

Inspection of Junior Adventures Group @ St Edmunds OX14

St. Edmunds Rc Primary School, Radley Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 3PP

Inspection date:

29 August 2025

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children feel very happy and safe at this warm and friendly holiday club. Children know the club well and happily play with their friends throughout their day. The club accesses allocated spaces within the school, inside and outside, which are very safe and secure. Staff are deployed well and consistently support children to engage in their play. Children have access to a wide range of stimulating play resources and planned activities. For example, they excitedly decorate a party banner for their end of club party. They thoroughly enjoy playing games with balloons.

Children eagerly explore the large playground, where they play ball games, such as football and tennis. They have great fun as they use a special resource to launch tennis balls, giggling loudly as they run after them. In addition, children pump water bottles up to send them soaring into the air. They squeal with delight as the water splashes on the ground.

Staff have high expectations of children and their behaviour. They involve children daily in creating and reinforcing the club's rules and discuss these each day. Staff give children clear explanations and talk to them about the impact their behaviour may have on others. Children behave extremely well.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- Throughout the session, there is frequent conversation and delightful laughter from children as they independently engage in a choice of games and activities indoors. Older children enjoy building with bricks, making intricate models. They encourage younger children to join in and praise them excitedly when they succeed in adding to their creations.
- Children enjoy a range of activities outside, such as balls, bats and hoops. However, there are fewer opportunities for children who prefer to spend some quiet time together. Therefore, some children do not engage fully in the activities on offer to them.
- Activities are purposeful and engaging because staff know what motivates children. This means that children enjoy the activities. The management team ensures that staff have a secure understanding of the specific needs of the children they support. This enables staff to expertly develop children's knowledge and skills.
- Staff promote children's independence well. Children quickly follow staff's instructions, such as getting their own lunch boxes and sitting down for lunch. They help their friends and happily chat about what they have got to eat. This supports children's independence skills.

- Staff work closely with parents and carers to ensure that there is a good two-way flow of information. They ask parents for detailed information when their children join the club to make sure that they have all the information they need to help keep children safe. For example, the provider is vigilant about any allergies or dietary requirements that children might have.
- Children's welfare is central to the ethos of the club. Staff organise themselves well to ensure that children are appropriately supervised at all times. The environment is secure and there are robust processes in place to help to keep children safe. For example, staff undertake regular head counts to account for all children.
- Leaders and managers support staff with their practice and well-being through effective monitoring and training processes. Staff are knowledgeable and keen to continually develop their skills. They attend relevant training organised by the provider, such as safeguarding and food hygiene courses. Leaders organise monthly meetings to share ideas and plan new activities. This helps to continuously improve staff's practice and ensure that children continue to enjoy attending the club.
- Staff support children to understand healthy lifestyle habits. Children wash their hands when they have been outside and before their snack. They remind others to do the same. Children have access to a large outdoor play area, where they play various sports, such as cricket and football. Therefore, children learn the significance of being healthy and active.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2742676
Local authority	Oxfordshire
Inspection number	10407792
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	4 to 11
Total number of places	25
Number of children on roll	40
Name of registered person	Junior Adventures Group UK Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP901001
Telephone number	07729122079
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Junior Adventure Group @ St Edmunds OX14 registered in 2023. It is independently run and is located in Abingdon, Oxfordshire. The club employs three members of childcare staff. It opens during term time, from 7.30am until 8.45am and from 3.15pm until 6pm, Monday to Friday. A holiday club operates during the school holidays, from 8.30am until 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Chris Lamey

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector observed staff's practices and considered the impact these have on children's play experiences.
- The inspector sampled some of the setting's documentation, including staff's suitability and recruitment procedures.
- Leaders showed the inspector around the premises. They talked about how the club is organised and about the activities provided for children.
- The inspector held discussions with leaders, staff and children.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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