



2026 NURSERY BROCHURE

Welcome to the Little Tug Boat

Established in 1990, we have been caring for children in the local Fulham area for over 30 years. We are a small Nursery and our beautiful, Victorian house is home to 37 children each day.

We understand what an important decision it is choosing the right Nursery for your child and for your family.

At Tug Boat, we are committed to helping every child LEARN WELL in a loving and nurturing home from home environment. Most importantly, we celebrate every child's individuality to build confidence, creativity and independence through their early years.

We hope that over the coming pages, we are able to give you a flavour of our mission and what makes our Nursery special.

the Tug Boat Crew x

Our mission

We are committed to ensuring every child at Tug Boat has both exceptional learning experiences and an environment which supports their health and well-being.

Simply put, we believe every child should



It is because of this that we invest in the highest quality Crew and constantly review our Curriculum to give every child the best learning experiences



It is why having a chef who cooks delicious, nutritious homemade meals from scratch, with high quality ingredients is so important to us



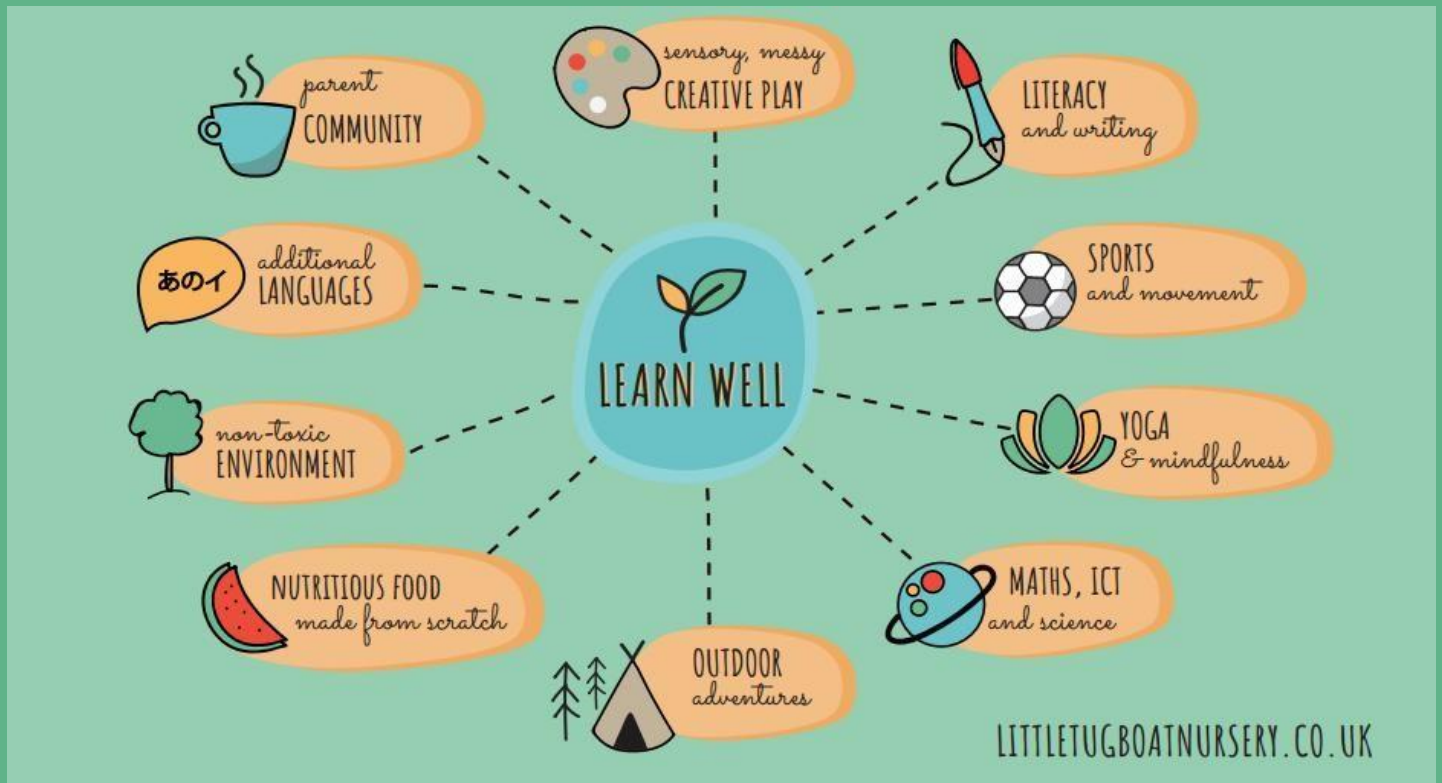
It is because of this we strive for a non-toxic environment – one where we choose to use plant based cleaners wherever possible, which do not leave harmful residues on surfaces or fumes in the air.



It is the reason we introduce activities which support every child's overall well-being from an early age...from outdoor adventures to yoga and sports.

Learning at the Little Tug Boat

Our diverse Curriculum is rooted in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and inspired by other philosophies including the Curiosity Approach and Forest School.



An example weekly timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Meals at the Little Tug Boat

Food is so important at Tug Boat – after all, the children need plenty of energy for their busy days.

Our full-time Tug Boat Chef cooks delicious and nutritious homemade meals from scratch. Our varied menu includes dishes from around the world and plant-based meals, all developed to tantalize children's little tastebuds.

Our Chef carefully chooses high quality ingredients for every meal; our meat is free-range or organic, our dairy is organic with milk delivered daily by the milkman & fruit and veg is plentiful.

WE ARE A NUT FREE NURSERY AND ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIFIC DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.

OUR PROMISE



Balanced menu full of wholegrains, high quality proteins, healthy fats and lots of fruit & veg



Made from scratch, and with love by the Tug Boat chef



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Active reduction in products and ingredients containing anything artificial & no excess sugar / salt



Developed to engage the children through fun & creativity

SAMPLE MENU

BREAKFAST	SNACK	LUNCH	TEA
● Variety of Cereals & Wholemeal Toast ● Organic Yoghurt and Fresh Fruit	● Oat cakes with Cream Cheese and Pear	● Salmon and Broccoli Pasta Bake ● Sweetcorn ● Fresh Fruit	● Mixed Bean Curry with Vegetable Rice and Cherry Tomatoes (v)

Important Information

OPENING HOURS:

8.00 – 18:30 Monday – Friday

Little Tug Boat will be closed for Christmas from Thursday 24th December 2026 – 1st January 2027 inclusive. The Nursery will re-open on Monday 4th January 2027.

The Nursery will also be closed for one inset day during the year for staff training. This inset day will be communicated in advance by the Nursery Manager.

Fees

Please see separate fee sheet and funding policy

Please see separate information relating to the Working Parent Entitlement and Universal 15 hour 3-4 year old funding

Full-time Sibling discount: 10% on lower sibling fee

No refunds or swaps will be given for any reason, including for sickness or holidays

You may be eligible for tax-free childcare, and you can find out more at www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare

FAQ's

WHAT ARE THE STAFF TO CHILDREN RATIOS ACROSS THE AGE GROUPS?

We comply to ratios as defined by Ofsted. These are

- 1 member of Crew: 3 children for those under the age of 2 years
- 1 member of Crew : 5 children for those aged 2 -3 years
- 1 member of Crew: 8 children for those aged 3 years and above

We choose to employ qualified staff as far as possible in order to maintain outstanding learning experiences for every child. We may employ apprentices who are studying for their Level 2 or 3 qualifications as we are passionate about supporting the training and development of the next generation of teachers. The qualifications held by our team significantly exceed the requirements set by Ofsted.

For the health & safety of all of children, our team also receive annual Paediatric First Aid training.

WHAT CURRICULUM DO YOU FOLLOW?

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We plan our days around the individual interests of each child using the framework of the seven areas of learning and development, and ensuring they are delivered in a way which promote the characteristics of effective learning.

We also take inspiration from other teaching philosophies to ensure a well-rounded approach to our learning; from our Outdoor Exploration sessions inspired by Forest School, to the awe and wonder of natural resources with the Curiosity Approach

WHAT IS THE ADMISSIONS POLICY?

If you would like to join our waiting list for a space at Tug Boat, please complete and return the waiting list form along with the registration fee. The registration fee is non-refundable and does not guarantee a space at the Nursery.

As a small Nursery, we offer show-arounds once we know a relevant space is becoming available. On accepting a place with us, a refundable deposit of £250 is payable within 5 working days to secure the space.

WHAT IS THE SETTLING PROCESS FOR MY CHILD?

When you start with us at Tug Boat, you will first be invited to come in for a “Hello meeting”. Here you will tell us all about your child using an All About Me form. This meeting will be followed by your child’s first settling session, which will last about an hour. At this time, you will spend some time in the room with your child as they explore their surroundings and meet their new teachers and other children. The second settling session will follow within the next day or two, and this time you will spend some time in the room with your child and then leave them to spend some time in there without you.

Each settling session lasts about one hour and is free of charge. Settling sessions should be scheduled as close to possible to your first day at Tug Boat to support the transition. Should we feel your child requires additional settling sessions, this will be discussed with the Nursery Manager.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED FOR THEIR FIRST DAY?

On joining Tug Boat, please bring a small named bag with your child’s belongings in. Parents are required to provide nappies, specific brands of formula or follow on milk (Aptamil is provided) and specific bottles/ teets, along with at least one complete change of spare clothes (including socks). Please ensure all belongings are clearly named.

IS THERE A UNIFORM?

Your child is not required to wear a uniform at Tug Boat. We do ask that you dress your child in clothes that you are happy for them to get messy in. We enjoy lots of messy play at Tug Boat so we also ask you to pack a set of spare clothes for your child every day – which should be labelled clearly with your child’s name.

During the colder, wetter months, we ask you to supply appropriate warm gear such as gloves, waterproofs and wellies and swimming nappies and a sun hat for the warmer months. The children enjoy time outdoors every day, whatever the weather and we therefore ask you to ensure they have appropriate clothing to enable this.

WHAT IS THE KEY PERSON SYSTEM?

Every child in the Nursery has a key person. This teacher will be responsible for ensuring your child’s learning and development is on track and will complete their learning journeys and end of term reports. As a small Nursery however, we pride ourselves in every member of Crew in your child’s room knowing your child inside out, as well as their key person.

Your key child’s key person will be assigned once your child has been with us a few weeks. This gives us the opportunity to see if there is someone your child and you form a particular bond with, thereby ensuring the best interests of your child are always at the heart of the decisions we make.

HOW CAN I KEEP UP TO DATE WITH MY CHILD'S LEARNING?

We know that as parents you are the primary and most important educators for your child. At the end of every day at Tug Boat, you will receive detailed feedback on what your child has been doing. In addition, you can have access to your child's learning journey at any time, as well as the weekly plan of activities for the classroom. You will receive a monthly update of all the goings on in your child's classroom and there are daily meeting slots available at 8am and 5.30pm with our Crew should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning and development with us.

We also welcome more informal communication with our families, so feel free to pop in for a chat with the Manager, send us an email or give us a call at any time.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED WITH NURSERY LIFE?

We love parents getting involved in daily life at Nursery. Whether it's coming in to read a story for the children or contributing ideas to the children's chosen topic of the month...there are lots of ways to get involved.

We also have a number of wonderful events during the year from various children's parties to our Tug Boat Talks and events such as Sports Day.

HOW CAN I ACCESS NURSERY POLICIES?

We have a comprehensive set of policies, some of which will be sent to you as part of your Welcome Pack on joining Tug Boat. Please speak to the Nursery Manager should you wish to see or discuss any specific Tug Boat policies.

DO YOU ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS?

The nursery accepts tax-free government childcare vouchers. Parents can find out more at <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> The Nursery also works with selective workplace benefits providers. Please speak with the Manager for further information.

DO YOU OFFER GOVERNMENT FUNDING?

At Tug Boat, we offer the Working Parent Entitlement funding as well as the Universal 15 hours entitlement for all ages and additional 15 hours funding (commonly known as "30 hours" for eligible 3-4 year olds as part of your total hours with us. Please speak to the Manager for further information.

PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR WONDERFUL MANAGEMENT TEAM IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE

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We look forward to meeting you soon!

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