



Children Of Towan Kindergarten
- For the Love of Play -

Prospectus 2026-2027

By the sea. Rooted in relationship.

Nestled in the heart of Porthtowan, just a short walk from the beach, Children of Towan is a small, soulful preschool for children aged 16 months to 5 years.

We are community-based, relationship-led and gently structured. Our days are calm but full. Playful but purposeful. Predictable but responsive.

We believe early childhood should feel safe, meaningful and unhurried.

We value belonging over performance, curiosity over pressure, and connection over control.

Our Ethos – The Archetype Approach

We follow the EYFS 2024 framework through our own lens — The Archetype Approach.

That simply means we look at the whole child.

Not just milestones.

Not just behaviour.

Not just ability.

We notice temperament, energy, imagination, sensitivity, courage, movement, social rhythm.

Some children are explorers.

Some are watchers.

Some are helpers, rebels, thinkers or builders.

Rather than shaping children into one ideal, we help them grow into balanced, confident versions of who they already are.

What Our Days Feel Like

Our rhythm is steady, but never rigid.

Mornings

- Warm welcome
- Free-flow play and creative invitations
- Outdoor time as often as we can
- Flexible snack table
- Stories, music and movement

Midday

- Packed lunch in a relaxed social space
- Calm connection and reset time

Afternoons

- Outdoor play, walks or beach visits
- Imaginative projects and group experiences
- Gentle close to the day

We get sandy.

We get muddy.

We sing.

We build.

We rest.

There is space for big energy and quiet corners.

Outdoor Play & Safe Risk

We spend time outside as often as we can.

Fresh air, movement and nature are an important part of who we are. Some days that means beach adventures. Some days it's boots on and exploring puddles.

We believe in safe risk-taking — climbing, balancing, exploring tools and testing limits within clear, thoughtful boundaries. Risk builds resilience, judgement and confidence when held safely by steady adults.

Please send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing — we will use it.

Settling In

Starting preschool is a big transition — for children and parents.

We begin gently.

In most cases, a parent or carer joins their child for around an hour during the first session. As confidence builds, sessions gradually expand and the adult slowly steps back, moving towards a comfortable drop-off.

We know separation can feel tender. It can bring worry, sadness and uncertainty.

But within that stretch is something important.

The pain of separation creates space for new trust to form.

New bonds.

New confidence.

Your child will be supported by a key person who builds safety through consistency, warmth and attuned presence.

We move at the child's pace wherever possible.



Communication

We value open, calm communication.

We share:

- Observations and updates through the Tapestry app
- Memos and reminders via Tapestry
- Email communication for important information
- A telephone line for direct contact

There are also daily handovers at drop-off and collection.

We aim to work in partnership — not just inform, but collaborate.



Health & Wellbeing

We follow current UK health guidance regarding illness, infection control and exclusion periods.

Children who are unwell or infectious will need to remain at home for the appropriate incubation or exclusion period to protect the wider community.

Up-to-date guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>

(You may choose to generate a QR code linking to this page for the printed version.)

If in doubt, please ask — we are always happy to clarify.

Food & Packed Lunches

We provide a healthy daily snack and encourage regular water intake.

Children staying for lunch should bring a balanced packed lunch in line with Government healthy eating guidance.

We encourage:

- Wholegrain sandwiches, wraps or pasta
- Chicken, tuna, egg, hummus or beans
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Yogurt or dairy alternatives
- Water (no fizzy drinks or juice cartons)

We gently discourage sweets, chocolate and high-sugar snacks. Our aim is steady energy and positive lifelong habits — not strict policing.

What to Bring

- Labelled water bottle
- Nappies and wipes (if needed)
- Weather-appropriate clothing (wellies, waterproofs, sun hats)
- Spare clothes
- Healthy packed lunch (for full day children)

Fees (from September 2025)

Fees are based on your child's age at the start of term.

16 months – 2 years

- Full Day (9–3): **£52**
- Half Day (3 hours): **£30**
- Additional Hour: **£9**

2 – 3 years

- Full Day (9–3): **£48**
- Half Day (3 hours): **£28**

- Additional Hour: £9

3 years and over

- Full Day (9–3): £45
- Half Day (3 hours): £25
- Additional Hour: £8

Funded Hours

We accept all eligible Government funded entitlements (15 / 30 hours).

From April 2026, working entitlement codes must be applied for and reconfirmed before each funding block deadline in line with national guidance. Parents are responsible for ensuring codes remain valid.

We are happy to guide families through the process.

Payments & Invoices

All privately paid sessions (including non-funded hours or additional hours) are payable in advance.

Invoices are issued by the **10th** of each month and are due by the 25th of that same month, covering sessions for the upcoming month.

For example:

An invoice issued on 10th May covers June's sessions and is **due by 25th** May.

If you ever experience difficulty, please speak to us early — communication matters.

Registration & Securing a Place

To secure your child's place with us, the following must be completed:

- A completed Registration Form
- The Archetype Approach 'All About Me' form
- A Funding Form (if applicable)
- Payment of the £25 registration fee

Places are confirmed once all paperwork has been received and the registration fee has been paid.

The registration fee covers administrative processing and initial set-up costs.

If funding is being used, required codes and parent details must also be provided before the agreed start date to ensure funding can be correctly claimed.

If you have any questions while completing the forms, we are always happy to help.



Our Team

Children of Towan is led by Olli and Katharine, supported by a small team of reflective practitioners.

All staff are:

- DBS checked
- Paediatric First Aid trained
- Safeguarding trained in line with statutory guidance
- Committed to ongoing professional development

We believe the adults shape the atmosphere.

We work on our own regulation.

We use calm voices.

We hold clear, respectful boundaries.

Children thrive when the adults around them are steady.



Visiting Us

The best way to know if we are right for your family is to visit.

Come and feel the space.

See the rhythm.

Meet the team.

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We would love to welcome you by the sea.