

GILLESPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Gillespie and Calypso Extended Provision Partnership

We are delighted to announce that, following a successful Ofsted visit, Calypso is now officially registered on the Early Years Register and will be partnering with Gillespie to offer extended hours provision starting in April. Thank you to all parents for your continued support and patience while we worked through this process.

The new extended hours provision will offer high-quality care on site in the Early Years setting from the end of the school day until 6:00pm. This will complement the already thriving breakfast club run by Calypso before school.

Please see the information below about the full offer and details on how to book a place for your child, with sessions available from Tuesday 14th April.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club provides a calm and welcoming start to the school day, allowing children time to eat breakfast, socialise and take part in quiet activities before lessons begin.

A selection of breakfast options is available each morning including:

- Bagels
- Toast
- Hot cross buns
- Cereal with milk
- Jam and honey options

Children also have access to a variety of activities including:

- Books suitable for different age groups
- Board games and puzzles
- Drawing and creative activities
- Table tennis and table football
- Quiet social play
- Outdoor play when weather permits

The aim of the Breakfast Club is to provide a relaxed and positive start to the day, helping children feel settled and ready for learning.

Cost for the remainder of the summer term is £4.50 per session.

From September the price will increase to £5.50 per session to reflect running costs.

Extended Hours Provision

The Extended Hours provision offers after school care in a structured, well organised and engaging environment designed to support children at the end of a busy school day.



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The aim of the provision is not simply childcare, but to provide a high-quality end-of-day experience where children can relax, socialise and take part in carefully planned activities in a calm and supportive setting.

Children are provided with a fresh, warm meal each afternoon, ensuring they leave the session well fed and settled for the evening ahead.

We will also be working closely with the school and teaching staff to ensure the provision complements the school day and supports children's continued development.

Activities are designed to encourage confidence, creativity, teamwork and independence while still allowing children time to unwind after a full day of learning.

The programme balances structured activities with opportunities for free play, creativity and calm wind-down time before home time.

Typical Daily Routine

3:15 – 3:30	Arrival and calm play. Children settle into the session with quiet activities such as puzzles, books and small-world play.
3:30 – 4:00	Snack time and conversation.
4:00 – 4:45	Adult-led activity linked to the weekly programme.
4:45 – 5:00	Free choice play where children can explore creative play areas, construction activities and role play.
5:00 – 5:30	Tea time. Children are served a warm meal.
5:30 – 6:00	Wind-down activities such as stories, yoga, colouring or quiet play before home time.

Weekly Activity Programme

Monday	Movement circuits and obstacle courses Wind-down: stretching and animal yoga
Tuesday	Creative art including painting, collage and playdough Wind-down: story and discussion time
Wednesday	Construction challenges such as building bridges and towers Wind-down: quiet Lego and building activities
Thursday	Ball games, throwing and catching activities and parachute play Wind-down: colouring and mark making
Friday	Small world play and imaginative role play Wind-down: sensory play



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Session Options

Full Session

3:15pm – 6:00pm

Adhoc booking: **£19.50 per session**

Contract booking (same day each week for the full term): **£18.00 per session**

Children attending the full session take part in the full activity programme including snack time, structured activities, free play, tea time and the wind-down period.

Late Session

4:30pm – 6:00pm

This option is designed for children attending a school club before joining Extended Hours.

Adhoc booking: £12.50 per session

Contract booking (same day each week for the full term): £11.50 per session

Children attending the Late Session join the routine at 4:30pm and take part in the remaining activities, meal time and wind-down period.

Children attending a club before Extended Hours may wish to bring a small fruit snack to eat during their club session.

Discounts

The following discounts are automatically applied through the booking system:

- **5% sibling discount**
- **5% weekly attendance discount** where children attend every day of the week

Booking System

All bookings are managed through **MagicBooking**.

Parents must create an account, add their child or children and select Gillespie as the centre before they are able to book any sessions.

Booking link: <https://calypsogymnasticsclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Once their account has been created, parents can book either contract sessions or adhoc sessions depending on their needs.

Contract bookings are designed for families who require the same day each week for the full term. These bookings receive a reduced rate and secure the same space each week.

Adhoc bookings are intended for families who only require occasional sessions. Parents selecting adhoc sessions must tick the Adhoc option and select the individual dates they require.

Payments can be made directly through the system and Tax-Free Childcare is accepted.

To support staffing and ensure appropriate ratios are maintained, families are encouraged to book sessions at least half a term in advance wherever possible.

Yours sincerely,

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