



Brightsparks Day Nurseries

Fees Schedule April 2026

Monthly Fees 7.45 am- 6.00 pm	Privately Funded 0-2 Years £87.00	Privately Funded 2-4 Years £84.50	Under 2 Years Funded 30 Hours *	Over 2 Years Funded 15 Hours *	Over 2 Years Funded 30 Hours *
3 days a week	1131.00	1098.50	464.79	777.05	455.56
4 days a week	1508.00	1464.67	841.79	1143.22	821.73
Full-Time Rate -7.5% on non funded hours	1743.60	1693.51	1138.11	1401.53	1109.55

*Includes private hours not covered by funding & non-mandatory supplement charges that cover meals & consumables. More information below.

Our minimum booking is three days a week, which must include a Monday or a Friday. To increase your booking pattern, we require at least 24 hours' notice, subject to availability. To decrease your booking pattern, you must provide us with a month's notice by email to the nursery manager.

Fees are payable in advance by the 5th of each month by standing order, Bacs, childcare vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare payments

Any fees still outstanding after the 10th of the month will incur a £25.00 charge. If your monthly fees are unpaid by the 15th of the month, the nursery place will be suspended until fees have been paid.

No refunds or additional sessions will be given for sessions missed due to holidays, sickness, isolation, Bank Holidays, or nursery closure days. Please ask the nursery manager for our annual closure dates.

Funding Information 2026

- ★ **30 Hours Funded Childcare**
Available for eligible working families with children aged **9 months to 4 years**.
- ★ **15 Hours Funded Childcare**
Available for eligible families with **2-year-olds** who meet Government criteria.
- ★ **Universal 15 Hours**
Available for **all children aged 3 and 4 years**, regardless of household income or employment.



When Does Funding Start?

Child's Birthday	Deadline to receive eligibility code	Funding Begins
January – March	31 st March	April Term
April – August	31 st August	September Term
September – December	31 st December	January term

Applying for funding

If you're applying for the **working parent childcare funding** (from the term after your child turns 9 months old), the decision is usually quite quick.

In most cases:

- **You'll get an instant decision** when you complete the online application.
- If HMRC needs to carry out additional checks (for example, to verify your income or employment), it **usually takes up to 10 days** to receive a decision.

<https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/apply-for-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

Please apply before the relevant term begins.

To continue receiving your funded childcare, you **must renew your eligibility code every 3 months**. HMRC will send you email and/or text reminders when it is time to reconfirm your details, so please make sure you read and act on these notifications promptly.

If you miss your renewal date, you may enter a **grace period**, depending on your circumstances. However, if your code is not renewed before the grace period ends, **your funding will stop**, and you will need to wait until the **next funding term** before you can claim your funded hours again.

Please note that this is a **Government requirement** and is **not something the nursery can change or override**. We are unable to reinstate funding or backdate claims if a code has expired due to a missed renewal. We strongly encourage all parents to keep a close eye on their HMRC/GOV.UK emails and renew their code as soon as they receive a reminder to ensure there is no interruption to their childcare funding.

Brightsparks Day Nurseries offers **stretched funding**, allowing funded childcare to be spread across the full nursery year, giving families consistent weekly childcare rather than term-time only. This means 15 funded hours are provided as 11 hours per week, and 30 funded hours are provided as 22 hours per week. Brightsparks offers two fully funded places, per nursery, subject to availability. Once those places are full, parents are welcome to take a standard place and use any funded hours towards the cost.

	2 Days 8.00 am – 6.00 pm Fully Funded	3 Days 7.45 am – 6.00 pm	4 Days 7.45 am – 6.00 pm	5 Days 7.45 am – 6.00 pm
30 Funded Hours	20 hours	22 hours	22 hours	22 hours
Private Hours Costs Under 2's = £8.49 p/h Over 2's = £8.24 p/h	N/A	8.75 hours	19 hours	29.25 hours
Weekly Food Costs *	£24.00	£26.40	£26.40	£26.40
Weekly Consumables Cost *	£6.00	£6.60	£6.60	£6.60

7.45 am – 6.00 pm	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
15 Funded Hours	11 hours	11 hours	11 hours	11 hours
Private Hours Costs Under 2's = £8.49 p/h Over 2's = £8.24 p/h	9.5 hours	19.75 hours	30 hours	40.25 hours
Weekly Food Costs *	£13.20	£13.20	£13.20	£13.20
Weekly Consumables Cost *	£3.30	£3.30	£3.30	£3.30

***Non-mandatory supplement charge covers meals & consumables**

Early Years Funding provided by the government is intended to cover childcare only. It does not include the cost of meals, snacks, nappies, wipes, non-consumable supplies, or online dairies. For children attending funded days, a non-mandatory supplement charge is applied to cover food and consumables. This package is designed to provide convenience for families and a fully inclusive nursery experience for children, while ensuring funded childcare remains accessible to all. If you would like to opt out of our food and consumables packages, please arrange a meeting with the nursery manager so we can share our policy.



Food Package -Freshly Prepared Meals

All meals are provided, including Breakfast, Morning Snack, 2-course Lunch, Afternoon Organic Milk, 2-course Afternoon Tea & Fruit. We have a fantastic on-site Chef who creates a rotating seasonal menu in our 5-star hygiene-rated kitchen, ensuring we meet all the dietary needs of growing children. This allows us to provide high-quality, home-style meals using carefully selected ingredients. We are proud to use British free-range eggs, British organic milk and British lamb, chicken, beef and pork. Our menus are carefully planned to ensure that children are offered their five portions of fruit and vegetables each day, encouraging healthy eating habits from an early age.

Non-Food Consumables Package

This includes Nappies, Baby wipes, Nappy Disposal, Sun Cream, Emergency Medication (Calpol, Piriton etc) Parent Admin App, Online Day Diaries, Special Seasonal Events (Easter Hunt, Mother's Day Tea, Graduation, Father's Day Event, Halloween Party, Christmas and Extra-Curricular Activities (Sign & Sign, Football etc)



You can get up to £2,000 per child each year towards childcare costs with Tax-Free Childcare



Tax-Free Childcare is for working families, including those self-employed.

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

How does it work?

For every £8 you pay into your online account, the government will pay in £2. This means you can get up to £2,000 per year for each child towards the cost of childcare (or up to £4,000 per year if your child is disabled).

If you're eligible, you'll need to create an online childcare account via the Government Tax-Free Childcare site. It should take about 20 minutes to set up, and you'll need your national insurance number to hand (if you're self-employed, you'll also need your unique taxpayer reference) www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare



2026 Nursery Closure Dates

Easter Break

Thursday 2nd April – Tuesday 7th April Inclusive

Monday 4th May – May Day

Monday 25th May – Spring Bank Holiday

Summer Break

Monday 24th – Monday 31st August Inclusive

Christmas Break

Wednesday 23rd December – Friday 1st Jan 2027 Inclusive



2027 Nursery Closure Dates

Easter Break

Friday 26th March – Wednesday 31st March Inclusive

Monday 3rd May – May Day

Monday 31st May – Spring Bank Holiday

Summer Break

Monday 23rd – Monday 30th August Inclusive

Christmas Break

Thursday 23rd December – Monday 3rd January 2028 Inclusive

