

Questionnaire Responses Spring 2026

What does your child like best about pre-school?9 responses

Dressing up

Seeing his friends, playing inside, learning Spanish, music time, forest school.

Playing with friends in the garden

Forest School and the adults' support

Socialising and singing

Playing with all the toys and doing activities

The fun activities

Dancing and singing and playing with trucks and trains.

He like going to the forest school and loves singing.

Is there anything your child finds hard about pre-school that we could change?8 responses

No, it's fantastic just the way it is!

Struggles with one other child who he says sometimes hits him (not sure how that can be changed though!)

No, she's thriving there

Nope

I don't think so

None

Nothing we know of.

Communication and social skills

What has been your child's favourite topic?9 responses

Spanish

He doesn't tell me much!

He loves singing the songs he has learned at pre-school

Not sure

Dinosaurs but he is exploring other things now

I don't know

Forest school - making a dragon/ dinosaur

Transport

My son loves everything at st Mary's preschool.

What have been your child's favourite activities?9 responses

Drawing and trips

Climbing frame, PE, visiting secret garden, going on forest school walks.

He likes making things for his mum

Group games (like honey pot), Spanish, and she said 'my little pony'

Playing what's the time mr wolf

Probably arts and crafts

Forest school

Dancing

Forest school,water play,singing and playing with other children.

How have you found Tapestry?9 responses

Fine

Great, love seeing photos.

It's really nice to be able to see what our child is doing during the day and sometimes go through the photos/videos with him to help him recount what he's been up to.

Great! Really lovely to see what she's up to

Great

Very helpful

Good

Nice and easy

Very helpful.

What is your preferred means of communication?⁹ responses

Email 44.4%

Tapestry 22.2%

Face to face 11.1%

A mix of tapestry and face to face 11.1%

What do we do well? 9 responses

Make us feel like our daughter is known and cared for. She's not just a number

Communication, lots of different experiences and learning opportunities

Love and care for the kids

Staff relationships with children; communication

Encourage independence

Family atmosphere. Giving feedback after every session

Share updates on tapestry and at handover

Routine maintenance, educational activities, X has not once cried when arriving in the morning since the day 1. This means he feels very good within your environment. We love that every staff member seems very caring and kind and supportive.

The staff are very supportive and understanding.

Any ideas for how we could do better or things you would like us to do? 8 responses

No, it's fantastic just the way it is!

The current setup is limited somewhat by being a pack away. I'm hoping that once you have your own space that you will be able to make it more personal and have things out all of the time (with the kids work on display)

Don't think so 😊 just school readiness now I think.

I mean I'm a single mum now struggling financially. I just wish there was more understanding around different financial circumstances

? Cooking/food prep with the children (you may already do this...)

None

We feel you've got it right!

Not at the moment.

Do you have any thoughts about how we could involve parents more in the life of the pre-school?⁹ responses

Reading morning? We can come in for half hour in the morning to read with them, or draw

Let the parents come in more. Eg. Forest school family day was brilliant!

I think the fund raisers you run are a great way to include parents in pre-school life. As are things like the Christmas and Easter services.

Range of days for parent events like the Christmas/easter shows

I love receiving updates on tapestry I'm grateful for the opportunity to showcase my culture.

Attending forest sessions or any trips?

Tricky as I work. I think the current level is sufficient.

I think a monthly summary report on X's behaviour and development would be really helpful. It would help us better understand their progress and support their learning at home. We don't always know things such as whether and if they are sharing nicely or become upset. Occasional opportunities to join activities or stay-and-play sessions would also be a nice way to feel more involved.

Not at the moment.

Is there a skill or experience you could come in to share with the children? (eg something to do with your work, a hobby or another culture)Please remember to tell us your name! 6 responses

Sadly I'm not available in the week

I can't think of anything else

Oral health education (I am a retired specialist children's dentist - H)

Unfortunately I don't have time

O - I'd love to come in and do some crafty like hairdressing, I've seen some great ideas online for toddlers to do their own crown wigs things like.

Or we could do a planting session - there are some sets for toddlers in the shops for couple of pounds so the little ones can plant their own plants and maybe then take it home? I'm sure parents could either chip in or buy it themselves if details are provided.

Not at the moment.

Is there anything we could do to help parents get to know each other better?7

responses

Social events

The fund raisers are great and also waiting at the door at pickup gives me the opportunity to talk to other parents sometimes.

No we are all grown ups and have plenty of opportunity to get to know people. Perhaps we could all sign something where we can disclose our names and our child.

Occasional social evening

Yes, maybe let us know who their friends are and introduce the parents

Parents meetings would be nice to have once a term.

Parent group.

We are hoping to hold a parenting group in either the Summer or Autumn term. This would be run by 2 very experienced parenting facilitators on a weekday evening for 6 weeks and is an opportunity to share frustrations, ideas and wisdom and be encouraged by hearing from others in the same boat! Would you be interested in this course? (This would still be an appropriate group for those whose child has gone on to school) 8 responses

Yes 6

No 2

Another possibility is a sleep workshop, which will only be one or possibly two evenings. Would you be interested in this? 9 responses

Yes 2

No 7

Any other comments? 7 responses

We are so grateful for the Pre School, we can't fault it, the staff are amazing and it's been a brilliant setting for our son. Thank you!

We love what you do for the kids there, we're aware it's a really difficult sector to work in with limited funding provided by the government and are praying for clear strategies to help the pre-school flourish.

Just thank you so much for all that you do!

Thank you for making me aware of Arfids. I'd never heard of it. Pretty sure that's what X is displaying.

Just a big Thank You from us!

X is very happy at pre-school

St Mary's preschool has been an amazing place for my son, He learned a lot since been there. The staffs are alway there to support and listen to parents concerns, I would recommend them to any parent looking for a great and safe place for their child

