

# Elmwood Nursery



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## Government Funding Policy

### Elmwood Nursery Funding Policy

Elmwood Nursery is pleased to offer Government-funded childcare hours to support families with young children. Below is a summary of how the funding works at our nursery:

#### Current Funding

- We offer **15 hours of Government Funding per week** for **38 weeks per year**.
- This applies to all **eligible 2, 3, and 4-year-olds**.

#### New Funding from September 2025

- From **September 2025**, eligible children aged **9 months to 4 years+** may be able to access the new **30-hour Government Funding**.

#### Attendance Requirements

- The **minimum attendance** at Elmwood Nursery is **three days per week**.
- **One of these days must be either a Monday or a Friday**.

#### Using Funded Hours

- For children attending three or more days, parents can claim up to **6 funded hours per day**, across **38 weeks per year**.
- The remaining **12 weeks** of the year are charged at the **full nursery rate**.
- As funded hours do not cover a full day, **additional non-funded hours** are available to allow children to attend full days.

#### Additional Funded Hours

- If we have space on **quieter days during term time**, we may offer **additional funded hours**.
- These are **limited** and are **prioritised for the most vulnerable families**.
- Because these places affect staffing and have financial implications, they are carefully managed to protect the **sustainability of the nursery**.

#### Eligibility and Application

- Funding becomes available from the **start of the term after your child's birthday**.
- Parents must check their eligibility at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>
- You must **reconfirm your eligibility every three months** to continue receiving funding.
- If you are claiming funded hours at another setting, please **inform the nursery**.

## Fee Structure from August 2025

| Full Cost ( No Funding) |        |         |           |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Days per week           | Daily  | Weekly  | Monthly   |
| 1                       | £96.00 | £96.00  | £400.00   |
| 2                       | £96.00 | £192.00 | £800.00   |
| 3                       | £96.00 | £288.00 | £1,200.00 |
| 4                       | £96.00 | £384.00 | £1,600.00 |
| 5                       | £96.00 | £480.00 | £2,000.00 |

| Cost including 15 hours of Government Funding |        |         |           |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|
| Days/week                                     | Daily  | Weekly  | Monthly   |
| 1   | N/A    | N/A     | N/A       |
| 2   | N/A    | N/A     | N/A       |
| 3   | £96.00 | £178.56 | £744.00   |
| 4   | £96.00 | £274.56 | £1,144.00 |
| 5   | £96.00 | £370.56 | £1,544.00 |

Funded hours for 38 weeks of the year

| Costs including up to 30 Hours Government Funding |        |         |           |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|
| Days/week   | Daily  | Weekly  | Monthly   |
| 1   | N/A    | N/A     | N/A       |
| 2   | N/A    | N/A     | N/A       |
| 3   | £96.00 | £156.67 | £652.80   |
| 4   | £96.00 | £208.90 | £870.40   |
| 5   | £96.00 | £261.12 | £1,088.00 |

Funded hours for 38 weeks of the year

### Fees and Charges

- Fees are charged for **50 weeks per year**.
- Monthly fees are calculated by multiplying the weekly rate by 50 and dividing by 12, to spread costs evenly across the year. Fees are due on the **1<sup>st</sup> of each month**.
- Charges include **all bank holidays** and **two annual training days**.
- The nursery is **closed for two weeks at Christmas**, and **no fees are charged** for this period.