

Funding & Charges

St David's Prep is registered to accept universal funding for eligible children in Pre- Reception and Reception (a maximum of 15 funded hours per week). St David's Prep offers funding for approximately 34 weeks per year.

A child becomes eligible for universal funding, at the start of the funding period following their 3rd birthday and ceases to be eligible for funding at the start of the funding period after their 5th birthday.

Child's 3rd birthday	Eligible for 15 universal funded hours
On or before 31 st August 2026	From 1 st September 2026
1 st September to 31 st December 2026	From 1 st January 2027
1 st January to 31 st March 2027	From 1 st April 2027

Child's 5th birthday	Eligible for 15 universal funded hours
On or before 31 st August 2026	Not eligible for Early Years Funding in 2026/27
1 st September to 31 st December 2026	Eligible for universal funding in Autumn 2026
1 st January to 31 st March 2027	Eligible for universal funding in Autumn 2026 & Spring 2027
1 st April to 31 st August 2027	Eligible for universal funding in Autumn 2026, Spring 2027 and Summer 2027

Pre-Reception

Charges for sessions not covered by funding

If your child is eligible for 15 universal funded hours, you will not be charged for these hours. Any additional sessions will be charged at the rate shown on the fee schedule (£9.25 per hour).

If you wish your child to attend funded hours only, 15 funded hours per week can either be attended on one full day, 8am to 6pm (10 funded hours) and one morning 8am-1pm (5 funded hours) or over three mornings, 8am-1pm (15 funded hours).

If your child is only attending funded hours without any additional charges (such as lunch, before school care or after school care), you will not have to pay the registration, the deposit will be reduced to £150 and will be refunded to you during the first term of your child's attendance. Please be aware if you cancel your child's fully-funded place before they have started at St David's Prep, the £150 will not be refunded.

Lunch & snacks during funded sessions

Funding does not cover the cost of meals. Where a complete session is funded, lunches and snacks will be charged at the prices shown in the fee schedule (£6.65 per day), unless you choose to opt out and provide your child with packed meals. If you would like to provide your child with packed meals and snacks for completely funded sessions, please let our admissions team know. Existing parents choosing to bring in packed meals for funded sessions must inform the School Business Manager by the deadline set each term. Please ask the School Business Manager for a copy of the packed lunch policy if you are considering this option for funded sessions.

Lunch & snacks during non-funded sessions

For non-funded sessions, the school will provide your child with lunch and snacks at the charge shown on the fee schedule and there is no option to bring in packed meals.

Reception

If your child is eligible for universal funding in Reception, the funded hours are taken each afternoon, 1pm to 4pm.

The termly charge for non-funded hours and the lunch charge is shown on the fee schedule. Lunch takes place before the funded session starts.

If you would like your child to attend only 15 funded hours in Reception, you will not be required to pay a registration fee and the deposit will be reduced to £150 and refunded to you during your child's first term at St David's. Please be aware if you cancel your child's fully-funded place before they have started at St David's Prep, the £150 will not be refunded.

Childcare vouchers & Tax Free Childcare

Pre Reception fees may be paid using Childcare Vouchers & Tax Free Childcare accounts. Reception fees for any terms that your child is eligible for Early Years Funding may also be paid using Childcare Vouchers & Tax Free Childcare accounts. Please contact the School Business Manager for further information.