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AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL NURSERY

... this is a St Clare's School Nursery education with Forest School, Spanish/French, music, PE and optional ballet.

We welcome children from the age of 2 1/2 years into our bright and spacious nursery setting which is the first entry point into our Prep School. Children must be toilet trained and out of pull-ups.

From your child's first moment at our nursery and pre-school, they become part of the St Clare's family, with access to eleven acres of magnificent grounds and all the facilities and resources available at an independent school.



Explore St Clare's School & Nursery with our 3D Virtual Tours



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Top 20 Rated Nursery

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We are delighted to be recognised as a Daynurseries.co.uk Top 20 Rated Nursery (Wales) for the third year running.

Helen Hier, Headteacher, said:

"We couldn't be prouder of our wonderful team who work so hard each and every day to provide each pupil with a rich and stimulating learning experience. It means a tremendous amount to be recommended by our families and we truly appreciate this recognition."



Click the link to read what our parents say in their 10/10 parent reviews





Headteacher's Welcome

AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL NURSERY

In choosing St Clare's as a nursery and then school for your son or daughter you are ensuring that they are educated in a nurturing environment and will realise their full potential.

St Clare's offers an exceptional education for pupils from nursery to sixth form.

St Clare's will always be small enough to ensure that we have a deep and valuable knowledge of every individual pupil but large enough to create meaningful communities and provide a wide and varied academic, pastoral, enrichment and extra curricular offer.

Click [here](#) read our Estyn Report from November 2022
or visit www.stclares-school.co.uk/inspection-reports/

Watch Our Video and meet our Headteacher, Mrs Helen Hier





"The Nursery teachers are fantastic and always take the time to discuss our daughter's development with us. We would recommend the Nursery to absolutely everyone." (Nursery parent - April 2023)

Vision and Values

AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL NURSERY

Our Early Years Vision Statement.

To provide a safe, caring, happy and stimulating environment for children to enjoy play and learning experiences.

To enable children to:

- Develop their capabilities as ambitious competent learners
- Become creative contributors
- Become ethical and informed citizens in society
- Grow into independent, healthy, confident individuals.

We aim to support all our children by creating an environment that has a good balance of quality teaching and education, as well as opportunities for free and guided play experiences where the children choose and lead their learning.



Teaching and Play

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St Clare's Early Years aims to

- Create a balance between child-initiated and adult-initiated activities to ensure that children acquire appropriate skills, knowledge and are cognitively challenged and supported.
- Ensure all children have access to indoor and outdoor play and learning experiences.
- Acknowledge the importance of play within the Early Years and ensure that opportunities for play activities are freely chosen. The nursery will help to ensure that play is fun and enjoyable for children.
- Use play to extend children's learning experiences.
- Monitor play, learning and progress through observation and recording.
- Monitor play, learning and progress to support and develop our planning.
- Review practices and resources to establish how children can best be supported in their play and learning.

"In the nursery, practitioners have a strong understanding of child development. They use this knowledge well to plan stimulating activities that develop pupils' skills holistically across area of learning."

(Estyn, November 2022)



Nursery Education

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Children attending St Clare's Nursery benefit from an enhanced education that prepares them for a highly successful school experience.

With deliberately smaller class sizes and a determination to ensure every child is ready for the transition to our Reception class, we work at their pace ensuring they are able to enjoy and get actively involved in every session.

In the process we attain levels of success and achievement that exceed nationally-expected standards.

"In addition to their strong speaking skills, most pupils in the nursery class make appropriate progress in their ability to speak Welsh and use familiar words and phrases when they interact with adults during their activities."

Estyn November 2022

The Nursery timetable includes:



Weekly music, art and Forest School lessons



Exploration of the nursery garden and school grounds



Specialist teachers visit for a weekly language lesson

The New Curriculum

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Our aim is for all children to develop the skills that will propel them into the future with confidence.

With an innovative new Early Years curriculum and outstanding level of care, your child will receive all the support they require to develop into curious, confident and rounded young people.

Literacy, numeracy and digital competency frameworks supplement and support the new curriculum to improve these key competencies in the classroom, and instil them as core skills from a young age.

The learning process in our nursery is carefully embedded into every session and by the time our children move on into Reception they have a true love of learning.

Authentic Learning experiences

St Clare's aims to teach children about their world and, where possible, create learning opportunities for them to experience activities with real life context.

"In the nursery, nearly all pupils develop strong independent learning skills. For example they chose resources in the home corner independently to hold a tea party." [Estyn, November 2022]

5 Development Pathways

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Central to the curriculum are the five key developmental pathways that are fundamental to the learning and development of all young children.

They focus on what is important for the child, and link closely to the key principles of child development.

Each pathway has a clear rationale that captures the essence of what children need to develop at their own pace in a way that is appropriate for them. The skills are child-centred and use statements that positively reflect the children recognising their progress, such as "I am learning to..." and "I need to...".

1. Belonging
2. Communication
3. Exploration
4. Physical Development
5. Wellbeing

Your child will receive all the support they require to be:

-  Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives
-  Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work
-  Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to take part in Wales and the world
-  Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society



Outdoor Learning

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St Clare's Early Years believes that outdoor play and learning is essential to children's health, development, and well-being. We aim to create opportunities for the children to play and learn outdoors regularly.

Our weekly Forest School promotes the opportunity to develop skills to manage risks and attempt new challenges which pupils would not face in a classroom. Such challenges include - using tools, building fires and den making. These activities add a sense of excitement and adventure to the children's learning, and they are free to explore and manipulate the environment around them using all their senses.

Our stunning woodland space is used for Forest School and as an outdoor classroom, providing the perfect place in which to develop a true appreciation for the natural world.

A large, secure astroturfed outdoor play area provides play facilities with slides, balance bikes, scooters and climbing frames to help the development of gross motor skills.





Room to Grow

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Few Nurseries in south Wales could compete with the exceptional facilities that are available to our pupils. Set in 11 acres of magnificent beautifully landscaped grounds, St Clare's School Nursery is the perfect environment for learning and personal growth.

Each classroom has an interactive smartboard and the children have access to iPads.

Benefitting from well-equipped, bright and comfortable rooms, plus a dedicated outdoor learning and play area, children can access the facilities they need to develop their academic, physical, social and creative skills.

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The Nursery Day

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St Clare's School Nursery offers full-time or part-time places.

- Children can attend a combination of morning sessions and full days (with a minimum of 3 mornings to start in our Little Ladybirds class ("Rising 3s").
- Early drop off available from 8:00am for busy working parents.
- Morning sessions including lunch (9:00am-12:30pm).
- Full Time sessions (9:00am-3:00pm).
- After School Care from 3:30-5:30pm at no extra charge.



Fees

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As parents you will rightly consider the cost of sending your child to private school nursery. We understand that parents want flexibility in the way they pay their fees. There are different options available to parents, from paying termly in advance by direct debit or if you would like even greater flexibility, monthly through the School Fee Plan.

- St Clare's Nursery is surprisingly competitively priced from as little as £46.56 per day (or £35.42 with the Bridgend Early Years Grant funding applied). A healthy home-cooked hot lunch and After School Club from 3:30 – 5:30pm are included in the fees.
- Fees are charged per school term and there are 3 terms per year. Children living within Bridgend County Borough are eligible for the **Bridgend Early Years Grant Funding of £650 per term** from the term following their third birthday, provided they are in Nursery for a minimum of 3 mornings per week.
- Click [here](#) to find out more about fees on our website. Nursery fees include lunch and After School Care until 5:30. There is no charge for early drop-off from 8:00am.

Be you. Brilliantly!

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For more information about our wonderful nursery or to book a personal tour,
contact Holly Fowlkes, our Admissions Registrar.

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