



Ninny's House

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An independent, family-run early-years setting established in the Bourne Valley in 2012 (Egbury), moving to Stoke in 2015 and St Mary Bourne in spring 2022. Ninny's House provides child-centred early education, rooted in nature, play and strong relationships with families.

Children and families

Measure	Number	Share of total
Children currently on roll	49	100%
From the Bourne Valley	25	51.0%
Specifically St Mary Bourne	15	30.6%
Whitchurch / Andover / Highclere	7 / 16 / 1	14.3% / 32.7% / 2.0%

Local employment

Measure	Number	Share of staff
Staff employed at St Mary Bourne	14	100%
Resident in St Mary Bourne and Stoke	7	50.0%
Whitchurch / Andover	1 / 4	7.1% / 28.6%
Longparish / Penton	1 / 1	7.1% / 7.1%

Demand and progression

Current enquiries: 15, for anticipated start dates from November 2026 to January 2028. Occupancy: Monday 100%, Tuesday 73%, Wednesday 100%, Thursday 87%, Friday 100%.

Most recent school-leaver cohort: 16 children. Ten progressed to village primary schools (St Mary Bourne 6; Hurstbourne Tarrant 2; Vernham Dean 1; Wherwell 1); two to Whitchurch, three to Andover, and one moved out of the area.

Contribution to village life

Accessible provision: Government-funded early education, including funded places for eligible two-year-olds, helping families access early learning locally where travel may otherwise be a barrier.

Local economic links: Employment and career opportunities; work with other small, independent local businesses including Cooking Katie, Stow Sports, Forest School provision, a local independent business advisor and a local independent HR consultant. Nursery families also regularly use village amenities such as the shop, café, playground and pub.

Shared community facilities: The nursery packs away its setting for cricket matches at the weekends and on Wednesday evenings during the season, and sponsors the cricket club youth side.

Figures supplied by Ninny's House for this briefing. Percentages rounded to one decimal place; St Mary Bourne children are included within the Bourne Valley total. Occupancy is by weekday, not overall weekly occupancy.