

Nursery Fee Information

At Swan Meadow Private Day Nurseries, we believe exceptional care begins with trust and transparency. Choosing childcare is about far more than cost, it's about finding a nurturing, inspiring environment where your child can thrive. Here you will find clear information about our nursery fees, funding entitlements, and any additional charges, helping you plan your childcare with clarity and confidence.

Overview of Nursery Fees

Daily Rate: £74.00

Weekly Rate: £325.00

For children accessing government-funded hours, a £12 per funded day consumables charge applies. (please see specific details below)

Opening Hours:

We are open all year round, Monday to Friday, 7:30am – 6:00pm, except for bank holidays.

Please note: On Whit Friday we close early due to local traffic restrictions.

Help with childcare costs

We are here to help you access any funding or support you may be entitled to, and our team is always happy to guide you through the process.

Government Funding

Many families are eligible for government-funded childcare:

- 15 Hours Free Childcare – For all 3 and 4-year-olds
- 30 Hours Free Childcare – For eligible children aged 9 months and over
- 2-Year-Old Funding – For families who meet specific criteria

A gentle reminder:

- Funding is allocated by term: Autumn, Spring and Summer
- Applications must be made before the start of each term
- Children become eligible for 30-hour funding from the start of the term after they turn 9 months old
- We operate a stretched funding model, which means your government-funded hours are spread across the full year rather than taken term-time only, providing continuity of care and smoother monthly payments.

Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare allows eligible families to save money on childcare. For every £8 you pay into your childcare account, the government adds an extra £2, giving you up to £2,000 per child per year (or up to £4,000 for disabled children). This can be used directly towards your nursery fees.

Enhanced Care Package

At Swan Meadow Private Day Nurseries, we are committed to delivering outstanding care and education, tailored to your child's needs. While the Working Families Funding covers the core Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, additional services and consumables that support your child's daily wellbeing and enrichment are charged separately under our Enhanced Care Package. To simplify billing and ensure your child receives consistent high quality care and support throughout their day, our Enhanced Care Package is offered at a fixed rate of **£12 per day**. By combining these services into one convenient fee, we aim to provide convenience and simplicity, so you know exactly what is included.

Below is a detailed breakdown of these fees to provide clarity and transparency.

Meals and Snacks - We provide freshly prepared, nutritious meals and snacks tailored to children's dietary needs and preferences. These are carefully planned to support healthy growth and development.	
Breakfast – Toast served alongside a selection of cereals, accompanied by fresh milk or milk alternatives to suit your child's preference.	£8 per day
Lunch – A homemade, balanced, and nutritious two-course meal, carefully prepared to accommodate allergens and dietary requirements.	
Afternoon Tea Snack – A nutritious and satisfying snack to keep children energized and refreshed until they get home.	
Snack – A mid-morning and/or early evening snack featuring either fresh fruit or healthy dried options such as rice cakes, raisins, breadsticks, and more.	

Activities & Celebrations - We offer a variety of special activities and seasonal events to enrich your child's experience and support their social, emotional and creative development. We highly encourage participation to help your child build confidence, explore new interests, and feel part of the nursery community.	
Special Activities - We provide a range of enriching experiences such as guest visits, themed workshops, yoga, music, and baking, designed to enhance your child's learning and encourage exploration beyond the daily routine.	£2 per day
Seasonal Celebrations – We host joyful events, which include themed activities and additional treats, creating a fun and memorable experience, encouraging children to engage with traditions and celebrate with their friends.	
Craft & Materials – We provide a variety of high-quality craft supplies for themed projects and creative play, encouraging your child's imagination and artistic development.	

Non-Food Consumables - To ensure your child's comfort, hygiene, and wellbeing throughout the day. These items are carefully selected to meet high standards of safety and quality.	
Paracetamol – Supplied and administered by the nursery only when necessary, in accordance with our Medication policy and with parental consent.	£2 per day
Emergency Medication - This includes essential medicines such as antihistamines, which the nursery may purchase to ensure your child's health and safety. Written consent will be obtained at registration and must be kept up to date to reflect any changes in your child's health, including allergies or known adverse reactions.	
Suncream - High-protection suncream is provided and applied by the nursery during sunny weather to protect your child's delicate skin. Written consent for suncream application will be obtained at registration and should be updated as needed.	
Nappies – We provide nappies throughout the day to ensure your child's comfort and hygiene. These are included as part of our care routine and used as needed during your child's time at nursery.	
Wipes – We provide non-fragranced, sensitive baby wipes to support your child's hygiene and comfort throughout their time at nursery.	
Nappy Creams – We provide and apply nursery-supplied nappy creams as needed to protect your child's skin and prevent irritation. Application is carried out in line with our safeguarding and hygiene procedures, and only with prior written parental consent. Parents may also choose to supply their own cream if preferred.	
Spare Clothes – We keep a supply of spare clothing, including coats and wellies, for your child to use if they need changing and do not have their own bag or appropriate items with them on the day.	
Famly App – Provides user access to your child's secure online learning journey, home activity ideas, direct messaging between home and nursery, real-time updates on your child's day's day to day experiences, photos, and billing information. This app helps strengthen the home–nursery connection and keeps you informed and involved at all times.	

Additional Notes

The Enhanced Care Package covers items and activities not included in the funded Early Education hours.

All fees are clearly itemised on your monthly invoice.

Parents are welcome to discuss any concerns or preferences with the nursery team to tailor services to your child's needs.

Discounts may apply for siblings or families accessing multiple services; please enquire for details.

Opt Out Option

While parents are entitled to opt out of the Enhanced Care Package, please note that doing so means you will be responsible for supplying all required items, in line with our Provision of Own Supplies Policy and Lunchbox Policy. These policies outline strict guidelines that must be followed to ensure consistency, hygiene, and the wellbeing of all children in our care.

Please be aware that this is an all-or-nothing arrangement, partial participation is not permitted. Families who choose to opt out must provide every item covered by the package, without exception, to ensure there is no disruption to the care and routine of the children.

We strongly encourage families to take advantage of the Enhanced Care Package,