



DEAN CLOSE
LITTLE TREES
NURSERIES

Where children grow and thrive

NURSERY LIFE THROUGH PARENT AND STAFF STORIES





WELCOME

Our approach to childcare is simple; to provide a loving, nurturing, safe environment filled with warmth and promise where individuals' talents are encouraged to flourish and grow.

At Little Trees we consider that all children are individuals with their own characteristics and personalities. All children develop and mature at different rates, making their development and achievements unique to them. We believe in the development of the whole child and recognise that each child is unique. We believe that the early years' experience should be rooted in "play" and the nursery curriculum provides the children with broad, balanced and relevant experiences built on what the children already "know" and "can do". The children are encouraged to develop and learn at their own pace, resulting in happy, confident children.

Area Manager, Little Trees Day Nurseries

EMBRACING EACH CHILD

What a brilliant nursery! We changed my daughter's nursery after moving house and the difference in her is incredible. She loves her nursery days. The staff are excellent and everyone seems to know every child, even those in other rooms. I know my daughter's getting safest hands every time she goes. She learns loads and has so much to say about her day when we collect her. I would highly recommend Little Trees. The staff do a brilliant job and I can't thank them enough for the care and love they give, not only to my daughter, but every child there.

Parent, Little Trees Day Nursery, Celtic Springs

Each child is unique and special and I love to get to know every individual and find out what makes them tick! No two children are the same, so at Little Trees we individualise their care plans and learning needs through insightful observations and extensive communication with family members and other professionals. One of the best things about working with babies and young children is praising them and building their confidence as they grow.

Nursery Worker, Little Trees Day Nursery Hucclecote







A SENSE OF BELONGING

My youngest son has attended since he was seven months old and he loves nursery. He's formed some beautiful bonds with his carers. The setting is lovely; warm and welcoming with tons of outdoor space for outside play which is very important for us as parents. Staff and management are supportive and communicative. My little one is safe, stimulated, cared for and happy and I've no hesitation in recommending the nursery.

Parent, Little Trees Day Nursery Tutshill

It is so important to me that the children in our care feel like they belong. Children make more progress when they feel safe, secure and happy, so at Little Trees our practice is inclusive and children feel valued and celebrated as a vital member of a familiar group. We make sure we nurture each child's independence through choice making, self-help skills and we love to celebrate that we are all unique and we all belong at Little Trees.

Nursery Manager, Little Trees Day Nursery St Arvans

WHERE HAPPY MEMORIES ARE MADE

My daughter started nursery for the first time not very long ago, but from day one, she was treated so well, was given so much attention, and the nursery followed the routine that we had at home. All the little details were taken into account and she definitely felt that she was in a happy and safe place. A few months down the line, nursery is one of her favourite places to be. I can't thank the staff enough for everything they are doing for my little girl.

Parent, Little Trees Day Nursery Lansdown

My colleagues and I believe parents are integral to children's wellbeing. When children are happy they will want to learn. At Little Trees, parents are treated as valued partners in their child's learning and development. Through imbedded key person systems, an excellent rapport is developed between staff and parents. Using a secure app, parents are able to share and receive extensive information about their children's daily routines, learning and progress. It is wonderful to see parents commenting on happy pictures and videos of their children throughout the day.

Nursery Worker, Little Trees Day Nursery Tutshill







INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS

There is so much thought put into what activities the children do; they offer cookery classes, French classes and lots more. The outdoor space means they spend a lot of time outside doing many different activities; looking for bugs, getting muddy, going on the swings, and bikes. The recent parents' evening demonstrated that they know my child very well and are able to tailor content to what she likes doing. The staff are incredibly caring and friendly and my daughter runs into nursery each morning.

Parent, Little Trees Day Nursery Lansdown

We make sure children's learning is tailored to meet their individual developmental needs. Staff throughout Little Trees ensure that all children learn by 'doing' and progress through our nurseries with a love of learning and an inquisitive thirst for knowledge. We provide inspiring play opportunities which are personalised to meet each child's developmental needs in a homely environment. The learning curriculum ensures that children learn new skills, acquire new knowledge and demonstrate their understanding. We sustain high standards of achievement through careful planning, continuous assessment and tracking of children's learning. This ongoing process enables us to build a picture of all the aspects of each child's development. Seeing them grow in this way is such a joy.

Nursery Manager, Little Trees Day Nursery Lansdown

A CARING APPROACH

I was very apprehensive about how our daughter would settle into nursery, but the staff could not have been more supportive or welcoming and they made the entire transition so much easier than

I was expecting. The standard of care our daughter receives is excellent and the staff who look after her and the other children are so lovely, caring and attentive.

The nursery has lovely outdoor spaces and the children spend lots of time in the garden. They also get to take part in a wide variety of activities and I know that my daughter is never, ever bored at nursery, which makes going to work for the day so much easier as a parent.

We are so pleased with our decision to choose Little Trees and look forward to watching our daughter grow and develop whilst forming friendships there over the coming years.

Parent, Little Trees Day Nursery St Arvans







WHERE FRIENDSHIPS BLOSSOM

I have not once been disappointed with choosing Little Trees; my daughter settled in so well and has since changed rooms within the nursery, but the move was done so smoothly. Great friendships have been made and encouraged and her interests are really listened to. The staff are always so happy and helpful and can never do too much for us.

Parent, Little Trees Day Nursery Hucclecote

As a wider team, we always try to model harmonious and nurturing relationships to provide children with security, a strong sense of identity and a widening network of friendships which develops their confidence, self-esteem and understanding of people and communities.

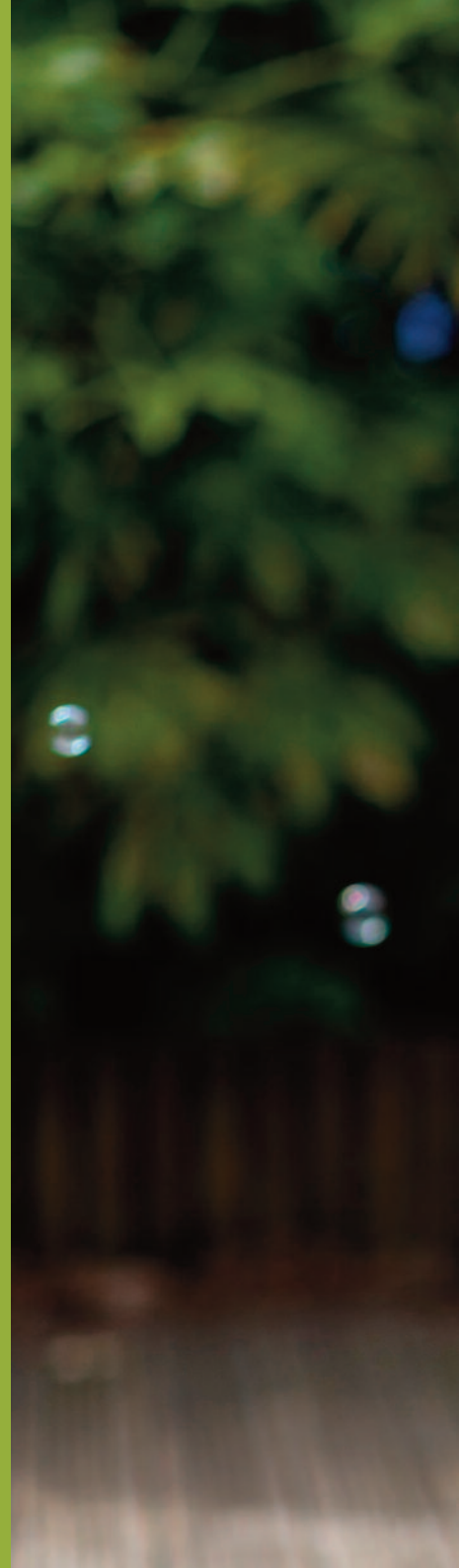
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FUN, FUN, FUN !

We believe in creating a colourful, rich, challenging and fun learning environment. As a team, we are always thinking of new ideas to engage the children, perhaps by building on a current interest. We had one child who was crazy for dinosaurs so we made sure we themed some activities around this! I am a big fan of welly boot culture which promotes explorative play, physical development and an appreciation of nature. At Little Trees we recognise the positive impact that being outdoors can have on children's learning and development, so we provide plenty of opportunities for children of all ages to be outside every day.

We have high expectations for all our children and do everything possible to allow them to fulfil their potential.

Nursery worker, Little Trees, Celtic Springs





LOOKING FORWARD TO BIG SCHOOL

My eldest son is now in primary school and absolutely thrived whilst at nursery, particularly within the Pre-school room where he was exceptionally well prepared for the transition to school by the specialist Pre-school staff. The extra-curricular activities on offer are fantastic - yoga, music, French to name a few. We received brilliant support and can't thank them enough.

Parent, Little Trees Day Nursery Tutshill





DEAN CLOSE FOUNDATION

Dean Close Little Trees Day Nurseries is part of the Dean Close Foundation which also has two independent schools, Dean Close School, in Cheltenham, and Dean Close St John's in Chepstow. As part of the Dean Close Foundation, children and parents are able to benefit from the excellent resources and expertise that the Foundation offers.

Schools and nurseries within this educational group are all rooted in the Foundation's aim for children to flourish in our care, and to learn about and demonstrate the values of love, courage, and contribution.





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