

NurtureBooks

The childminding management platform
built for registered childminders in England and Wales

The screenshot shows the NurtureBooks dashboard for a childminder on Monday, 25 May 2026. The interface includes a dark sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Attendance, Activities, Capacity, Observations, Children, and Finance. The main content area features a 'Good morning' greeting with a sun icon and a 'Help' button. Key metrics are displayed in a grid: 8 Total Children, 0 Currently In, 2 Observations — This Term, and 0 Absent Today. Financial summaries include £1,624.20 Outstanding, £711.80 Overdue, and £1,207.70 Income — May. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Who's In Right Now' (Attendance) and 'Today's Activity Summary' (Activities) for a child named Toby Jenkins, showing 2 entries.

Attendance & Daily Diary

Check-in/out, care logs, activities, photos

Invoicing & Payments

Smart invoices from your care agreements

Curriculum Observations

ECPLC (Wales) and EYFS (England) — inspection-ready

Parent Portal

Bilingual — English and Welsh supported now

Expenses & MTD

SA103-ready expense log, MTD export

Capacity & Compliance

Ratio tracking, DBS, qualifications, alerts

Your childminding business — managed in one place

NurtureBooks is a secure online platform for registered childminders in England and Wales — nothing to download or install, works on any device. Attendance, invoicing, observations, expenses, and parent communication — all connected in one place, entered once, working across the whole platform. Built with a registered childminder for real working practice.

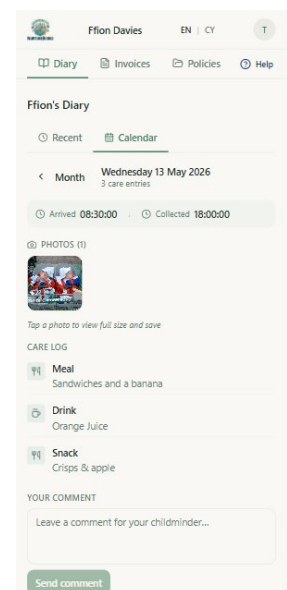
Attendance

Check-in & out	Log arrival and departure times. The dashboard updates live when children check in.
Contracted & ad hoc	Record contracted or additional sessions. Attendance feeds directly into invoice calculations.
Calendar view	See the whole month colour-coded by attendance type, with own children shown in amber.
Auto-checkout	Automatically check children out at their contracted end time if you forget. Absence logging with reason included.

Activities & Daily Diary

The daily diary records each child's day — visible to parents in their portal. Each entry includes a summary of activities, timestamped care log entries (meals, drinks, snacks, naps, nappies, medicine), curriculum activity tags aligned to ECPLC (Wales) or EYFS (England), photos, and private childminder notes.

- Free-text activity summary — shared with parents in their portal
- Care log entries: meals, drinks, snacks, naps, nappies, medicine (with times)
- Curriculum tags: ECPLC pathways (Wales) or EYFS areas (England)
- Photos parents can view and save from their portal
- Private notes visible only to you



Parent portal

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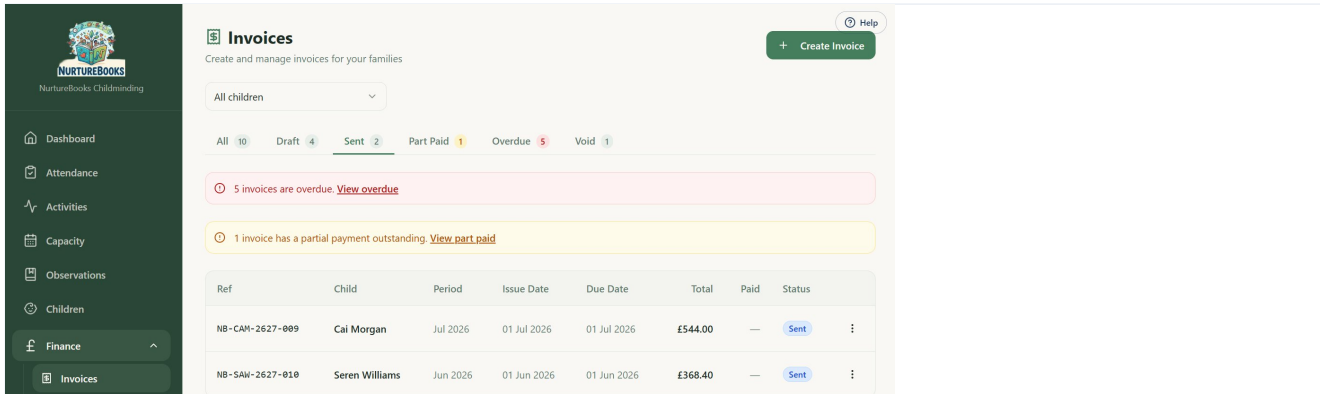
Parents access a secure read-only portal from any device — daily diary, care logs, attendance, photos, and their invoices. Fully separate from your childminder account: parents cannot see other children's records, your settings, or any financial detail beyond their own invoices.

Welsh language parent portal — available now. Parents switch between English and Welsh at any time. Full Welsh language support across the entire app is coming soon, making NurtureBooks the first childminding platform to offer a fully bilingual experience for childminders and families in Wales.

Finance & Business Management

Invoicing

NurtureBooks calculates invoices from your care agreements and attendance – handling all agreement types, funded hours, late fees, and setting closures automatically.



Invoices – sent, overdue, and part-paid invoices tracked across all children

Agreement types

Year round, term time, school holidays only, and ad hoc – each billed correctly using your school calendars.

Invoice types

Standard parent, retainer (place reservation), and funding claim invoices for your local authority.

Invoice lifecycle

Draft, Sent, Part Paid, Paid – Overdue automatically surfaced on the dashboard with outstanding totals.

Payment tracking

Full or partial payments recorded. Part-paid balances tracked and displayed throughout.

Late fees

Configured per care agreement – applied automatically to overdue invoices.

Funded hours

Deducted correctly; separate funding claim invoices generated for the funding body.

Expenses, Income & MTD Export

Track business income and expenses with HMRC-ready categorisation, mileage logging, grants tracking, and a rolling 12-month income and expenses chart.



Rolling 12-month income and expenses – income received vs expenses including mileage

HMRC SA103

Expenses categorised to match your self-assessment tax return – straightforward at year end.

Mileage log

Business mileage logged. HMRC approved rate applied automatically (55p/mile, first 10,000 miles).

Grants

Grant income recorded separately from invoice income, keeping financial records clean.

MTD Export

Data exported for My Tax Digital bridging software – Making Tax Digital ready.

Curriculum Observations & Compliance

A dedicated page for formal curriculum observations – separate from the daily diary, producing the inspection evidence that CIW (Wales) and Ofsted (England) expect.

The screenshot displays the 'Curriculum Observations' interface. At the top, there are 'CURRENT BANDS' for five pathways: Belonging (I'm exploring!), Communication (Here I am!), Exploration (Here I am!), Physical Development (Here I am!), and Well-being (I'm exploring!). Below this is a 'COVERAGE THIS TERM' section featuring a radar chart with five axes corresponding to the pathways. The chart shows varying levels of coverage, with 'Belonging' and 'Communication' showing higher coverage than 'Physical Development' and 'Exploration'. A date filter is set to '13 May 2026'. Below the date, there are five observation entries with their respective bands: Belonging (I'm exploring!), Communication (Here I am!), Well-being (I'm exploring!), Physical Development (Here I am!), and Exploration (I'm exploring!).

Curriculum Observations – ECPLC Developmental Pathways with radar coverage chart (Wales shown)

Framework aligned

Wales uses ECPLC five Developmental Pathways. England uses EYFS 2021. The right framework loads automatically based on whether your setting is in Wales or England.

Radar chart & ratings

Coverage chart across pathways this term. Rate each observation Exploring, Developing, or Established.

Photo evidence & export

Up to 5 photos per observation. Inspection-ready PDF for any child and date range, prints from the browser.

Dashboard alerts

Children flagged on the dashboard when overdue an observation – configurable threshold, default 6 weeks.

Capacity, Settings & Compliance

Capacity & ratios

Live CIW/Ofsted ratio view – colour-coded days, assistant scheduling, and custom overrides.

DBS & qualifications

Expiry tracking for all staff and household members with proactive dashboard alerts.

Calendars & closures

School holiday calendars for term time agreements. Planned closures appear in invoice line items.

People & help

Manage assistants, parents, and portal access. Searchable in-app help on every page.

Your Dashboard – Everything at a Glance

The first thing you see each day: who is in, outstanding and overdue invoices, income this month, observations this term, and compliance alerts. Every item links through directly.

The screenshot shows the 'Good morning' dashboard for Monday, 25 May 2026. It features a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Attendance, Activities, Capacity, Observations, Children, and Finance. The main content area includes:

- Attendance: 8 total children, 0 currently in.
- Observations: 2 observations this term.
- Alerts: 0 absent today.
- Financials: £1,624.20 outstanding, £711.80 overdue, £1,207.70 income today.
- Who's In Right Now: No children currently checked in.
- Attendance: Toby Jenkins (2 minutes).
- Today's Activity Summary: Toby Jenkins (2 minutes).
- Activities: Toby Jenkins (2 minutes).

Dashboard – attendance, financial position, observations this term, and today's activity summary

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