



Welcome to...

Caldecote Day Nursery

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A place to learn, a place to play, a place to grow...



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About Us: Caldecote Day Nursery was founded in 1995 by proprietor Mariana Dixon whose aim was to provide high quality, affordable childcare for all. Mariana is a qualified Nursery Nurse with over 30 years' experience in childcare and early education.

In 1995, the nursery opened as an 18 place setting, offering childcare for two to five year olds. In 2003 the baby unit was officially opened and the nursery was able to accommodate 49 children aged six weeks to five years. Since 1995, Caldecote Day Nursery has given over 3000 children a great start to their education by offering a safe and nurturing environment to learn, grow and develop.

In 2018, the nursery expanded further creating spaces for a total of 70 children aged up to five years and opening 'Club Caldecote' holiday care for children up to eleven years of age in their own, dedicated space on the first floor of the building.

Situated close to Rugby town centre and directly next door to Caldecott Park, the staff members at nursery take full advantage of local amenities to enhance and enrich the Early Years curriculum.

Our Vision:

A place to learn, a place to play, a place to grow...

To achieve our vision, we aim for our children to:

Learn through play, whilst becoming **independent**, **adept**, life-long learners who are **expressive** and able to communicate their needs, thoughts and feelings in a variety of ways.

Explore and engage in fun and inspirational play-based activities, encouraged to be **confident** in themselves and with others while being **curious** in approaches to challenges.

Be **broad-minded** individuals who foster positive social, emotional and cultural values, celebrate successes, grow to their maximum potential and be **unique** personalities.

The aims are reached through a strong partnership between children, parents and nursery practitioners in our safe and nurturing, child-centered environment.

Our Rooms:



Baby Room
Birth – Two Years



Toddler Room
Two – Three Years



Pre-School Room
Three – Five Years



Club Caldecote
Reception – Year Six

Learning at Caldecote: We follow the interests of the children when planning learning opportunities. Practitioners carefully observe and assess children, noting their interests and looking for their 'next steps' to progress their development. Alongside this we take a thematic approach and will include seasonal learning activities as well as celebrating and marking significant festivals throughout the calendar. As a culturally diverse setting, with many children and staff from multicultural backgrounds and with a range of languages, we pride ourselves on our commitment to promoting cultural diversity through music, the arts and food.

The EYFS Curriculum: Our rooms are resourced to support learning and development in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We aim to develop and broaden the range of children's learning experiences through the 7 areas of the curriculum:

Prime Areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development.

Specific Areas: Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; Expressive Arts and Design

The Characteristics of Effective Learning: These underpin all seven areas of learning and development, representing processes rather than outcomes. They are: Playing and Exploring; Active Learning; Creating and Thinking Critically.

The Curiosity Approach: We are a Curiosity Approach accredited setting. But what is it? The Curiosity Approach is a modern-day approach to learning in Early Childhood. Taking parts from Reggio, Steiner, Te Whāriki with a sprinkle of Montessori. It's a beautiful recipe book of wonderful ingredients, carefully mixed with experience, passion and a love of Early Childhood. This approach is specifically for forward thinking settings like ours, who want to create beautiful environments for our incredible children. Inspiring them to be inquisitive and curious, creating the "thinkers and doers" of the future.

As an accredited setting, we have embraced the use of authentic resources, recycled materials and loose parts. As part of The Curiosity Approach we ensure that environments offer a calm and tranquil place to become engaged in deep levels of sustained thinking. We take care to ensure that environments are conducive to empowering children's learning and development. Natural, calm play spaces that don't overstimulate and focus on careful provocations and invitations to learning that are on offer for children to explore and investigate.

Our Staff: All our staff hold a full and relevant childcare qualification or are working towards one. They have a wide range of experience in childcare and regularly undertake continued professional development. As well as three Designated Safeguarding Leaders, we also have two SENDCO's who support children with special needs; three Time to Talk Champions who support children with language development, two Makaton Champions who support with communication and two Mental Health Champions who are trained to support the well-being of the staff and the children. All staff are paediatric first aid trained and hold food hygiene and safeguarding qualifications amongst many others.

Quality, Affordable Childcare: In order to keep our session costs low, we ask that parents provide any nappies, wipes or formula that your child may require. This ensures children are using the preferred brand of the family. We ask parents to provide a large quantity when their child starts and issue a reminder to 'top-up' when requested. We do not take a deposit or charge an administration fee for new children starting. We also do not make charges for consumables such as paper, paint or pencils. These are all included in the fees.

Food & Nutrition: Our lunch menu from Warwickshire County Caterers provides children with freshly cooked meals. These are charged at an additional £2.50 per day and the menu is available to view on our website. Alternatively, you may wish to provide a healthy packed lunch for your child which we store in the fridge. Breakfast, tea and snacks throughout the day are included in the fees and the menu is available to view on our website. We are strictly a 'no nut' nursery and will return any nut-based products to you.

We hold the Early Years, Soil Association, Food For Life Award, which shows that we are providing tasty, nutritious meals in an environment that encourages good social skills and healthy choices. We are also supporting the development of good food habits for life through practical cooking and growing activities and food-based learning - for our children and their families.

Curriculum Enrichment: As part of their learning, children will have a variety of experiences at Caldecote Day Nursery. Local outings and visits to the park, to town and to the library are included at no additional cost. Children have a weekly drama session with 'Drama Tots' and Pre-School children also enjoy French sessions once per week as part of the standard fees.

Parental Engagement: At Caldecote Day Nursery we pride ourselves on our face to face contact with parents. We try and share as much information as possible at our handover times and are always on hand to chat about any concerns or questions you may have. On a day to day basis we also use 'ParentZone', a digital learning journal where staff publish photographs, known as 'moments' of children engaged in play, as well as daily information about meals, nappy changes, bottles and sleep. This is also used to complete observations, known as 'snapshots' of children learning, while closely monitoring their progress and planning for their next steps. The system allows parents to receive notifications about their child's day as well as contributing some of their own comments and observations at the touch of a button. The system is totally secure, and parents are provided with a secure log in, when their child has started.

We offer twice-yearly, more formal, milestone meetings where parents can talk to their child's key person about progress and development. We also offer parental events such as our Grandparent's Day / Mother's Day / Father's day Brunch and Afternoon tea; Stay & Play sessions three times a year, as well as Christmas sing-alongs, Sports Day and Pre-School Graduation.

Funded Places: We offer Nursery Education Funding (NEF) places of 15 and 30 hours to our 2, 3 and 4 year olds. We will commence funding for children 9 months+ on September 2024, in line with the current government offer. These usually begin the term after your child turns the required age.

If you are receiving funding, it is vital that you attend all your sessions for the full duration of time. As we are regularly audited by Warwickshire County Council, extended periods of unexplained absence or early collection when claiming funding, may result in the county reclaiming their funding from you directly.

To check your eligibility for a funded place, please visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk Please note that we have a limited number of funded places. If you are eligible, please contact the office for more information about how you can access these funded spaces.

Bookings: If you would like to take a place, please contact us to complete the relevant registration paperwork. You will need to provide a birth certificate as proof of identification and have the names and telephone numbers of your GP, Health Visitor (where applicable) and two emergency contacts, other than yourselves as parents.

Settling-In: Before your child starts, they are entitled to two settling-in sessions which are two hours in length each. We kindly ask that parents do not stay for these as it can make the transition more difficult and is often confusing for the child. These are arranged at a mutually convenient time when the registration paperwork is completed.

Fees: Fees are payable one month in advance and payments are made via BACS. The Nursery also accepts childcare vouchers and is part of the Tax-Free Childcare Government initiative. Further details can be found on www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Charges for late collection of children apply and late payment of fees may result in your child not being accepted at the nursery until the invoice is settled.

Notice of withdrawal or cancellation must be given to the nursery manager in writing one month in advance.

Opening Times: Caldecote Day Nursery is open 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year, closing only on statutory bank holidays and for a week between Christmas and the New Year.

Club Caldecote



Holiday Care:

- An option of half day or full day sessions.
- Breakfast, lunch, tea and snacks (depending on sessions booked).
- Use of dedicated rooms on the first floor with a range of resources.
- Offsite local visits to the library, museum, town, parks, lunches out (included in fees)
- Involvement in local activities – festivals, cultural events.
- A range of offsite visits to the cinema, Adventure Zone, Sealife Centre, Think Tank, Transport Museum (charged separately).

Our Facilities:

- We offer a dedicated space on the first floor which is zoned in different areas.
- A relaxing space with books and magazines.
- A technology area with a television, selection of DVDs and a games console.
- Role play area with resources and dressing up.
- A construction space with Lego, K'Nex, or space to play board games.
- A kitchen / diner to access snacks, drinks, tea and take part in cookery activities.
- An art room with a wide selection of art and craft materials.
- Use of the outdoor space or accompanied access to Caldecott Park.
- We offer a range of seasonal activities for children to take part in and aim to link activities to learning at school where possible.
- We follow the children's interests and also encourage them to make suggestions about what they would like to do.



Sessions and Pricing Structure from September 2025

Sessions / Hours		Standard Charges (outside of term time or in addition to funded hours)		30 / 15 Hours Funding (term time only)	Inclusive of:
Session		Birth – 3 Years	3 Years +	Birth – 3 Years +	For all ages
5 hrs	8:00am – 1:00pm	£31	£29	£0	Breakfast & snacks
5 hrs	1:00pm – 6:00pm	£31	£29	£0	Snacks
6 hrs	9:00am – 3:00pm	£37	£35	£0	Snacks
7.5 hrs	8:00am – 3.30pm	£46	£44	£0	Breakfast and snacks
10 hrs	8:00am – 6:00pm	£62	£58	£0	Breakfast and snacks

Please contact us for more information about how to apply for funding or visit: www.beststartinlife.gov.uk



Club Caldecote Holiday Care; Reception – Year Six		
Full Day (8am-6pm)	£38	Includes breakfast and snacks
Half Day (8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm)	£19	Including snacks and breakfast if doing a morning session.

In all the models shown, **lunch and tea are charged separately**. This is an additional £2:50 per meal. Children may bring food from home, that is in line with our no nut policy / healthy eating policy. This can be cold food which we store in the fridge or food that needs to be reheated before serving.