

☀️ Exciting Updates ☀️

From September 1st all of our nurseries will be going 'All-Inclusive!' 🎉

No more last-minute packing or worrying if you've forgotten something! Everything your child needs during the day is now included in your monthly nursery fees—so you can enjoy peace of mind knowing it's all taken care of. This change is all about making life easier for you and giving your child the very best. With fewer distractions, our team can focus even more on individual care and play!

☀️ Funding at Otters made simpler! ☀️

We understand that family budgets are tight, and everyone wants to make the most of their Government funding but admit that funding presents many challenges. **We are committed to offering Government funding and believe it to be highly beneficial for children and families.** We have always steered away from controversial policies that attempt to make up for what is a very real and serious shortfall (e.g. hidden charges, inconvenient unfunded lunch hours, inflexible funded sessions or trying to recoup the losses caused by the funding deficit by inflating private fees).

We know that the funding offer we have inherited at Otters (11 or 22 hours stretched over 51 weeks) can be confusing for parents, limits how funding is used during the day and can result in parents not being able to maximise their entitlement. Despite attempts to improve this - it is far from ideal which is why we have been working hard behind the scenes to revise it in time for the new academic year! So from September, we're updating our stretched offer to **12 or 24 hours over 47 weeks** (excluding August). This change makes it much easier to plan and apply your funded sessions. You will also now be able to use your funded hours across the full day (9am until 6pm) without needing to book extra 'gap sessions' or potentially miss out on funding due to prior constraints.

Our 'building block' funding packages now mean funding is easier to build, booking patterns are easier to understand and we have removed the need for confusing funding gap charges or barriers to applying your Government entitlement.

☀️ Finally, we're making the August holiday period easier too ☀️

We know every family's needs are different over the holidays and often parents end up paying for childcare in August that they don't use or need. By removing funded sessions from the August holiday period not only do we maximise the funding you can use each week but we can then allow you to book the sessions you **actually need** and pay for these privately. You will only be invoiced for the sessions you've booked in August. Rest assured, all of our full-time children will be offered their usual bookings in August at a discounted rate or we will allow you to reduce your August booking so you **only pay for what you actually need.**

August will be opened up for ad-hoc bookings on a first-come first serve basis (with priority placed on our full-timers) for children across all 3 of our settings offering August childcare to all of our ABC Learning Limited families at our Otters Nursery School site.

At the heart of everything we do is our dedication to your child's happiness, growth, and development—and making your day-to-day just that little bit smoother.

Vicky and Andy Grayson

☀️ Childcare Options at ABC Learning Limited 2025-2026 ☀️

We offer two models for your child's care at ABC Learning Limited and you will be required to select from these two models when registering your interest.

Type of Care	Available	Location
Private Full-time Care	51 weeks per year 8am until 6pm	Otters Nursery School
Private Term-time Care (based on HCC term-times)	39 weeks per year 8.15am until 2.45pm	Old Basing Village Nursery School Old Basing Village Nursery School (The Nest)
Private Term-time Care (based on HCC term-dates)	39 weeks per year 8am until 18.00	Otters Nursery School
Funded Childcare	Available	Location
Term-time Care (based on HCC term-dates)	39 weeks per year 8am until 6pm	Otters Nursery School
Stretched Care (1st September - 31st July)	47 weeks per year 8am until 6pm	Otters Nursery School
Term-time Care (based on HCC term-dates)	39 weeks per year 8.15am until 2.45pm	Old Basing Village Nursery School (The Village Hall) Old Basing Village Nursery School (The Nest)
August Holiday Care 1st - 31st August (excluding bank holiday)	4 weeks per year 8am until 6pm	Otters Nursery School

Our **'Building Block Packages'** provide complete transparency and are tailored to your family's needs. Whether you're using Government funding or creating a bespoke schedule, we make it simple and stress-free — so you know your funding is working for you. You tell us the days and the hours required and we will build you a bespoke plan - ensuring that any funding is applied to ensure the maximum gain for your child.

You tell us what you need, and we'll create a flexible, all-inclusive solution that ensures your child is happy, nurtured, and thriving every single day.

✨ **What's included when you sign up for all inclusive care at ABC Learning Limited** ✨

 All Food & Snacks

- Fresh fruits, vegetables, and dry snacks
- Breakfast Club / Early Bird club provision
- Nutritional tea-time menu (Otters Nursery School)
- Catered hot midday meal - tailored to every allergy and intolerance
- Blended purees and baby-led weaning foods
- Themed tasting sessions or menu variation for cultural days (e.g. Diwali, Chinese New Year)
- Occasional and seasonal treats such as fruit ice-lollies or hot chocolate

 Everyday Essentials

- Nappies and wipes
- Nappy changing essentials and nappy disposal service
- All milk including branded formula milk and dietary variants
- Personalised nappy mat rolls to keep your little ones safe from germs
- Sun cream, sun hats, waterproofs, woolly hats
- Emergency and topical medication (e.g. Calpol, Piriton, Sudocreme)
- Teethers and teething rings* depending on parental preference
- Soothers where necessary (or when appropriate)
- Spare clothing for mishaps

 Enrichment & Exploration

- Sensory materials: playdough, gloop, bubbles, essential oils, spices and more
- Children's cooking and baking: smoothie making, cake decorating, cookie crafting
- Enrichment calendar throughout the year (for example; Wildchild, Caterpillar Music, Cooking with Karen, Drama Tots, Linguatastic, Sports Minis, Flowers by Daiva)
- End of year parties or social events

 Trips, Visitors & Local Adventures

- Visitors and experiences
- All transport and visitor costs
- Local walks (staffing, mobile phone, first aid kits, consumables, additional insurance)
- Special performances, music sessions and sensory classes

 Seamless Communication

- Family App for parent updates and communication
- Access to ad-hoc booking system
- Non-statutory feedback and observations
- Electronic learning journey (with lifetime access)

Exceptional Staff & Training

- Highly qualified educators (Level 5 & 6)
- CPD visits, curriculum training & Noodle Now access
- Additional paediatric first aid trained staff
- Membership to Early Years Alliance & NDNA to maintain excellence
- Supernumerary staff to boost in-setting support and enable consistency of care when covering staff sickness / training or leave

Parent & Family Engagement

- Stay & Play sessions e.g. for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas
- Social events including end of year parties
- Bespoke non-chargeable settling-in sessions to ensure a smooth start

Flexibility

- Flexible start and finish times at Otters Nursery
- Option to postpone start dates
- Access to discounted hours at Otters holiday club for all children

☀️ The EYE government funding covers a basic core provision. All of the enrichment above forms our enhanced provision and is funded by private fees and FCA contributions ☀️

ABC Learning Limited: Everything They Need, All in One Place.

We take care of the details so your child can thrive and you can rest assured they're in the best hands – with **no hidden fees** and **every need met**.

☀ Government Funded Childcare Options at ABC Learning Limited ☀

Despite challenges facing the sector, we have worked hard to craft a model that allows us to offer Government funding in the most sustainable and flexible way that we can and are proud to offer universal funding for all three and four years (these children become eligible the term following their third birthday). We are also able to offer additional funding for working families for those children aged 9 months and over who are eligible. In order to offer funding in a sustainable way, we have developed an approach that relies on a bespoke package – we apply the funding in accordance to your childcare needs.

Across all of our settings, we have a minimum attendance schedule for Government Funded Hours of 15 hours per week (or equivalent). We aim to offer flexible childcare with other providers and are happy to share funding with one other provider (as long as the balance of hours allows for shared care).

As explained during your initial enquiry process, having proudly offered EYE Government child care funding over the past 7 years we have learnt the hard way that we can **only continue to do this** with the support of parents via our voluntary parental contribution (FCA). This is intended to cover the enrichment and services that are **not** covered by the Government funding – we continue to fight for fairer funding and believe that all children have the right to so much more than the ‘basic’ provision provided by the Government’s entitlement. The impact of this contribution is highly visible in your child’s day-to-day life across our settings and in the quality of care and opportunities they experience. **The childcare experience in all of our settings would be unrecognisable without this. We sincerely thank parents for their support in this ongoing battle.** As mentioned above, we have always avoided policies and ambiguous charges deployed by other settings which have gained media attention. The impact of the FCA is visible day to day and is central to our belief as teachers that an Early Years setting should provide a high quality early years education underpinned by research and delivered by highly qualified and experienced staff – not just a basic provision. Our business model is designed to support unqualified staff in gaining qualifications and learning on the job – we are incredibly proud to have supported more than 10 members of our team to achieve their NVQ Level 3 EYE. It is this approach to early years that makes us unique and helps us to retain our staff.

Our fees are outlined below for each setting and breakdown the Government’s funded contribution alongside the parents’ contribution for that session.

There are schemes to support the payment of childcare fees alongside the Government’s universal and extended EYE offer. These include:

- Universal Credit [Help paying for childcare: Universal Credit and childcare – GOV.UK](#)
- Tax Free Childcare [Tax-Free Childcare – GOV.UK](#)
- Childcare Choices [Homepage](#) | [Childcare Choices](#)
- We can also accept childcare voucher payments from all participating schemes.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties or a change of circumstance please come and speak to a member of our team – we handle all such matters confidentially and can signpost you to additional support or offer you personalised means to assist you in covering the costs of your childcare.

☀️ Old Basing Village Nursery School ☀️

At Old Basing Village Nursery School we offer the following 'all-inclusive' funding packages:

OBVNS Private Fees

All Inclusive	Hours	Private fees (all inclusive)		
		1-2 years	2 years	3+ years
Morning Session (AM only)	9.00 - 12.00	£30	£28	£25
School Day (inc.lunch)	9.00 - 14.45	£58	£50	£46
Early Bird Club	8.15 - 9.00	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50

OBVNS Funded Childcare Fees

All Inclusive	Funded Session	Government Contribution	FCA - All Inclusive (Parent Contribution)
Morning Session (AM only)	9.00 - 12.00	3 funded hours	£4.50
School Day	9.00 - 14.45	6 funded hours	£12.50
Early Bird Club (includes snack)	8.15 - 9.00	Privately funded	£7.50
'unfunded week'	1st - 5th June	Privately funded	See Private Fees

OBVNS Autumn term illustrative examples*

Monthly cost of attending for 15 funded hours (two full days and one morning session all inclusive):
£107.69

Monthly cost of attending for 18 Funded hours (three full days all inclusive): £136.89

Monthly cost of attending for 24 funded hours (four full days all inclusive): £182.50

Monthly cost of attending for 30 funded hours (five full days all inclusive): £228.15

*Please note that as of September 2025, invoices at Old Basing settings will now be calculated on a termly basis (i.e. for Autumn the total cost of the term divided into 4 equal invoices Sept - Dec). This is to make mid year alterations to booking patterns much easier to manage.

☀ Otters Nursery School ☀

When you enroll your child at Otters Nursery School, you will be required to choose between a term-time only package or a full-time package. You may wish to change packages depending on your emerging childcare needs and we offer this flexibility on an understanding that there is one half-term's notice.

Otters All inclusive Private Fees

Based on 51 weeks attendance (closed for 5 days at Christmas)

All Inclusive	Hours	Private fees (all inclusive)
Morning Session (AM only)	9.00 - 12.00	£28.00
School Day (inc.lunch)	9.00 - 15.00	£50.00
Full Day (inc.tea)	8.00 - 18.00	£80.00
After School Club	15.00 - 16.30	£12

*All privately funded places are eligible for an August discount

Otters Funded Packages

All inclusive 'building block package - Funding stretched across 47 weeks per year (funding cannot be applied in August. The setting is closed for 5 days at Christmas). By stretching the funding across 47 weeks means booking patterns can be blocked in 12 hours per week (universal offer) or 24 hours per week (extended offer) this makes funding easier to apply and easier to understand. Your child will be eligible for either 570 or 1140 funded hours each year. Arranging the funding like this does not affect your access to the total annual balance of hours.

All Inclusive	Funded Session	Government Contribution	FCA - All Inclusive (Parent Contribution)
Morning Session	9.00 - 12.00	3 funded hours	£4.50
School Day (inc.lunch)	9.00 - 15.00	6 funded hours	£12.50
Full Day	9.00 - 18.00	9 funded hours	£20.50
"Wrap around" private sessions			
Breakfast Session	8.00 - 9.00	Privately funded	£10.00
After School Club	15.00 - 16.30	Privately funded	£12.00
Private afternoon	12.00 - 15.00	Privately funded	£31.50
Private afternoon + afterschool club	12.00 - 16.30	Privately funded	£43.50
After School Club + Late Finish	15.00 - 18.00	Privately funded	£26
Private afternoon + afterschool club + Late finish	12.00 - 18.00	Privately funded	£50

Otters All inclusive 'term-time only package' - 38 weeks

Based on Hampshire term-time calendar. Please note Hampshire's calendar is 39 weeks long - we receive funding for 38 weeks - hence the need for an unfunded week in June)

All Inclusive	Funded Session	Government Contribution	FCA - All Inclusive (Parent Contribution)
Morning Session	9.00 - 12.00	3 funded hours	£4.50
School Day	9.00 - 15.00	6 funded hours	£12.50
Full Day	9.00 - 18.00	9 funded hours	£20.50
Breakfast Session	8.00 - 9.00	Privately funded	£10.00
Day session	8.00 - 18.00	Privately funded	£80.00
'Unfunded week'	1st - 5th June	Privately funded	See private fees

Along with this document you have been sent your September booking pattern and the cost of that invoice.

Otters August Pricing

Any child in receipt of a funded place, can access discounted private childcare in August

All Inclusive	Hours	Private fees (all inclusive)
Morning Session	9.00 - 12.00	£25.20
School Day (inc.lunch)	9.00 - 15.00	£45.00
Full Day	8.00 - 18.00	£72.00
Breakfast Session	8.00 - 9.00	£9

Termdates

Term-time Only (available at OBVNS and Otters)

Light grey box - holiday closure
Dark grey box - bank holiday closure
* Asterix denotes first day back after a holiday

SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025							NOVEMBER 2025						
M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27		M	3*	10	17	24		
T	2	9	16	23	30		T		7	14	21	28		T	4	11	18	25		
W	3*	10	17	24			W	1	8	15	22	29		W	5	12	19	26		
T	4	11	18	25			T	2	9	16	23	30		T	6	13	20	27		
F	5	12	19	26			F	3	10	17	24#	31		F	7	14	21	28		
S	6	13	20	27			S	4	11	18	25			S	1	8	15	22	29	
S	7	14	21	28			S	5	12	19	26			S	2	9	16	23	30	
DECEMBER 2025							JANUARY 2026							FEBRUARY 2026						
M	1	8	15	22	29		M	5*	12	19	26			M	2	9	16	23*		
T	2	9	16	23	30		T	6	13	20	27			T	3	10	17	24		
W	3	10	17	24	31		W	7	14	21	28			W	4	11	18	25		
T	4	11	18	25			T	1	8	15	22	29		T	5	12	19	26		
F	5	12	19#	26			F	2	9	16	23	30		F	6	13#	20	27		
S	6	13	20	27			S	3	10	17	24	31		S	7	14	21	28		
S	7	14	21	28			S	4	11	18	25			S	1	8	15	22		
MARCH 2026							APRIL 2026							MAY 2026						
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13*	20	27		M		4	11	18	25	
T		3	10	17	24	31	T		7	14	21	28		T		5	12	19	26	
W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29		W		6	13	20	27	
T		5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30		T		7	14	21	28	
F		6	13	20	27#		F	3	10	17	24			F	1	8	15	22#	29	
S		7	14	21	28		S	4	11	18	25			S	2	9	16	23	30	
S	1	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26			S	3	10	17	24	31	
JUNE 2026							JULY 2026							AUGUST 2026						
M	Unfunded week	8	15	22	29		M	6	13	20	27			M	Bookable Summer Holiday Sessions 3 rd - 28 th August					31
T		9	16	23	30		T	7	14	21	28		T							
W		10	17	24			W	1	8	15	22#	29		W						
T		11	18	25			T	2	9	16	23	30		T						
F		12	19	26			F	3	10	17	24	31		F						
S	6	13	20	27			S	4	11	18	25			S	1	8	15	22	29	
S	7	14	21	28			S	5	12	19	26			S	2	9	16	23	30	

Full Year Children (only at Otters)

2025 Autumn : 1st September – 23rd December (CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DAYS – 24th, 29th, 30th, 31st December and 2nd January)

2026 Spring: 5th January – 2nd April (EASTER BANK HOLIDAYS CLOSURE – 3rd April and 6th April)

2026 Summer: 6th April – 28th July

Please note:

WE ARE CLOSED FOR ALL BANK HOLIDAYS – these are not chargeable

Bookable summer holiday club 2026 – 3rd – 28th August 2026