



Loving Learning Every Day

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

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Nursery Admission Statement

Starting nursery is a very important milestone in every child's life. As a parent/carer, you have an important role to play in helping your child take the first steps on their learning journey. We are keen to work with you to make sure that starting nursery is a positive experience for your child, and to help your child achieve their full potential in a warm and caring environment.

St Catherine's Nursery class is an integral part of St Catherine's School: it will provide the same high quality of teaching and learning as the rest of the school.

Morning Nursery

Children are expected to attend the five morning sessions (Monday to Friday) to ensure continuity in their learning, and access to the whole curriculum. A morning session lasts for three hours.

30 Hours provision at St Catherine's

As well as morning nursery, we will also operate lunch club and afternoon nursery sessions. These sessions are available to all nursery children, whether funded (via 30 hours entitlement) or for a fee.

How do I know if I'm eligible for 30hrs funding?

You can check your eligibility and make your application by following the directions on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare?step-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf9>

If your application is successful you will receive a Unique Reference Number (URN) which we need before we can consider your child for a free place. The number needs to be entered on the application form attached.

Applications are open for Nursery until 13th February 2026.

Offers will be sent out via email on the 20th March 2026 at 12.30pm and places need to be accepted by 20th April 2026.

Each term you can choose how many additional sessions (above the 5 mornings) your child will attend. We do not offer partial sessions (e.g. leaving at 2:30pm) and you **cannot change booked sessions until the following term. Fees should be paid at the start of each term and are non-refundable.** For lunch club you will need to provide a healthy packed lunch for your child, or pay for a hot lunch. There are 4 options for parents:



Head Teacher: Mrs Hazel Leslie

Deputy Head: Mr Andrew Carless

St Catherine's is a voluntary controlled Church of England School affiliated to St Mary's Church, Ware