



Introduction to Pilton Pre-school

Pilton Playgroup, now Pre-school, was established in 1966 and operates in the Methodist Chapel rooms alongside the chapel. It is set in the picturesque village of Pilton in Somerset which is easily accessible from the surrounding Towns & Villages of Glastonbury, West Pennard, North Wootton and Shepton Mallet to name but a few. We have strong links with the community and local schools, thus ensuring that children have a very grounded, friendly, and gentle introduction to spending time away from the family environment.

We are a Charity and Committee run organisation which is managed by a small and dedicated team of staff. The voluntary management committee is made up of parents and carers who meet regularly with the Pre-school Manager to discuss budgets, spending, fundraising events, training & operational needs, and to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the Pre-school offering support where needed.

We are registered with the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) and comply with statutory requirements. Our membership of The Early Years Alliance (previously the Pre-school Learning Alliance) ensures we are constantly in touch with new thinking in the field of child education and care.

Our setting boasts a huge range of resources and equipment – using both tailor made and recycled/reclaimed - which are used to promote all areas of learning across the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

We strongly believe in promoting Healthy Active Lifestyles and particularly pride ourselves on the excellent outdoor space we have available for our sole use. We encourage a healthy attitude towards being outdoors, being busy and getting involved in the community.

Our key Philosophy is: “We believe that each and every child is unique, special and full of potential.” Therefore, we strive to inspire in all a sense of: Confidence, Creativity, Critical thinking, Compassion, Character & Community. (for full details see section 0.2 Philosophy and Aims)

In following our aims, we hope that children at Pilton Pre-school will develop a positive attitude towards themselves and others; develop a sense of well-being and develop positive dispositions to lifelong learning. Most importantly we want children to have **lots of fun** as they fulfil their potential and become confident, capable learners.

The Pre-school operates at the following hours during term time only:

Monday	8.45am – 4.00pm
Tuesday	8.45am – 4.00pm
Wednesday	8.45am – 4.00pm
Thursday	8.45am – 4.00pm
Friday	8.45am – 4.00pm

- We are registered to accept children from the age of 2 - 5 years, providing care for up to 20 children per session.
- We are in receipt of two-year-old funding, Early Years Pupil Premium and Universal and extended funding for 3- and 4-year-olds.
- Sessions are available as half or full days and children are required to attend a minimum of two sessions per week.
- Fundraising is an essential element to keeping our provision & service available, so we encourage lots of active participation from parents & families.
- We are closely linked with West Pennard School – which is where the majority of our children will attend. We also have strong links with Bowlish Infant School, Doultling and Shepton Mallet Infants.

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