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Welcome

Your child's learning journey starts here

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Our Approach

At Little Mays EYFS, part of Princess May Primary School, we welcome children into our Nursery and Reception classes. Our highly-qualified and caring staff teach in a combined setting, using our specially designed Early Years curriculum.

We are a fully-inclusive school, embracing the unique qualities of each child. Guided by our values of respect, empathy, and determination, we strive to deliver excellent outcomes for every child.

Our goal is for children to leave Little Mays with a love for learning, confidence in their abilities, and the skills to thrive in the next stage of their education.

We are dedicated to helping your child grow, explore, and succeed every day.





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What We Learn



Following the EYFS Framework:

At Little Mays EYFS, we use the Statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework (2024), along with guidance from Development Matters (2023). This helps us provide a well-rounded and organised approach to early learning, giving your child a strong start.



A Well-Planned and Exciting Curriculum

Our curriculum is divided into interesting themes and filled with plenty of stories. We also make sure to leave room for your child's interests, making learning fun and engaging.



Books That Reflect Our Class:

We choose books that represent the diverse backgrounds of our pupils. Some books reflect your child's own life, while others introduce them to different cultures and experiences, helping them understand and appreciate the world around them.


Our 7 Areas of Learning
Personal, Social & Emotional Development
Physical Development
Literacy
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts & Design
Mathematics
Communication & Language

How We Learn



Kind Friends & Helpers:

Our staff love showing your child the best ways to learn and play with others, fostering kindness and cooperation.

Trips and Curiosity:

We take trips that ignite curiosity and give children a chance to explore the world around them, making learning experiences memorable and exciting.

Learning Everywhere:

We don't just stick to workbooks and desks. We explore exciting things both inside and outside, making learning an adventure that sparks curiosity.

Places that Spark Imagination:

Our classrooms are full of exciting things to see and do, making learning feel like a magical discovery every day.

Tons of Fun Activities:

We have a mix of exciting things planned by grown-ups and adventures the children choose themselves, ensuring there's always something fun to do.

Words, Words, Words!:

We love stories and chats. Your child will hear lots of rich language and have plenty of chances to talk, helping their little brains blossom with vocabulary and communication skills.

Big Feelings, Small Worries:

We help your child understand and manage their emotions, and build friendships that last, supporting their emotional well-being.

Just Like Them, Unique and Special:

We know every child learns differently, so we tailor activities and support to fit their interests and needs, ensuring they feel unique and special.

Playtime with a Purpose:

We know playing is the best way to learn, so we have a mix of set up special activities and continuous provision (resources that are always available) that help your child grow and develop in a playful environment.

Communication

We believe that strong communication between parents and teachers is essential for your child's success. At Little Mays EYFS, we offer several ways to stay connected:

Class Dojo:

This platform allows for easy parent-to-teacher communication about your child's learning and progress.

Termly Parent Meetings:

Regularly scheduled meetings to discuss your child's development and any questions you may have.

Informal Catch-Ups:

Quick chats at the end of the day to share updates and address any immediate concerns.

Parent Workshops:

Opportunities for you to join your child's learning and gain insights into our teaching methods and activities.





Our Team



Qualified Teacher:

Our EYFS team includes a fully qualified teacher who brings expertise and passion to the classroom.



SENDCo:

We have a dedicated Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) for the school, ensuring all children receive the support they need.



Regular Training

Our staff participate in regular training to stay updated with the latest educational practices and techniques.

Where We Learn

At Little Mays EYFS, we ensure that our environment is both safe and stimulating for all children. Our spacious setting allows for free-flow play both indoors and outdoors, giving children the freedom to explore and learn at their own pace. We provide access to a wide range of resources, encouraging children to use them independently.

Our indoor areas include a home corner, a sand area, a reading nook, and creative stations. Outside, we have a garden, a mud kitchen, a water play area, and climbing equipment. Each space is thoughtfully designed to inspire curiosity and foster development across all areas of learning.



Food

At Little Mays EYFS, we believe in providing nutritious meals to support your child's growth and development. All Reception children enjoy a healthy lunch each day, carefully prepared in our on-site kitchen to meet their dietary needs and preferences. Our menu is available on our website, ensuring transparency and allowing you to plan ahead.

Additionally, children receive fresh fruit and milk during snack times, promoting healthy eating habits throughout the day. We strive to create a positive dining experience where children can enjoy balanced meals in a supportive environment.

Wraparound Care

We offer extended day for preschool and reception pupils from 7.45am-5.45pm

Breakfast club : 7:45am

After school club: 3.30pm-5.45pm


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Your Child's First Days

We understand that starting nursery or reception is a big step for your child, and we are committed to making their first days at Little Mays EYFS as smooth and welcoming as possible.

To ensure a comfortable transition, we invite children to join us for an hour on their first day, allowing them to familiarise themselves with their new environment. We tailor the settling process for each child, taking into account their individual needs and preferences. During the initial settling meeting, where you will receive your child's start date, we will ask you to sign a home-school agreement and provide some paperwork to help us get to know your child better. This information is crucial for us to create a supportive and personalised learning experience.

We will also provide you with information about our (optional) uniform policy. Children are required to bring a labelled bag of spare clothes in case of accidents or getting wet during play, along with a water bottle and wellies. A book bag is essential for

transporting books and communication between home and school.

At Little Mays EYFS, we are dedicated to ensuring that your child feels secure, happy, and ready to learn from their very first day with us.



Admissions

Part-Time Nursery Children (3-4 years old):

Entitled to 15 hours per week.
Timings: 8:45am - 11:55am every day.

Full-Time Nursery and Reception Children:

Timings: 8:45am - 3:25pm every day.

School Tours

Please call our school office on 020 7254 1589 or email admin@princessnay.hackney.sch.uk to book a school tour.

30 Hours Free Childcare:

Eligible families can apply for a code.
Scan QR code for details on how to apply.

* Reception In Year Transfer: Applications need to be made through Hackney Education.

For more information on admissions and to arrange a visit, please contact us or scan the QR codes for detailed instructions on applying for 30 hours of free childcare. We look forward to welcoming you to Little Mays EYFS.



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