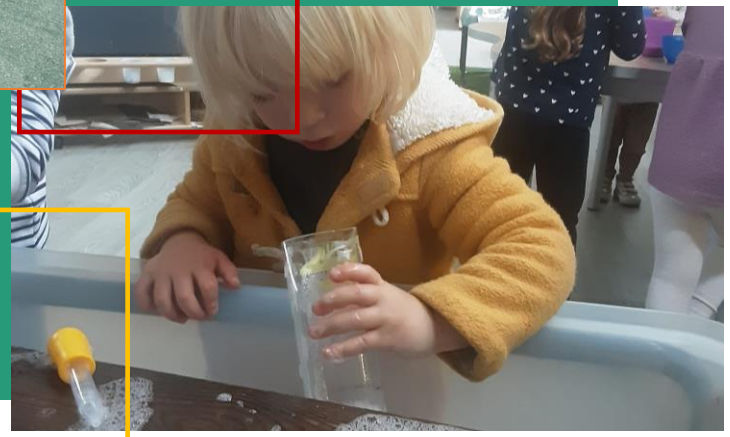




Farnsfield Pre-School

Prospectus 2025

Welcome to our prospectus

and to **Farnsfield Pre-School**

At Farnsfield Pre-School we believe **our children are Awesome** and we are incredibly proud to shout about this. Our prospectus tells you everything you need to know about us for both you and your child. We are a small community Pre-School that has been a key part of Farnsfield for more than 50 years and **we Love our community**. We are run by an incredible team of early years practitioners and a supportive and engaged committee all with the common goal to aim for the stars. Our first priority is to provide exciting, safe and engaging childcare and education and to be a small part of your child's development journey. Here at Farnsfield **we are Open and Inclusive**, so please contact us if you need any more information, or pop in and say hello.

Our Children are Awesome

"Children are at the heart of everything we do. Our decisions are for our children now and into the future"

Our Values

About us…..

Independent

We are an independent setting with the sole purpose of providing a great setting for our local community

Charity

We are a registered charity and a non-profit making organisation. No: 1022276

Governance

We employee a wonderful team who look after our children and the setting each day. These are supported by a volunteer management committee

Sessions

We are open Monday to Friday in term time offering an AM session from 9am – 12noon and a PM session from 12 noon to 3pm

Babies and Toddlers

Stay and Play group, each Friday from 9am to 11am in term time. In the Methodist church hall, Chapel Lane

Find out more…

We have loads more information on our website:

www.farnsfieldpreschool.org

Ages

We offer fantastic childcare and education from 2 to 5 years

Our Team and Committee

Partnership

Pre-School Team

Danni Jankiwskyj
Manager

Sam
Deputy

Anneline
Early Years Educator

Laura
Early Years Educator

Emma
Early Years Educator

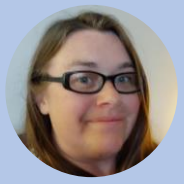
Amelia
Early Years Educator

Amanda
Early Years Educator

Tammi
Pre-School Co-ordinator

Committee

Helen Blockley



Sam Kirk

Kris Worsley

Jo Walters

Abi Hufton

Alessandra Cahill

The committee work in partnership with the Pre-School team to ensure that Farnsfield Pre-School stays rooted and a key part of the local community and is the best place possible for our awesome children

Useful Information

Sessions and Funding

Sessions: We offer 3 hr morning and afternoon sessions each weekday in term time. Children can be booked to attend for any or all of these (subject to availability).

Funding: Government funding for children over 3 years old is 15 hrs per week. Working families can also get funding for 2 year olds. We do offer the extended 30-hour entitlement, but this is based on availability. We try to offer as many sessions as possible on a first come first served basis. More information on funding can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Lunch: Children attending for the full day, or the afternoon session should bring a packed lunch.

Morning: 09:00 – 12:00

Afternoon: 12:00 – 15:00

End of session collection: Children should be collected promptly when their session is completed. Late collection could result in an additional charge.

We Love our community

"We are connected to and supportive of our community. We love nature and respect the environment"

Our Values

Our story.....

1970
The First Farnsfield Pre-School Play group lead by **Fiona Aitchison** in the Farnsfield Youth Centre (Lower village hall), with sessions every Tuesday and Thursday, with rough floorboards that children could post letters through. The community pulled together to make this a success

1972
Farnsfield Pre-School play group moves to the Methodist Schoolrooms, with 50 children now attending.

1974
52 children now on the register. Mrs Aitchson retires as supervisor and is replaced by Esme Coates

1975
Esme Coates Retires, Marion Simpson appointed as supervisor

1977
Queen's Jubilee, Village Celebrations, July 1977: Playgroup's float, 'The Old Woman who lived in a Shoe' (complete with about 20 children), won 1st prize of £5 in the decorated float competition!

1979
Marion Simpson steps down with Jen Fowler filling in before Janet Webb is appointed Playgroup supervisor

1987
Janet Webb leaves and is replaced by Trish Smith as Playgroup Supervisor

2020
50 Years of the Farnsfield Pre-School Playgroup

1970 → 1972 → 1974 → 1975 → 1977 → 1979 → 1987 → 2020

Parent / Carer Engagement

Working together for your children

We are always keen to engage our parents and carers in the development of their children. At Farnsfield Pre-School we use the following methods:

Journals

As part of our key-working process we record observations for our children in their personal journal. This is in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements, but it also allows you to see what your children have been doing in the day and gives you the chance to tell us any WOW moments, or what your child has been doing at home. You can ask to see this at any time, and it is passed on to you when your child leaves us.

Closed Facebook page

Open to parents and carers of current children only. We upload pictures each day and share other information here. We will ask for your permission before we upload any pictures of your child, and no names are posted.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

All parents and carers are invited to join our AGM. This is a chance to look back at what has happened at Pre-School in the year, but also a great social opportunity to meet the Pre-School Team, the committee and other parents.

Our Partners

The Farnsfield Trust

A fellow local charity, that have provided financial support to enhance our Pre-School outdoor space

Farnsfield Parish Council

Offer funding support, through grants and allowing us the provision of the village hall from where we run our Babies and Toddlers sessions

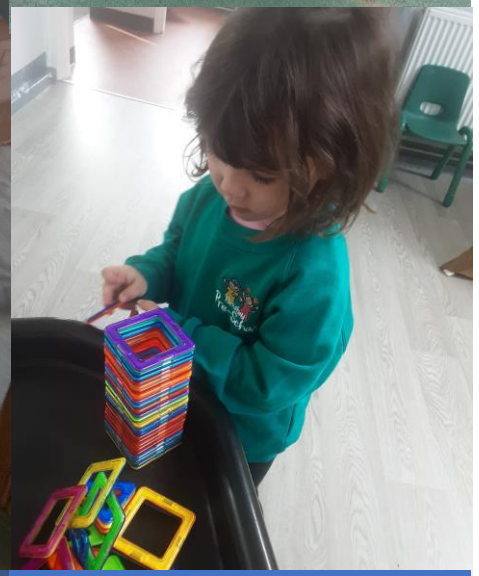
Local Companies

We recently received sponsorship from:
Jantile Kitchen & Bathroom Fitters
EFM Plastering & Building
Bbraun Medical
Phil Hufton Plumbing & Heating

The Co-operative Group

We have been the successful recipient of co-op charitable funds for 3 years. This has been used to support many initiatives and resources for the Pre-School

We have also received grants/donations from: Barratt Homes, Center Parcs, Rainworth Energy, Farnsfield Community Spaces, Farnsfield Friendship Club and more!



The best day EVER……

"PLEEEEASE can I go back tomorrow?"

Pre-School provides a stimulating place for children to learn through play and expand their experiences between home and school. **Activities are varied and imaginative, encouraging children to learn at their own pace**, whilst still focussing on each child as an individual.

We offer a variety of extra activities such as:

- Sports Coaching
- Music & Movement
- Little Explorers
- Science and Technology
- Messy play

A day at Pre-School sessions typically includes song time, outdoor play, story time and snack, as well as free play. **But always includes loads of fun and learning.**

How your child will be learning?

At Farnsfield Pre-School we believe that children learn best through play. All our activities are designed to give children choice and stimulate every aspect of their development. We are confident that through play children have the very best opportunities to learn everything they need to about themselves and the world they live in. **Play is children's work**. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through seven areas of learning and development. Each activity will be tailored to your child's unique needs, giving the opportunity to explore, be active and be creative using both the indoors and outdoors

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Physical development

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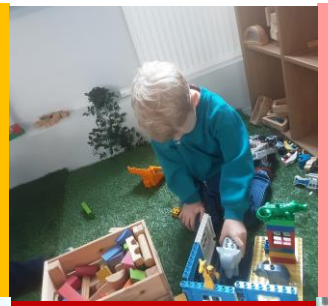
Literacy



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Understanding the world

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Communication and Language

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Personal, social and emotional development

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Mathematics

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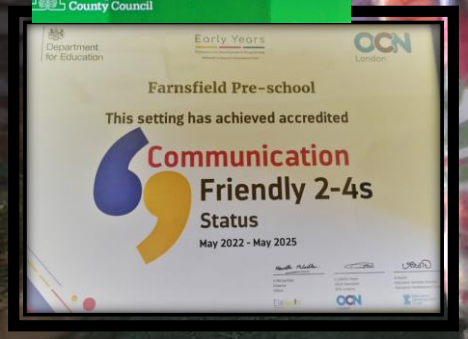
Expressive arts and design

We are Open and Inclusive

"Our Children are encouraged to tell share. We tell the truth and are always transparent. We respect each other and celebrate what makes us all unique"



Our Values

Focus Areas and Leads

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is our number one priority and everyone's responsibility.

This is the responsibility of all staff and committee. ***All new starters must read the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' handbook***.

We discuss safeguarding in all of our committee meetings and share any further safeguarding guidance as this is received.

Danni Jankiwskyj

Special Education Needs (SENCO)

Every child is as individual and should be given the appropriate support to develop and fulfil their potential

The SENCO is a staff member at pre-school who oversees the day-to-day provision for children with specia l educational needs.

Sam Hall

Speech and Language

We believe that every child is a talker. Speech and language skills are the foundation of education. It's important that these skills be prioritised in the early years as that's when children begin forming their vocabulary

The Speech and Language Lead can identify when children might be having difficulty. They ensure all staff **receive adequate trai ning and understand how to support children**, making referrals to speech and language professionals where necessary.

Sam Hall

Join the Committee:

The Pre-School is run by a voluntary management committee, who work together to manage and develop Pre-School. If you want to make Farnsfield Pre-School the best it can be then you are perfect. We pride ourselves on having a diverse range of skills in the committee, and joining the committee is a great way of meeting and connecting with other local parents who are passionate about Farnsfield, our Pre-School and our children. We really value everyone's input. You can be as involved as you like. We do love to have the full committee attend the committee meetings each half term, which are held in an evening.

Parent Helper:

We are proud of the high ratio of adults to children at the Pre-School. This ensures individual attention to the needs and development of each child. Parent helpers are welcome, and we encourage you to be part of your children's development by joining us for any session your child attends.

Open Door Sessions:

See our newsletters for the latest dates. All are welcome

Frequently asked questions

Can I visit Pre-School before sending my child? Yes of course, just contact us and we will happily show you and your child around.

Does my child need to be toilet trained? No, we are able to change your child as needed. You will just need to send in sufficient nappies, wipes and bags.

What if my child has an accident as Pre-School? All our team are qualified in Paediatric First-Aid. Any accident is recorded in our accident book. We will take you through what happened when you collect your child and ask you to sign the accident book.

What if my child has allergies? Please let know on your registration forms. We will discuss our approach with you to ensure you are comfortable.

Can I see your policies? Yes, we operate under strict monitored policies that we would be happy to share with you.

Do I need to send sun cream? On sunny days we ask all children to arrive with sun cream already applied. We can top up in the day if needed with sun cream you provide.

Any questions just give us a call!

Our Values

Children are at the heart of everything we do

- The whole team is committed to ensuring the children are safe from harm. They are highly qualified to recognise signs and symptoms of potential harm and understand what to do with this information to further protect the children
- Every child is nurtured to reach their full potential
- We aim to deliver high-quality care and education
- The Pre-School, its staff and the committee are resilient and passionate in making decisions for our children now and in the future

We love our community

- We are connected and supportive of our community
- We love nature and respect our environment
- We learn how we can care for the environment today and for the future

We are open and inclusive

- We offer an inclusive and flexible curriculum
- We respect each other and celebrate what makes us unique
- We are good role models for each other

Memberships and Regulators

Ofsted

Our standards and levels of childcare are inspected by Ofsted. Our last inspection was in 2023 where we were scored as **GOOD.** Registration number: 509224

Charity Commission

We are registered with and regulated by the Charity Commission.
Registered charity number: 1022276

Early Years Alliance

Our Pre-School is a member of the Early Years Alliance who offer us support, information and advice on our Early Years Provision.
Membership number: 794646

Local Authority

Nottinghamshire County Council provides funding for children, support for safeguarding and for children with special educational needs

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