

St John's Church Pre-School Nursery

384 Ashley Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, BH14 0AA



Inspection date

24 May 2016

Previous inspection date

9 June 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The leadership team and staff are strongly committed to continuous improvement. They critically evaluate their practice continually and use a wealth of highly effective strategies to obtain the views of parents and children.
- The dedicated staff expertly use their knowledge of how children learn to create a rich, vibrant learning environment and exciting activities that enthuse and motivate learning. They strive to ensure that children make excellent developmental progress in relation to their starting points, which successfully prepares them for starting school.
- Children behave exceptionally well and respond positively to the high expectations of staff. Staff gently remind children to be kind to each other and to share and take turns.
- Staff develop children's language skills very effectively. For example, they introduce new vocabulary, model language and give children time to respond to questions. This supports children's ability to think critically and develops their communication skills exceptionally well.
- Staff form excellent partnerships with parents and local schools. They provide parents with detailed information about their children's progress and actively encourage parents to extend their children's learning at home. Staff use these partnerships extremely well to promote continuity in children's care and learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- strengthen the mathematical development of older children in the outdoor play areas even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the nursery and the outside learning environment.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with an early years professional.
- The inspector sampled relevant documentation, including policies and children's assessment records.
- The inspector checked evidence of staff suitability and qualifications.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers spoken to on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Petra Morgan

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The manager and all staff have an excellent understanding of their responsibilities. The leadership team works exceptionally well with external professionals to successfully address individual children's needs to a high standard. For example, an outreach worker comes to the nursery every month to offer help, support and advice to parents. Safeguarding is effective. Staff ensure safeguarding is at the heart of all they do. They understand fully how to keep children safe and what to do if they have a concern about a child's welfare. The manager monitors the progress of all children meticulously. This helps to initiate focused intervention and to close any identified gaps in learning and development swiftly. The manager implements highly effective and purposeful supervision meetings and ensures that staff continually update their knowledge and skills.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff assess children's progress precisely and plan challenging activities based on the needs and interests of individual children. For example, children enthusiastically hunt for bugs and carefully examine them with magnifying glasses. They use pens confidently to show which bugs they have found on their clipboards. Staff give children an excellent grounding in early mathematics and literacy. Children count confidently as they play and love to sit and listen to stories. The leadership team plans to extend mathematical development for older children even further, particularly for those who prefer to learn outdoors. Staff provide excellent first-hand opportunities for children to explore and learn about their local community, such as when children buy snacks from the local shops and borrow books from the library.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff place an exceptionally high emphasis on promoting children's emotional well-being. Children settle quickly because, for example, staff talk with parents about specific needs and interests and use this information to provide engaging activities. Staff develop children's physical skills extremely well. For example, indoors children jump like frogs and outdoors they navigate challenging obstacle courses. Staff teach children about healthy lifestyles. Children grow their own fruit and vegetables which they later make into smoothies and soup. Staff provide extremely effective care practices which help children to develop high levels of confidence and self-esteem.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children thrive in the nursery. They make excellent progress in their learning and development. This includes those with special educational needs or disability, children who speak English as an additional language and those who receive funding. Children rapidly acquire the skills they need for their next stage of learning and school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	109595
Local authority	Poole
Inspection number	824892
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	60
Number of children on roll	83
Name of registered person	St Johns Church Pre-School Nursery Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP521996
Date of previous inspection	9 June 2009
Telephone number	01202740261

St John's Pre-School Nursery registered in 1993. It operates from St John's Heatherlands Parish Church in the Parkstone area of Poole in Dorset. The nursery is open from 9am until 4pm, Monday to Friday, during school term times. It receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery employs 13 members of staff. Of these, two members of staff hold early years professional status, one holds a level 4 qualification and eight hold level 3 qualifications.

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