

Session Times and Fee Structure From 1st May 2026

At Daffodils Outdoor Nursery, we are proud to offer a range of enriching experiences that support a holistic learning environment. Alongside our seasonal snack teas, we provide opportunities for children to engage in activities like our fire circle, woodwork, forest school, sewing, yoga, gardening, and woodlands outdoor play. We also host exciting external visits from professionals such as firefighters, farmers, dentists, and other community figures, bringing real-world experiences to life.

Our curriculum is enhanced by cultural and social events that celebrate diversity and inclusivity, allowing children to develop a broad understanding of the world around them. With a focus on highly qualified staff, a higher staff-to-child ratio and a strong eco-friendly, nature-loving ethos, we ensure that each child receives the individual attention and care they deserve while exploring the outdoors.

Parents are kindly asked to provide a healthy packed lunch for their child, complementing our nourishing offerings.

Session fees

Age group	Paid Session Options	Cost
All children, age 9 months – 5 years	Full Day session 8.00am-5.00pm	£93
Minimum session requirements		
All Age Groups	2 full days	

Government Funded Sessions

The Government offers all eligible children up to 5 years old 15 hours of childcare and education per week up to a maximum of 570 hours per year. Funding is available at the start of the term after your child's birthday. Daffodils Outdoor Nursery ensures that all funded hours are free at the point of delivery, in accordance with the Statutory guidance - Early education and childcare (valid from 1 April 2026) (A1.32–A1.35).

Daffodils offer a stretched funding model over 47.5 weeks per year, allowing you to claim up to 12 hours per week for our all year round places. This is called a 'stretched offer' and allows you to spread funding across more weeks. The total number of hours each child is entitled to each year is the same, 570. The year will be split into weeks per funding block.

Some children up to 5 years old will be eligible for 30 hours of childcare and education. You can check your eligibility and lots more information using the following link;

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

If eligible, when you apply you will be given a code which you will need to provide us with so we can check your eligibility. You MUST provide your funding code by the deadlines given or your code will not be eligible, and we will be unable to verify your code. The deadline is usually the start date of the next term, so if you apply and a code is issued mid-term it will only be able to be used from the start of the next term, meaning we cannot claim funding until the start of next term and will be required to pay full fees for your sessions. If you are unsure about any deadlines, please speak to the manager who will be able to help. As Daffodils offers a 'stretched' funding offer, we will claim either 12 or 24 hours per week.

Early Education and Childcare funding is intended to cover the cost of the childcare place and delivery of the EYFS, but it is not intended to cover the cost of snacks/meals, non-food consumables, Enhanced Provision or privately paid for hours

The Enhanced Provision at Daffodils goes beyond the EYFS statutory requirements and are designed to enrich children's experiences. They cover the following and more;

Wood Work sessions, Sewing Sessions, yoga sessions, nutritious breakfast, nutritious snack tea, fresh fruit and healthy snacks, school leavers party, forest school & private woodland access, woodwork & tool use, high-risk play & improved ratio, music & yoga, cooking & structured sessions, seasonal events (pumpkin, winter, easter, summer), party events, consumables such as nappies, wet wipes, nappy sacks, sun cream, and more!

- If you choose to opt out of paying the optional additional extras, you will need to provide all consumables such as nappies, wipes, food and drink. Children accessing fully funded places will still receive a high-quality EYFS curriculum. Where families choose to opt out of the Enhanced Provision, alternative EYFS provision will be made using nursery resources.
- Benefits "that are not directly related or necessary for the effective delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework" (Statutory guidance - Early education and childcare (valid from 1 April 2026) - A1.32) are not included if parents choose to opt out of paying the additional optional extras.

- This is made in accordance and compliance with Statutory guidance - Early education and childcare (valid from 1 April 2026). In particular part A1.32-35, A1.40,42, and D1 to ensure providers are “meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage”

Optional Extras and Transparency

Invoices clearly show funded hours as £0, with any optional extras listed and priced separately to maintain full transparency.

Registration Fee and Deposit

A Registration fee of £130 is applicable to those paying for privately paid hours. This will also include a starter kit of waterproofs, lunchbox and wet bag.

A Registration fee is not charged for those accessing only the Early Education and Childcare Funding.

If the start date is more than 2 weeks away from the registration date a deposit of £250 is required. The deposit is credited against the first invoice.

Deposits and registration fees are not required for fully funded sessions.

Compliance Statement

Daffodils Outdoor Nursery complies fully with the Statutory guidance - Early education and childcare (valid from 1 April 2026), ensuring that all funded early education hours are completely free at the point of delivery. Any additional charges relate only to privately funded hours and Enhanced Provision and are clearly categorized for transparency. This policy aligns with guidance sections A1.32–A1.41 and D1, covering free entitlement delivery, transparency, and local authority monitoring.

Additional Days

Additional booking or ad hoc sessions in addition to the below plans can be booked at the standard Full Day Session rate.

BOOKING OPTIONS – 12hr funding

Sessions	Place Information	Weekly Cost
<p>Full Day 08:00 – 17:00</p> <p>2 days per week</p> <p>08:00 – 14:00 Funded 14:00 – 17:00 Privately Paid</p>	<p>All year round; Funding is accessible over 47.5 weeks of the year. 12 hours funding per week claimed by the nursery Privately Paid hours charged at £8.00 per hour Enhanced Provision charged at £27 per day (Activities - £18.50, Food & Nutrition - £4, Non-Food Consumables - £4.50)</p> <p>The Enhanced Provision includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Work sessions, Sewing Sessions, yoga sessions, nutritious breakfast, nutritious snack tea, fresh fruit and healthy snacks, school leavers party, Forest school & private woodland access, woodwork & tool use, high-risk play & improved practitioner-child ratio, music & yoga, cooking & structured sessions, seasonal events (pumpkin, winter, easter, summer), party events, consumables such as nappies, wet wipes, nappy sacks, sun cream, and more! <p>The Privately Paid hours include all of the above including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to online app; Family • Keepsake Learning Journey 	<p>Day cost -£51</p> <p>Weekly Cost (2 days) – £102</p> <p>Includes £27 per day Enhanced Provision (Available to Opt Out)</p> <p>£24 per day privately paid hours (available to Opt Out)</p> <p>Additional days can be booked at the standard day rate</p>

BOOKING OPTIONS – 24hr funding

Sessions	Place Information	Weekly Cost
<p>Full Day 08:00 – 17:00</p> <p>3 days per week</p> <p>08:00 – 16:00 Fully Funded 16:00 – 17:00 Privately Paid</p>	<p>All year round; Funding is accessible over 47.5 weeks of the year. 24 hours funding per week claimed by the nursery Privately Paid hours charged at £8.00 per hour Enhanced Provision charged at £27 per day (Activities - £18.50, Food & Nutrition - £4, Non-Food Consumables - £4.50)</p> <p>The Enhanced Provision includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Work sessions, Sewing Sessions, yoga sessions, nutritious breakfast, nutritious snack tea, fresh fruit and healthy snacks, school leavers party, Forest school & private woodland access, woodwork & tool use, high-risk play & improved practitioner-child ratio, music & yoga, cooking & structured sessions, Seasonal events (pumpkin, winter, easter, summer), party events, consumables such as nappies, wet wipes, nappy sacks, sun cream, and more! <p>The Privately Paid hours include all of the above including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to online app; Family • Keepsake Learning Journey 	<p>Day cost -£35</p> <p>Weekly Cost (3 days) – £105</p> <p>Includes £27 per day Enhanced Provision (Available to Opt Out)</p> <p>£8 per day privately paid hours (available to Opt Out)</p> <p>Additional days can be booked at the standard day rate</p>

OTHER CHARGES

Late Payment Fee	£7 per day
Late Collection or Early Drop Off	£5 per 5 minutes for the first 10 minutes then £6 per 5 minutes there after
Penalty Charge for Payments cancelled or returned by the bank	£22 per transaction

Invoices and payments

Fees are due monthly **in advance** by 1st of the month. Our preferred method of payment is online bank transfer.

Account number **97904242**

Sort code **09-01-28**

Please quote your child's name in the reference box.

We are registered with the government tax free childcare scheme. Please ensure you leave plenty of time for payments to be cleared into our account.

All nursery sessions that are booked must be paid for even if your child is absent due to illness, holiday, or other circumstances.

All session fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change. You will be given written notice of any changes, along with the date they will take effect. We aim to provide at least 4 weeks' notice of any fee changes whenever possible.