Little Moonbeams
Day Nursery



The very best in care, education and fun!



Little Moonbeams Day Nursery consists of two beautiful Grade 2 listed buildings. One that accommodates the Babies and Toddlers and the other for Pre-School. Both offer a welcoming home from home environment.

Little Moonbeams Day Nursery opened in 2008 and is owned by Vicky and Hugh Martin. Vicky gained her Level 3 qualification in 1994 and has worked in childcare for over 30 years. The Nursery Manager is Sinead Childs who has been with Moonbeams for 16 years and is also Level 3 qualified. The nursery is staffed with highly qualified nursery practitioners who are all passionate about offering the best level of care for every child.

We have a fantastic Chef, Haley, who only uses fresh ingredients. She provides a balanced menu that caters for all the children's dietary requirements. Haley is passionate about her role and believes that mealtimes should be a 'dining experience' that helps children develop their social skills whilst they enjoy nutritious home cooked meals.

Our Preschool

Our wonderful Pre-School building is a vibrant, inspiring space where children are encouraged to explore their interests, develop new skills and grow in confidence as they prepare for their next big adventure into school. With two dedicated play and learning rooms, role-play room, soft-play room an intervention room and a beautiful sensory room, our children have an incredible variety of spaces and experiences to enjoy throughout their day.

Each room offers something unique, providing endless opportunities for creativity, discovery, imagination and exploration. From getting messy with paint and enjoying exciting creative projects, to dressing up and bringing stories to life in our role-play room, there is always something to spark curiosity and inspire new ideas. Our soft-play room provides opportunities to develop physical confidence, balance and coordination, while our sensory room offers a calming, engaging space where children can explore different sights, sounds, textures and sensations at their own pace. Our intervention room provides a calm, welcoming and supportive environment where children who need so can receive additional support tailored to their individual needs. The space allows practitioners to work with children individually or in small groups, helping them to develop their skills, build confidence and reach their full potential.















Our Baby and Toddlers

Our youngest children enjoy their own lovely building, situated just a short walk down the road, where they are welcomed into a warm, nurturing environment designed around their individual needs and stages of development. We understand how important those early years are, and we take great pride in creating a home-from-home atmosphere where babies and toddlers feel safe, secure, loved and confident enough to begin exploring the world around them.

Our rooms provide a variety of inviting spaces for little ones to discover, from sensory experiences and messy play to stories, songs, music and exciting opportunities for physical exploration. Through everyday experiences and carefully chosen resources, our children begin developing their communication, coordination, independence and social skills, all while learning through the simple joys of play. Whether they are exploring different textures, discovering cause and effect, taking their first steps or beginning to play alongside their friends, we celebrate each child's individual journey and the milestones they reach along the way.

And, of course, our lovely building is also home to our wonderful Chef Haley! Providing delicious, nutritious meals and snacks, she helps keep our little learners fueled for their busy days of discovery and adventure. We know that the smallest children deserve the very best care, and we are passionate about making their early nursery experiences happy, enriching and full of special moments.

















Outdoor Play

At Little Moonbeams, we believe that some of the most magical learning experiences happen outdoors! We are passionate about giving children the freedom to explore, discover and connect with the natural world, whatever the weather. Our lovely gardens provide a wonderful extension to our indoor learning environment, offering opportunities for outdoor play, physical development, imaginative adventures and hands-on discovery throughout the year. From running, climbing and exploring to observing the changing seasons, investigating nature and enjoying fresh-air activities with friends, there is always something exciting happening outside!

We believe that outdoor learning should be an important part of every child's nursery experience, not just something reserved for sunny days. Our children are encouraged to embrace the changing seasons, splash in puddles, investigate the natural world and experience the sights, sounds and textures of their surroundings. These everyday adventures help develop confidence, independence, resilience and physical skills, while creating wonderful opportunities for curiosity, creativity and problem-solving.

Our adventures don't stop at the nursery gates! We are fortunate to have a wonderful selection of double and triple pushchairs, as well as a six-seat push-chair bus, allowing even our youngest children to head out and explore the local community. These little outings provide valuable opportunities to experience the world beyond nursery, discover familiar places, observe everyday life and develop a sense of belonging within their community.

We are also lucky enough to have our own minibus, opening up even more exciting opportunities for trips and adventures. The children particularly love our frequent visits to the magical Enchanted Garden at Vicky's house, where they can enjoy time surrounded by nature and discover the delights of outdoor exploration. We also enjoy visiting other local outdoor spaces, giving children opportunities to experience new environments, investigate the natural world and make special memories together.

Our Curriculum & Approach to Learning

At Little Moonbeams, we believe that every child is unique, capable and full of potential. Our aim is to provide a rich, stimulating and nurturing environment where children feel safe, secure and confident to explore the world around them. We place great importance on helping children develop independence, self-help skills and resilience, giving them the confidence to try new things, make choices and celebrate their achievements. From learning to put on their own shoes to making decisions during play, we encourage children to develop at their own pace, with the support and encouragement of our caring practitioners.

We know that children learn best when they are happy, interested and actively involved in their experiences. That is why play is at the heart of everything we do at Little Moonbeams! Our experienced practitioners carefully plan exciting opportunities that build upon children's individual interests, curiosity and developmental needs. Through a balance of child-led play, meaningful interactions and thoughtfully planned activities, we encourage children to investigate, experiment, ask questions, solve problems and develop a lifelong love of learning. Whether they are exploring the natural world, getting creative, building friendships, enjoying stories or discovering early mathematical concepts, every experience offers valuable opportunities for growth and development.

Our curriculum follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework, which supports children's learning and development from birth to five years. This framework encompasses seven areas of learning, covering communication and language, physical development, personal, social and emotional development, literacy, mathematics, understanding the world, and expressive arts and design. Together, these areas help us provide a broad and balanced range of experiences that nurture the whole child, supporting their individual strengths, interests and next steps as they prepare for their transition into school.

We recognise that every child develops in their own unique way, and we take pride in getting to know each child's individual personality, abilities and interests. Our practitioners use regular observations and ongoing formative assessments to understand what children can do, recognise their progress and identify opportunities to extend their learning. By carefully observing children during their everyday play and interactions, we can build upon what they already know, introduce new challenges and provide the right support to help them reach their potential. We celebrate every milestone, no matter how big or small, recognising that each achievement is an important part of a child's learning journey.



What to wear

Children are invited to wear whatever clothes they feel most comfortable in, but lots of messy play activities take place, so 'best clothes' may be more appropriate for 'home days'. We ask that children wear clothing that they can handle easily, enabling them to go to the toilet when needed and dress up for role play as independently as possible. A uniform is available for children aged 2 and above and this can be ordered directly from MyClothing.com

Aprons and puddle suits are provided by the nursery.

Parents are asked to provide appropriate clothing i.e. coats, hats, scarves, gloves and wellingtons for winter and sunhats for the Summer. Sippers are worn by the children in the Toddler Room and Pre-school room and we ask that all clothes are clearly labelled.

Activities

At Little Moonbeams, our days are filled with exciting activities, new discoveries and lots of opportunities to learn through play! From messy play, baking and free art to small-group games, imaginative role play and outdoor adventures, we offer a wide variety of experiences to spark children's curiosity and creativity. Our practitioners build activities around children's individual interests, encouraging them to explore, experiment and develop new skills while having fun with their friends.

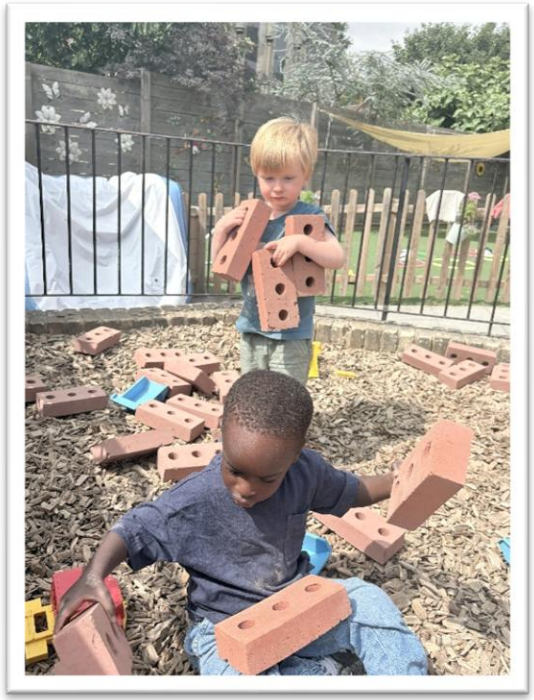
We believe that every child is unique, and we take pride in knowing our Little Moonbeamers so well. We celebrate their individual personalities, interests and achievements, creating a warm, welcoming environment where every child feels valued and part of our Little Moonbeams family.

Alongside learning about numbers, colours, letters and the world around them, we place great importance on developing everyday life skills. Children are encouraged to practice independence by pouring their own drinks, cutting their food, using the toilet, washing their hands and putting on their coats and shoes. We also enjoy lots of opportunities to learn together about sharing, taking turns, using good manners and understanding how our actions make others feel.

Above all, we want our children to grow into happy, confident and resilient little learners. Through encouragement, positive relationships and plenty of opportunities to try things for themselves, we help children build self-esteem, develop friendships and feel proud of what they can achieve. Our aim is for every Little Moonbeamer to leave us with wonderful memories, a love of learning and the confidence and independence to take their next exciting step into big school.









Admissions

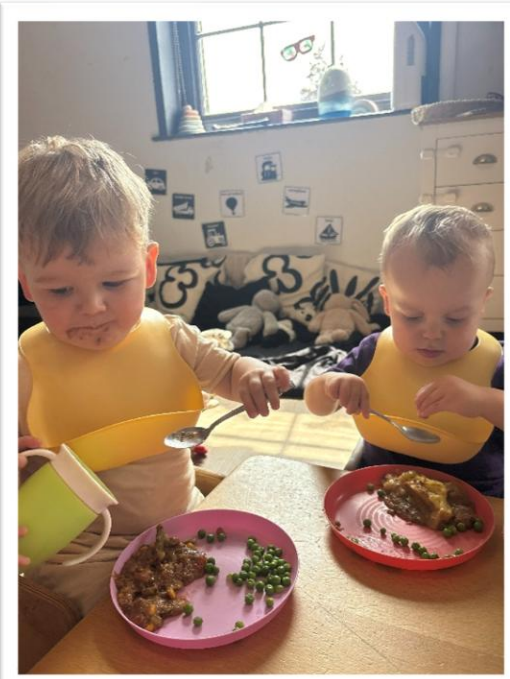
If you would like your child to join Little Moonbeams an application form must be returned to us detailing which sessions are preferred. These will be matched as closely as possible against current availability. A £50.00 booking fee per day required will also be required to reserve your child's place.

Key Person

When a child joins Little Moonbeams they are allocated a 'Key Person'. A Key Person is a named member of staff with responsibilities for a small group who ensures those children feel safe and cared for. The role is an important one and involves the Key Person meeting your child's emotional needs by giving reassurance, when settling and supporting your child's well-being. They also support your child's physical needs- such as nappy changing and are a familiar figure who is accessible and available as a point of contact for parents/careers if you have any worries or concerns. Working alongside with parents/carers Key Persons monitor your child's progress and development, carrying out regular observations and assessments when needed.

Every child will approach their start to nursery in a different way, and for some the period it takes to settle in will take longer than others. Key Persons work closely with parents/carers to decide how to help your child settle in and ensure your child feels safe, secure and comfortable. We truly understand how significant this period can be for your child and for you as a parent and we will do our best to make this start to childcare and education and enjoyable one for your child and a stress free one for you!!

We look forward to you and your child joining us at Little Moonbeams!











Sessions and Fees

The nursery is open for 50 weeks of the year but is closed for each Bank Holiday. We also close for the last week in August for building maintenance and for the period between Christmas and New Year. We are open from 7.30am-6.00pm Monday to Friday and offer a choice of sessions.

Early Session:	7.30am-8.00am	
Morning Session:	8.00am-1.00pm	(Pre-School Rooms Only)
Afternoon Session:	1.00pm-6.00pm.	(Pre-School Rooms Only)
Full Day	8.00am-6.00pm	(All rooms)

The early session from 7.30am is available as a separate booking. Parents are able to 'drop-off' their child at any time throughout their session, but we ask that all parents are punctual in collecting their child at the end of their session.

Little Moonbeams fees include all meals, snacks, resources, extracurricular activities such as football and dance lessons plus nappies and home-made wipes for children aged 3 months to 3 years.

We do not offer any Term Time Only contracts at our Faversham setting but can offer these at our Sittingbourne nursery if that is something you are interested in.

We accept all childcare vouchers and TAX FREE Payments.

2027	Full Day **8 hours of Funding**	Half Day 4 Hours of Funding	Full Day No Funding	Half Day No Funding
2m to 9m	N/A	N/A	£93	N/A
9m to 2 years	£32	N/A	£93	N/A
2 to 3 years	£32	N/A	£89.50	N/A
3 to 4 years	£29.50	£18.50	£86.50	£52.50

The funding for this academic year is from 1st September 2026 to 6th August 2027

****NO funding will be applied to sessions from 9th August to 31st August 2027****

How the Government Funding works

The Government Funding is used to provide the basic level of care required to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS). At Little Moonbeams we offer an all inclusive service for funded sessions to significantly enhance the service provided for our families. The all inclusive package includes any additional hours within the funded session as well as home made meals, snacks, drinks, fresh fruit, resources and consumables, outside services and outings and visits as detailed below. This package is subject to a Service Charge, details of which are also detailed below.

- Breakfast – Cereals, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Natural Yoghurt, Milk & Water
- Home Made Mid-Day Meal & Desert or Fresh Fruit (Freshly prepared by our in-house chef daily) Milk & Water
- Afternoon Tea (Freshly prepared by our in-house chef daily)
- Nappies & Barrier Cream (Including ecological disposal by Eco San – No land fill impact)
- Home Made Baby Wipes (No land fill impact)
- Suncream
- Baby Room Visits to Roleplay Rascals twice a month
- Toddler & Pre-School Football Lessons with Football Fun Factory weekly
- .Toddler & Pre-School Dance Lessons with Miss Sophie's Dance Academy
- Outings & Visits – On foot for all rooms and on foot and minibus for Pre-School and Toddler age children.

If you opt out of the service charge:

Funded only session are from 9am till 5pm for working families. (3 days x 8 Hours = 3 days @ 24 hours) Subject to availability.

Parents will be required to provide the following items daily:

A named bag with 6 nappies, 6 nappy sacks, a pack of baby wipes and a small bin bag for nappy and wipe waste daily. (Waste will be sent home daily)

Barrier cream.

Two full sets of spare clothes. (Stored in the named bag)

A packed mid day meal in a sealed container with a full list of ingredients displayed. (Re heating is not an option) (EYFS Nutritional Guidelines must be met)

A packed fresh fruit snack with a cold pack.

A packed cold tea with a cold pack. (EYFS Nutritional Guidelines must be met)

Cows milk or alternative

Sun cream

Additional activities such as baking, local outings and visit and external services such as group Dance Lessons and Football Lessons are not included in the Opt Out service.