

Enhanced Provision at Toddlers Inn

Here at Toddlers Inn, we like to go 'above and beyond' for our children who attend our setting and offer a wide range of enhanced provision activities and events for the children to enjoy. This includes;

Forest School & Allotment!

We have beautiful Forest School Garden, Oak Garden and large outdoor classroom with 2 heated yurts where children can undertake daily forest school activities with our Qualified Forest School Leader. We also have a large Allotment and poly tunnel where the children can grow their own produce to use in our weekly baking clubs. Our Allotment is also home to our resident flock of pekin bantams where Reggie the Rooster and his girls enjoy a cuddle and some seeds, the children love to find the eggs! We encourage the children to learn about rewilding and biodiversity, looking after the ground, our insects, and the future of the world!



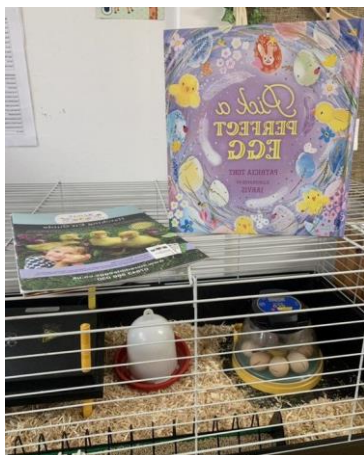
Hatching chicks and ducklings!

In the spring we have had an incubator in the nursery and hatch our very own chicks or ducklings.

The children can observe the whole process, watching the eggs as they move and crack and then babies appearing and fluffing as they dry!

We take care of the babies for 10 days before they either go back to live on the farm or stay with us in the nursery allotment. It is fascinating to see how fast they grow and educational learning about what is needed to help them get bigger!

We also have Zoolab visit in the autumn and emergency service visits in the summer



Preschool Graduation!

In the summer we organise a large fete and graduation ceremony for our school leavers. They enjoy a bouncy castle, games and activities with their friends before joining in a special celebration with all the parents/carers too! In the winter we have a festive fete or carol evening with children's parties too! It a wonderful opportunity for the children to share some time together and for families to meet and mingle



Visitors to the Nursery!

We like to invite a variety of special visitors into the nursery to broaden the children's knowledge and understanding of the world. We are lucky to have visits from ZooLab mini beasts, Farm visitors, Police Officers, Story Tellers, Dentists, the Fire Brigade (and their fire engine), Reilly the therapy dog and many more!



Toddlers Inn Book Library & Take-home bags!

Toddlers Inn have a book 'Lending Library' located at the front of the nursery where children and parents can borrow and swap books to read at home, we also have 'Take home' bags available where parents can request to borrow an activity bag, each bag has a different theme to help children with learning at home, whether it be threading, pincer grip or our Gingerbread Man Baking Bag, children can add their achievements to our online learning journey system which is great for parent communication and for enhancing children's development! We also love to visit the library regularly



Weekly Enhanced activities

Each week the children have the opportunity to take part in our enhanced activities which include: Beach School, Pet care with our resident Guinea Pigs; Patch, Posy, Ghost & Marble, our rabbits Cookie and Crumble and our Giant African land snails Flash and Crackers!

We also have a flock of bantam hens, and a beautiful cockerel called Reggie!

During the week we also offer Yoga, Baking Club, Woodland Craft, Sports Club, Woodwork, Science, Music Sessions with Ellie and French with Imogen.



Music Club with Ellie

Ellie provides a fun packed sessions that leave everyone with a new song stuck in their mind! Ellie makes her sessions as relaxed and fun as possible to help the quieter ones find their confidence.

- Live guitar and singing
- Ellie's original songs and rhymes as well as traditional nursery rhymes
- Variety of percussion instruments and props
- Puppets as characters leading children through each session
- Encouraging children to express themselves without fear
- Covering a wide range of topics
- Hoping to inspire children and helping them discover the magic of music as their future passion, hobby or perhaps even their career



French with Imogen

Imogen provides fun, interactive sessions every week, learning a language at a young age is a great opportunity to develop a child's awareness and confidence, having lots of fun whilst learning at the same time.

Learning French at an early age can have a positive impact on a child's cognitive, social, and academic development. French is not only a beautiful language but it is also widely spoken around the world. Learning French can improve cognitive abilities such as memory, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.

Beach School in the Mini Bus

Beach school is an enhanced activity that helps children learn about and connect with our local beach. The program is like the forest school ethos but on a beach. This is based on the fundamental respect for children and their capacity to investigate, test and maintain curiosity in the world around them. Beach school gives the children the opportunity to explore, play, assess risk and relish in the natural world, learning about marine life, beach combing, environmental matters. Beach school promotes an understanding of the ocean and builds connections with nature





Woodwork club

In our weekly woodwork club sessions, we want our children to learn to be adaptable and resourceful. Creative thinking and problem-solving are so important in today's world and woodwork is a fantastic way to build these skills. When children work with wood, they are not just building a toy; they are building confidence. They get to make their own decisions, experiment, and learn from mistakes - that's how real learning happens! Woodwork sparks their imagination and encourages them to think outside the box.

It's not just about hammering nails, either. Woodwork touches on so many areas of learning:

- **Maths:** Measuring, angles, and shapes.
- **Science:** Understanding materials and how things work.
- **Physical Coordination:** Developing fine and gross motor skills.
- **Language:** Learning new words and describing their creations.

Essentially, woodwork is a hands-on way to develop a whole range of valuable skills, setting your child up for success in whatever they choose to do."

Farm School

Farm school is an ever growing adventure where children learn through engaging activities like caring for animals, meeting their welfare needs, feeding, brushing and observing the animal world. This hands-on approach promotes deeper understanding and retention of knowledge. Farm school emphasizes building a strong connection with the natural world, fostering a sense of respect and responsibility for the environment and animals living in it. Farm activities support all areas of development, including:



- **Physical development:** through outdoor play and physical tasks.
- **Social and emotional development:** through teamwork, cooperation, and caring for animals.
- **Cognitive development:** through observation, problem-solving, and exploration.
- **Language development:** through conversations, storytelling, and learning new vocabulary.

In essence, farm school provides a rich and stimulating environment where young children can learn and grow through direct interaction with the natural world.

Yoga Club

Yoga club offers a wealth of benefits for young children, impacting their physical, emotional, and cognitive development.

- Yoga poses help children develop flexibility and build strength in their growing bodies.
- Breathing exercises and relaxation techniques taught in yoga can help children manage stress and anxiety.
- Yoga helps children learn to calm themselves and regulate their emotions.
- Yoga can help improve children's ability to focus and concentrate, which can be beneficial in school and other activities.
- Yoga introduces mindfulness, which is the practice of being present in the moment. This skill can help children develop a greater sense of calm and well-being.



Mini Bus Trips & Buggy Adventures!

Our mini bus has been a fantastic addition along with our three- and six-seater buggies so we can take the children on weekly adventures to local farms, woodland trails, the Ashdown Forest, farm shops, garden centres, libraries, and nature reserves, just to name a few!

We have been to visit the Butterfly Centre, Sheffield Park, Stoneywish Park, Townings Farm and Lacthetts farm just to name a few which all link in with our curriculum activities.



Gardening & Rewilding Club



Gardening Club offers a rich tapestry of benefits for children, nurturing their development and understanding of the production of food and plants, children also learn how to protect the world around us and ensure a sustainable future. Gardening involves a variety of physical activities, from digging and planting to watering and weeding, which help refine both fine and gross motor skills. Handling small seeds and tools enhances fine motor coordination, while lifting and carrying watering cans strengthens gross motor skills. The children learn about the whole process of growing in our Allotment, designing a growing space, choosing what we grow, preparing the soil, planting the seed, nurturing the plants, and harvesting the produce - then we get to cook it and eat it! That is the most fun bit.



We encourage and support the children to build an understanding about the difference we can make to our environment, looking after the world we live in and ensuring a sustainable future. We observe the land we have and the creatures that live within in, we learn how to create insect corridors, make mini beast hotels, bat, and hedgehog homes, we plant native wild flower areas to encourage different species and observe the difference we species throughout the year. We learn about insect life cycles, make wild ponds, and monitor the weather. We work with local community projects to ensure our children help to make a better future. The Weald to Wave project and Local Dam building to support the reintroduction of beavers.



The children love to explore our rewilding areas every day, feeding the birds and tending to the plants - we want to create a better future for everyone



Cooking Club

Our baking club happens nearly every day, whether the children are making dessert or collecting produce from the allotment and cooking on the open fire, they have recipes they love to follow and share ideas about things they would like to make, this sometimes involves a trip to the shop too

Baking Club is much more than just making tasty treats! It has lots of educational benefits too

- Measuring ingredients introduces concepts of quantity, fractions, and counting. Following a recipe involves understanding numbers and sequences.
- Reading and following recipes improve literacy and comprehension. Learning new vocabulary related to ingredients and cooking processes.
- Observing how ingredients change when mixed, heated, or cooled introduces basic scientific principles,
- Baking helps children learn to follow step by step instructions
- Mixing, stirring, kneading, and decorating enhance hand-eye coordination and fine motor control.



Science & Exploration Club

Our weekly science club sessions and activities are planned to kindle an interest in natural sciences and to encourage children's natural curiosity as well as to boost their confidence and resilience. Science encourages children to ask questions and explore the world around them. This natural curiosity is a powerful driver of learning. It promotes a sense of wonder and encourages them to seek answers. We learn through observation and analysis, and drawing conclusions. These processes enhance critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

Science club strengthens cognitive skills such as reasoning, logical thinking, and analytical abilities.



Woodland Craft Club

This club allows the youngest children (our mini oaks) to participate in those early forest school skills; an early introduction before children move up to full time forest school, where children can explore their natural environment, using its natural materials to create and use their imagination. Children explore our natural woodland garden with its ever-changing foliage and plants on a smaller scale, observing the changes the seasons bring and learning about the birds and insects that live in our beautiful space. Children use clay and mud along with nature's tools and paint brushes to create sculptures and pictures.

The children build shelters but also have a heated yurt and woodland shelter too so activities can be continued whatever the weather!



Lots of Community events



Summer Fete and Christmas Fair



Drinks station for parents
With Breakfast mornings and snacks



Ice Cream Van visits



Coffee van visits



Pumpkin Patch Visits



Community Fetes



Christmas Tree Festival



Celebration days
throughout the year



Special Seasonal Visits

Weekly Baby Sensory Sessions



Our weekly session is a fully immersive sensory experience with low lights, textures, sounds, smells, allowing the children to develop a natural curiosity at a slower more peaceful pace, these sessions are provided in smaller groups so less confident children can have the time to build self-esteem, sensory sessions stimulate the neural pathways in a baby's brain, fostering crucial connections that support cognitive growth. This lays the foundation for future learning, problem-solving, and memory development.

And loads more including:

- Providing nappies, wipes and support with potty training including personalized reward charts and stickers
- Supply Aptamil formula milk
- Nursery t-shirt and bag for every new starter and we include factor 50 sun cream for the children in the warm summer weather
- Parents Evenings twice a year so parents can discuss their child's development with their key person plus a summative assessment meeting on transfer to school.
- All meals cooked on site by our chef with Riverford organic fruit and vegetables and our local farm shop, Holmansbridge Farm, for our meat supplies
- We have a Pre School Early Years Teacher
- Access to the school fields for nature walks
- Eco friendly products wherever possible and supporting children to help look after our environment

