

Hawkhurst Pre-School Fees September 2026

From September 2026 our fees for additional or unfunded sessions will be £8.50 per hour for all ages.

Fees are due at the beginning of each half term in advance: confirmation of sessions and invoices will be given to parents at the beginning of each term.

Fees must be paid within 14 days of the invoice date. Late fees will incur a £5.00 charge per week. Please talk to management if you are having trouble and we can arrange a payment plan.

Fees are paid directly into Hawkhurst Preschool bank account using your child's name as a reference

Please note fees are still payable if a child is absent due to illness or holiday and the committee reserve the right to increase the fees during the academic year.

Government Free Early Education Funding

Free for 2 Funding

You may be eligible for up to 15 hours free early education for your two-year-old if you receive certain benefits. Please ask for further information.

Universal and Extended Offer

Free Early Education for 3 to 4 years old, offered over 38 weeks per year, entitles your child to 15 hours free early years funding, the Universal offer, from the term following your child's third birthday. A child qualifies for Extended offer 30 hours per week if both parents are working (or the sole parent in a lone parent family) and are expected to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage over the coming three months. Parents will not meet the criteria if either parent has an income of £100,000 or more.

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You may access as little or as much of the free Early Funding as you wish and may take up the entitlement at a maximum of two providers where funding will be split pro rata based on child's attendance. Hawkhurst Preschool offer 30 hours of funding and a child can use 3 to 4 days with us and use the last 6 hours with a childminder/setting. We are a smaller preschool and struggle to offer 30 hours to all our children.

Each year group changes and we will try to accommodate as many hours as possible to each child. Do ask in advance and we will try to provide as many hours or days.

Childcare Vouchers

We can accept any form of employer voucher and can supply any information you may need to set up the payments.

In Kent, children become eligible to claim their free early education from:

A child born between:	
1 April - 31 August (inclusive)	The start of term 1 following their third birthday (after summer holidays) until statutory school age.
1 September - 31st December (inclusive)	The start of term 3 following their third birthday (after Christmas/New Year holiday) until statutory school age. The start of term 5 following their third birthday (after April holiday) until statutory school age.
1 January - 31st March (inclusive)	

Pupil Premium

Fantastic news!

As from April 2015 our preschool will be able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support your children's development, learning and care. We will be able to use this funding in many ways to improve the quality of early years education we provide for your child. This may include training for staff, developing expertise or supporting staff working in specialist areas such as speech and language, behaviour management or supporting families. If you think you may be eligible for the above, please read the attached criteria list and let a member of staff know.

Eligibility criteria - family are in receipt of the following:

- Income support

- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part v1 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.00
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (this is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working tax Credit)
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of an adoption order in England and Wales.
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of special guardianship order in England and Wales.
- Children who have left the care of a local authority as a result of a child arrangement order in England and Wales.
- Children who have been looked after by a local authority for 1 day or more in England and Wales.

If you feel that you meet one of the above criteria please let us know and we can arrange for you to complete the online application.