



Ibstock Place

CO-EDUCATIONAL DAY SCHOOL

Ibstock Nursery

FAQs



Ibstock Place School is delighted to announce the opening of its new Nursery in September 2026, extending its exceptional Pre-Prep provision to boys and girls aged 3–4 years.

Who is the Nursery for?

The nursery is for children aged 3-4 years. To be eligible for September 2026 entry your child must have a birth date between September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023.

Where will the Nursery be located?

The Nursery will be based within the Pre-Prep department at Ibstock Place School. The spacious new nursery has been purposefully designed to meet the needs of our youngest children. The Nursery will have its own enclosed outdoor area and children will also have access to the larger playground.



What facilities will the Nursery have?

Children will benefit from a wide range of facilities within the Pre-Prep building, including the kitchen for cooking activities and the library. They will also enjoy access to wider school facilities such as the Forest School.



What will the timings of the Nursery be?

The Nursery will operate during Ibstock Place School term-time only, as an extension to our current Pre-Prep provision. The nursery day will begin at 8.40 am and finish at 3.20 pm.



Do you have provision for an extended day?

Yes. Wraparound care will be available before school from 7.30 am onwards and after school until 6.00 pm. Breakfast will be served in the morning, and a substantial snack will be provided for children staying after school.

Ibstock's wraparound care is run by our partner Platform, with staff specifically trained in Early Years care. Nursery children will be based in the Nursery alongside other Pre-Prep pupils, aged 3–6 years.



Do you offer clubs at Nursery?

Yes, Nursery children can participate in Arts and Crafts Club and Sports Club, which will run from 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm on set days of the week at no extra charge.



What will the curriculum be?

The curriculum will be varied, with learning experiences carefully planned to meet the individual developmental needs, abilities and stages of each child. The indoor and outdoor nursery environments will facilitate high-quality continuous provision, enabling children to independently engage with a carefully planned range of activities throughout the day fostering exploration, problem-solving, creativity and communication and language development. The Nursery curriculum includes specialist sessions in Physical Education, Music and Forest School.



What will the Nursery day be like?

Each day there will be free-flow learning, phonics, maths, outdoor play and time for specialist sessions. Children will have frequent opportunities to engage in construction, small world play, sand and water play, mark-making, role play and creative activities, allowing them to revisit and deepen learning while pursuing their own interests. Gross motor development will be supported through a wide selection of ride-on toys, climbing apparatus and physical challenges, promoting core strength and coordination.



Will you provide lunch?

Yes. All children will be served a hot lunch in the Nursery, prepared by Ibstock's award-winning catering team. We are able to cater to a range of dietary requirements and allergens. A fruit snack will be provided for morning break, and crackers will be offered as an afternoon snack.



How will the Nursery be staffed?

A qualified teacher specialising in Early Years will be your child's key person. A full-time teaching assistant with experience and training in Early Years education will work alongside the teacher. All Nursery staff will hold a full Paediatric First Aid qualification and Ibstock's School Nurse is also available during school hours. Children will be taught primarily by the Nursery teacher, with additional specialist teaching in Physical Education, Music and Forest School.



What milestones should my child reach before starting Nursery?

To support a smooth and confident start, we ask that children are able to manage the day without a scheduled nap, as there is no designated sleep time at Ibstock Nursery. While we understand that occasional accidents may occur, children are expected to be out of nappies by the time they begin with us in September.



How will communication between families and Nursery work?

Communication between Ibstock Nursery and families is centred on a close, supportive partnership. Staff will share regular learning updates, progress information and photographs through the Arc app, giving parents a clear picture of their child's experiences. Parents are encouraged to speak with staff at any time, with teachers available at the end of each day and a daily message book at drop-off for sharing important information. Staff also use this book to note anything parents need to be aware of, such as a minor fall.

Families are invited to key information sessions across the year, including a Welcome Talk in the Summer Term before children start, an Autumn Term Curriculum Talk outlining the year ahead, and a Phonics Information Session later in the Autumn Term, explaining how early phonics is introduced.



What will the Nursery fees be?

Nursery fees will be £5,700 per term for the 2026-2027 academic year. This is based on term time only, five days per week, in line with the Ibstock Place School calendar.

Universal Entitlement: All 3-4-year-olds receive 15 funded hours per week (term time).

Extended Entitlement: Eligible working families may receive 30 funded hours per week.

Further details regarding costs and funding arrangements are available from the Registrar.



Will my child have automatic entry into Ibstock Place Kindergarten?

We offer automatic right of 'safe passage' into our Kindergarten (4+), ensuring a seamless and reassuring transition for children and families.



How do I apply for a Nursery place?

To apply for a place at the Nursery, please [register your child here](#).

If you would like to register your interest, or if you have further questions, please contact registrar@ibstockplaceschool.co.uk.

Places will be allocated by date of registration. Priority offers of a place will be given to current members of the Ibstock Place School community.

Families who accept a place will be invited to attend a Teddy Bear's Tea Party at the end of the Summer Term. Prior to starting Nursery, teachers will visit children in their home to support a smooth and positive transition into school.