

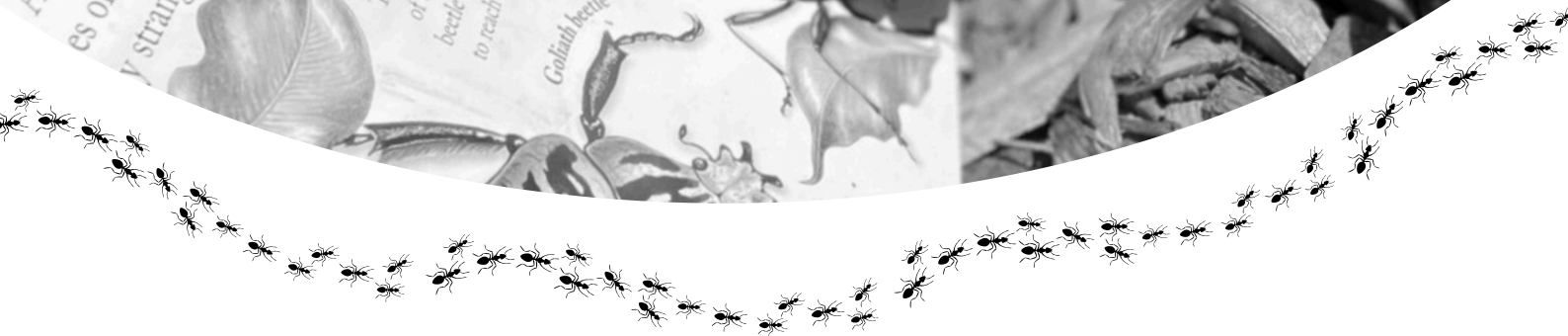


GROWILD

Forest School Nursery

Nurturing Nature's Little Explorers

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About Us

Welcome to GroWild

Welcome to GroWild Kindergarten, a Forest School nursery for two to five year olds set in 2.2 acres of beautiful woodland.

We believe that childhood is a magical time filled with wonder and discovery. Our Forest School Nursery provides a unique opportunity for children to connect with nature, embrace their individuality, and prepare for the exciting challenges of formal schooling.

Through the power of the great outdoors, we foster resilience, independence, and a passion for learning that will accompany your child throughout their educational journey.



"My son has grown into such a confident child through the support of GroWild. Be aware, kids come home covered in mud with sticks, leaves and stones hidden in wellies – a sign they've had an amazing day!"



OSCARS MUMMY



Our Ethos

Why Forest School?

The core philosophy of Forest School is based on the belief that children benefit from being immersed in nature and engaging in hands-on experiences in the natural world. It emphasises holistic development, promoting physical, emotional, social, and cognitive growth.

But it is also...

Mud pies, tools, storytelling, treasure hunting, painting, clay, campfire cookery, imagination, communication, friendship building, child-led discovery, laughter, self-regulating, non-judgemental, physical, nature loving, individual...

PLAY!



Our Woodland

Playing Outside!

So, what's so special about our woodland site? Let us tell you...

At GroWild Forest School Nursery, we believe that nature is the best teacher. Our 2.2 acre private woodland site is a place where your little ones can explore, play, and learn in the great outdoors.

We're not your typical nursery, we embrace the wild side of childhood and provide a unique experience that will ignite your child's curiosity and imagination.

From mud kitchens and den building to nature crafts and storytelling sessions, there's never a dull moment in our woodland wonderland.

We believe in providing a well-rounded unique curriculum that includes early literacy, numeracy, expressive arts, and outdoor exploration.

Key Highlights

- 🍁 PARENT PARTNERSHIP RESOURCES & EVENTS
- 🍁 HIGH RATIO OF QUALIFIED TEACHERS PER CHILD
- 🍁 INDEPENDENT NATURE CURRICULUM
- 🍁 FOREST SCHOOL & EDUCATION RESOURCES
- 🍁 FAMILY APP FOR WEEKLY UPDATES
- 🍁 SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAMME
- 🍁 HIGHLY QUALIFIED KEY PERSON STAFF



WILDLIFE
HEDGEROWS &
WILDFLOWERS

PLANTING A NEW
GARDEN & FRUIT
ORCHARD



MUD KITCHEN
PLAY!



INDOOR PLAY!



Indoor Spaces




We believe in adaptability, so our Forest School Classroom offers flexible spaces to accommodate different learning experiences. Whether it's a group time for storytelling and singing or a group project that requires collaboration, our furniture can be rearranged to create the perfect setup.

Did you know...

We also have a beautiful outdoor bell tent for additional play and sleeping outdoors!



Having an indoor classroom and bell tent also means we also have access to:

-  Cosy spaces for naps
-  Indoor toilets
-  Kitchen facilities
-  Children's storage
-  Indoor play equipment
-  Office/meeting spaces for staff and parents

Eco-Credentials

Our Commitment

At GroWild, eco-friendly initiatives are at the forefront of operations, with the use of sustainable materials and resources being a key focus, using recycled and natural materials in all of our experiences.

This commitment to sustainability extends beyond operations and into the curriculum, where children are educated about the importance of environmental conservation, fostering a generation of environmentally conscious individuals.

WE EVEN HAVE
OUR OWN
COMPOST LOOS!





Our Day

Our Day Routine

What do we do all day?

Morning Arrival

On arrival to the Kindergarten we all get on our cosy waterproofs and get ready to venture to the woodland. Our day begins in our welcome circle to share news, stories and to find out about the adventures that await in the woods today...

Early Explorers

Children are naturally inquisitive learners. Before children arrive staff organise 'invitations to play' for children to explore based on our own unique nature curriculum.

We might be...

- 🍂 Potion mixing in the mud pie area.
- 🍂 Digging for hidden dinosaurs.
- 🍂 Creating a story nook and fort with blankets.
- 🍂 Balancing on slack lines and hammocks.
- 🍂 Making trains and rockets with loose parts.
- 🍂 Planting our garden space.
- 🍂 Checking in on our frog pond.
- 🍂 Science experiments with giant mud volcanoes!

Routines

Our day follows routines to help children regulate and learn independence. We have set times for snacks, lunch and support children with regular toilet breaks throughout the day.



Afternoon Focus

In the afternoon our play is focused on the morning curriculum plus additional experiences for children to develop new skills. A high ratio of staff to children ensures we can monitor their interests and offer extended opportunities for the rest of the day.

We might be...

- 🍂 Using tools to make toys and crafts.
- 🍂 Collecting firewood and practicing fire lighting.
- 🍂 Learning new cookery skills for a hot snack.
- 🍂 Participating in group games and friendships.
- 🍂 Nap time and stories in our bell tent.

Children are invited to participate in skills based learning or are supported in their own child-led play!

Yoga & mindfulness

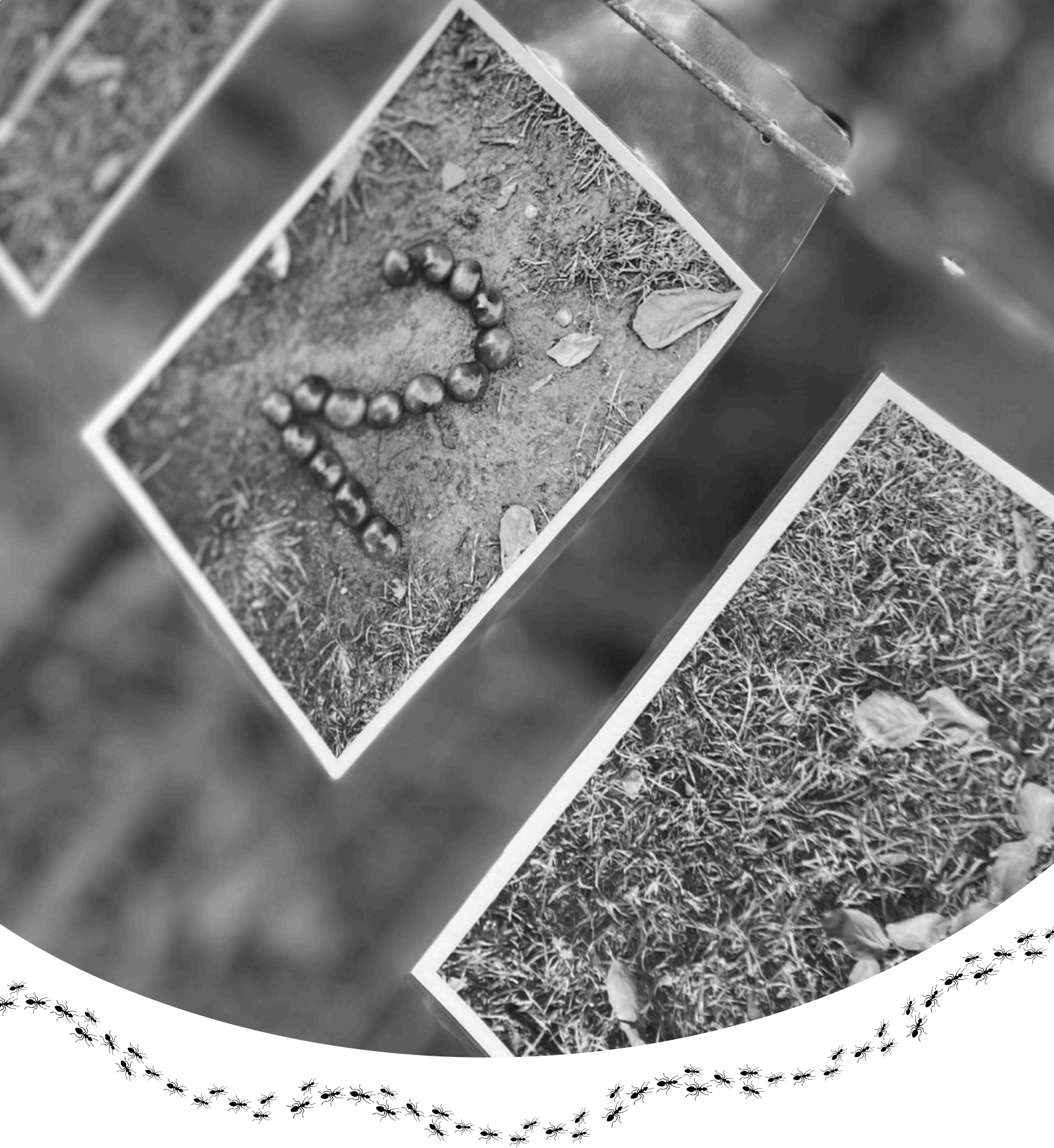
As the day winds down, we conclude our bustling time together with a tranquil yoga session, where we take a moment to reflect and exchange stories. From 4pm, parents and caregivers arrive to retrieve their tired yet content little wildlings!

Good to Know

What info will I receive about my child?

- Parents receive a weekly observation of their child's learning on the Family App.
- A blog post is uploaded each week to let you know what we have been up to.
- Monthly newsletters contain details of our curriculum, events and notices.





Our Fees

Fee Sheets

Daily Rate Overviews

In order for you to choose what works best for you and your family, see below for our full fee sheet to see how the GroWild offer might work for you. For further information please see our Charging Policy or speak to a member of the team.

FROM SEPT 2024	9am - 4pm	9am - 1pm	Wraparound AM (incl breakfast) 8am - 9am	Wraparound PM (incl tea) 4pm - 5.30pm
2-3 years (No Funding)	£70	£40	£5	£5
2-3 years (With 15hr Working Family Funding)	£30	£20	£5	£5
3-4 years (No Funding)	£63	n/a	£5	£5
3-4 years (With 15hr Working Family Funding)	£25	n/a	£5	£5
3-4 years (With Extended 30 hour Funding)	£25	n/a	£5	£5

Deposit & Registration Fees

A refundable deposit of £125 will be required to secure a place. A registration fee of £75 covers settling-in sessions, support from the team for the whole family before and during transition, plus a set of high-quality Didriksons waterproofs.



Fees & Funding FAQ's



Good to Know

Q: Does GroWild provide completely free places?

A: Yes, although we prefer the term 'funded' rather than 'free.' However, since parents do not contribute to these places, there is an operational and financial impact on our setting. Therefore, we limit the number of fully funded places available. We have a waiting list in place for this offer.

Q: How many hours will my child be funded each day at GroWild?

A: We allocate funded hours pro-rata across your child's sessions and days, evenly spreading them across the week. Each month, you'll receive an invoice detailing your child's funded hours, chargeable non-funded hours, and fees for essentials and extras.

Q: Can I receive a refund for extra hours if they are not used?

A: We cannot provide refunds for unused extra hours. We need to ensure that we cover all running and team costs to maintain the high-quality care provided.

Q: Can I roll over my funded hours into the next term?

A: No, due to restrictions imposed by the local authority, we cannot roll over funded hours.

Q: Do I need to verify funding codes to access the funded hours?

Children in receipt of 2 year working parent funding, and 3 year olds who access 30 hours funding will need to verify new codes throughout the year (on the last day of March, August, and December).

Q: What happens if I miss the deadline to apply for an Eligibility Code?

A: If you miss the deadline (on the last day of March, August, and December), the funded hours will not be accessible until the next term. However, children aged 3 and above are still eligible for 15 hours, which is available to all children regardless of parental employment status. HMRC may prompt you to reconfirm your code before the start of the new term. Please do so to maintain eligibility.

Q: How will my funded childcare be affected if my child goes on holiday?

A: If your child will be away for under two weeks, generally, this is acceptable. However, please inform us as soon as possible. If the absence is expected to be longer, the team will need to check with the local authority regarding continued funding.

Q: What should I do if I need to change my child's nursery attendance?

A: We require 8 weeks notice for changes to your child's attendance. Some changes may affect your child's funding claim and may only be allowed by the local authority at the start of a new term, depending on the hours involved and when the changes are requested.

Q: Is there a minimum attendance?

To fully benefit from Forest School and all we have to offer in the setting, we ask that parents/carers commit to a minimum attendance as per our current policy.

Do you accept childcare vouchers?

We accept vouchers that mean you can access tax-free childcare. Please see online for up to date Govt schemes available to you or speak to our team: gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/childcare-vouchers

Can I book additional sessions?

You can book extra core sessions and wraparound care online via our 'Family App' subject to availability. All sessions are first come, first served and we recommend you book in advance to avoid disappointment.





Find out more

Next Steps

You can...

- >> [Book a private viewing](#)
- >> [Join us for an open day.](#)

We're excited to announce that our waiting list for September 2024 is now open! With limited spaces available, this is your opportunity to secure a spot for your child in our vibrant educational community.

Our Waiting List

Follow these simple steps...

1. [Book a viewing](#) or [join us for an open day](#), before you apply for the waiting list.
2. After your visit you can join our waiting list by sending us your details:
growildkindergarten.co.uk/waiting-list
3. Once an available space has been allocated, we will send you a registration form and deposit confirmation.
4. We will be in touch to arrange settling-in sessions and your start date with us!

Good to Know...

- First applicants will be notified in May/June 2024 if a space is available.
- Spaces are on a first come, first served basis.

Contact us if you need anymore information!



Stay in Touch

Location

Unit 3 Sapphire House
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Accessibility

We have plenty of free car parking on site throughout the day.

Wheelchair users may access the woodland site via Falcon Road East. Please speak to a member of staff for details.

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