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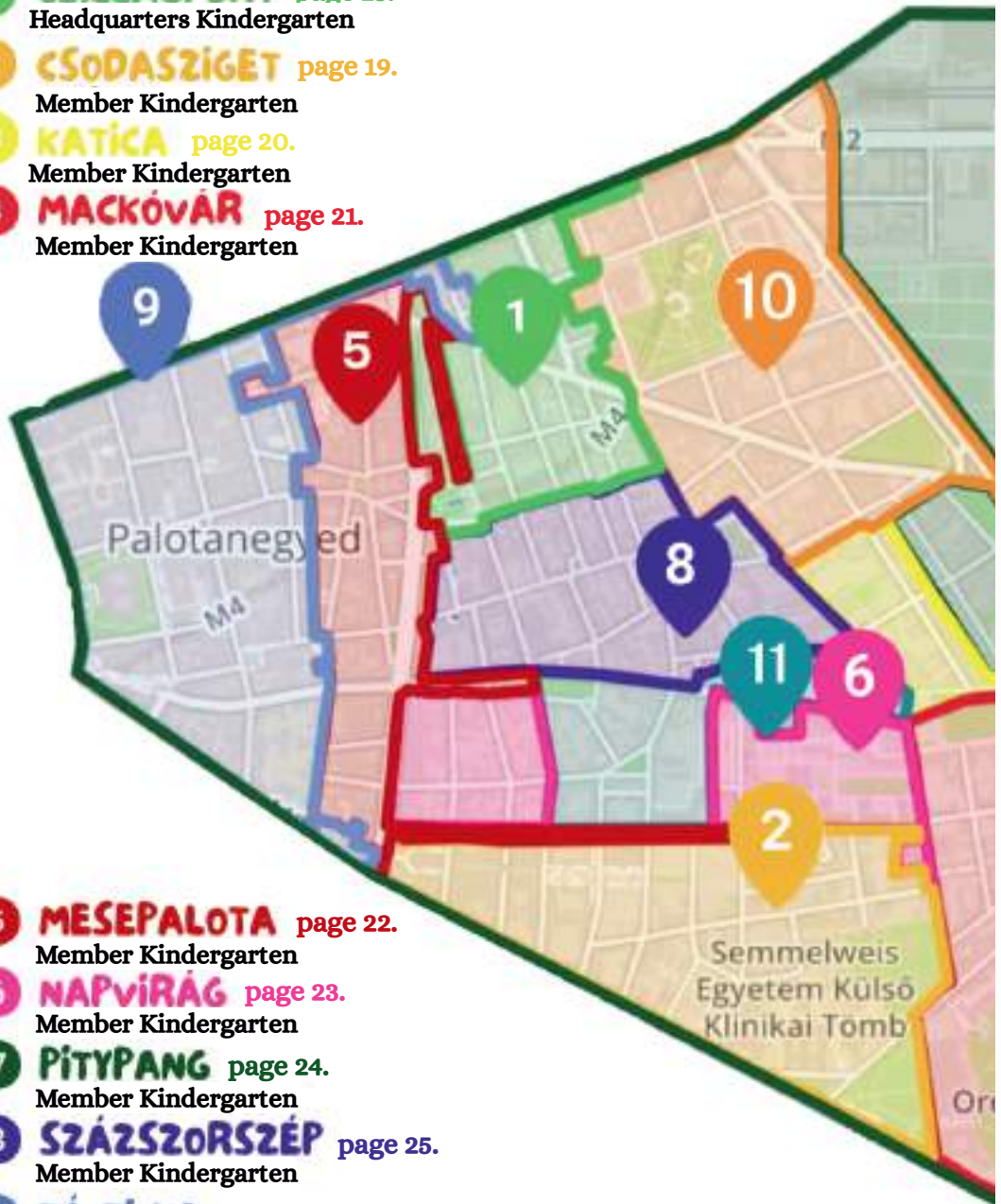


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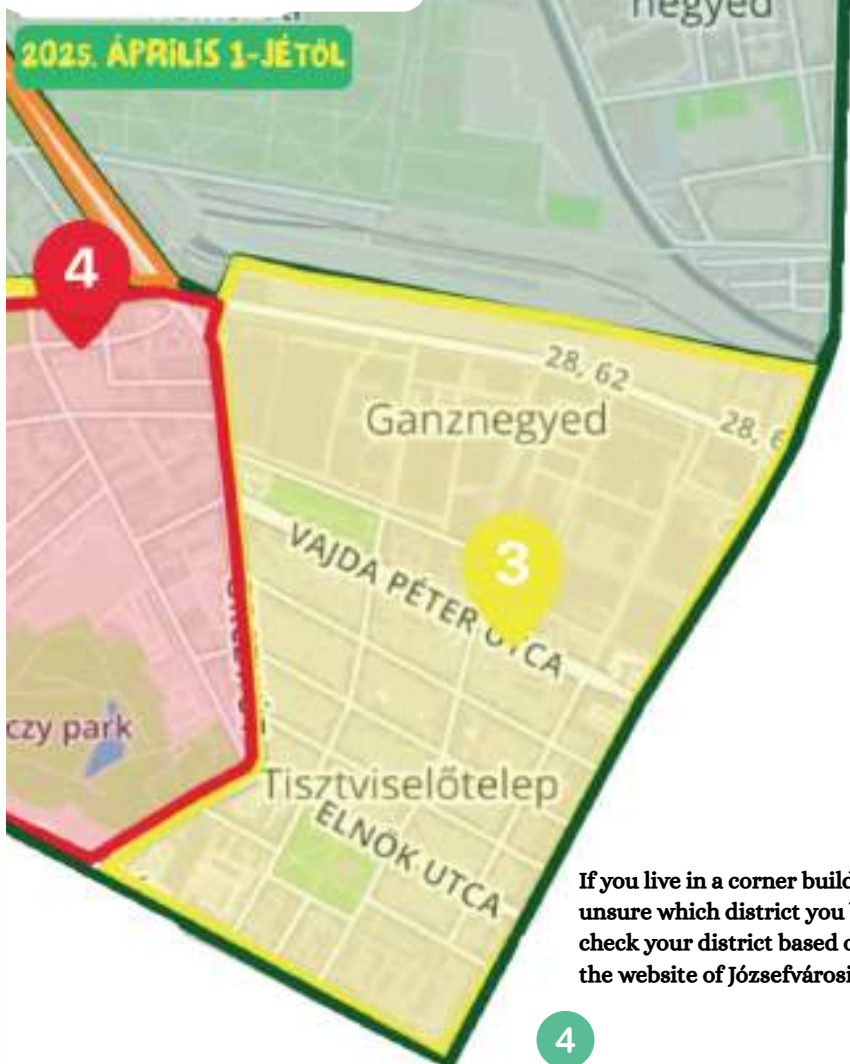


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The Enrolment Districts of the Kindergartens of Józsefváros



If you live in a corner building and are unsure which district you belong to, please check your district based on your address on the website of Józsefvárosi Óvodák!

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Your child has reached kindergarten age, and choosing a kindergarten is one of the first important steps in your lives. It is a milestone in letting go and fostering independence, many children become a part of community life at this time. You naturally wish to find the best possible conditions for them. **I warmly welcome you on this occasion.** Together with the kindergarten teachers of Józsefváros, we would like to assist you and your future kindergarteners in this responsible decision through this information booklet. In this publication, we provide a brief overview of the year-by-year expanding and enriching specialities and programs of the Kindergartens of Józsefváros (Józsefvárosi Óvodák, JÓK) maintained by the Municipality of Józsefváros, 8th district of Budapest (Józsefvárosi Önkormányzat).

The **Kindergartens of Józsefváros** consist of eleven member kindergartens, each with enthusiastic, qualified, and experienced educators. The professional work carried out in the kindergartens is reflected in the numerous recognitions received in recent years: the successful EU grant of the **Inclusive Kindergartens Project (Befogadó óvodák project)**, the **SocialMarie Award**, the **European Language Label (Európai Nyelvi Díj)** awarded for English experiential pedagogy, our successful **Erasmus+ project**, and above all the **For the Communities of Józsefváros Award (Józsefvárosi Közösségéért Díj)** voted for by local residents.

In our kindergartens, children explore the world through play and personal experiences. Meanwhile, unnoticed by them, but through consciously structured motor, cognitive, and language development by the kindergarten teachers, their social and cognitive skills mature. These abilities will support them at school and throughout their lives in becoming

- open and curious,
- able to receive and use the constantly renewing information of our ever-changing world in their daily lives,
- capable of cooperating with people around them.

You can get to know about the offerings and unique profiles of our kindergartens at the **Kindergarten Expo (Oviexpo)** on 19 March 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at H13 (1085 Budapest, Horánszky utca 13.), as well as at the open days organized in the member kindergartens, where we welcome you and your children with child-friendly programs. Here you may freely ask specific questions concerning your children. You can learn that the settling-in process is organized with patience and in accordance with children's individual needs - at some locations, primarily in the yard (as it resembles a playground situation), elsewhere in a more playhouse-like format, even with parents present. Children are far more adaptable than we might think, in the vast majority of cases, this process takes about one week. You may also receive information about individual situations, such as how we strive to resolve the accommodation of the children whose families face challenges due to early work start.

I wish you success in finding the kindergarten teacher and the kindergarten where your child can happily prepare for school and for life ahead, in the most ideal and secure environment.

Kocsisné Juhász Éva
Director of the Kindergartens of Józsefváros

RELIABLE INSTITUTIONS, DIVERSE PROGRAMS, OUTSTANDING RESULTS

In recent years, we have launched a comprehensive kindergarten development program in Józsefváros. This program simultaneously focuses on strengthening teaching staff (from professional training and financial recognition of kindergarten teachers to employing supporting specialists), introducing new experiential learning programs, and modernising kindergarten buildings.

We have launched special programs that are unique even at the national level; English experiential pedagogy and the developmental gymnastics program known as Mozgítív are now available in every kindergarten in the district. (Previously, such events were available only in a few kindergartens, along with a significant fee.) We have also developed our own program called Hungarian as a Foreign Language (MaMi - magyar mint idegen nyelv) to support the Hungarian language development of children whose mother tongue is not Hungarian.

The first kindergarten magic program in Hungary, even in Europe, was launched here. With the professional support of the German cultural institute, the Goethe Institute, a German language program runs in three kindergartens. Elsewhere, programs combine Minecraft with elements of responsible infocommunication tool use, and children can also encounter folk children's games, traditional small crafts, and the magical power of rhythm through our talent workshops.

Our **Green Kindergarten approach** encourages children to embrace sustainability, healthy and climate-conscious lifestyles.

With the professional support of the Hungarian University of Sports Science (Magyar Testnevelési és Sporttudományi Egyetem), the **"Bring Grandma Too!"** program enables children from the Százszorszép member kindergarten to regularly exercise together with pensioners of the district at II. János Pál pápa tér, but beyond this, kindergarteners are constantly active - from kindergarten football and swimming to fine motor skill development activities.

We shape children's development in dialogue with families, supported not only by qualified educators but also by special education teachers, kindergarten psychologists, and developmental pedagogues. In recent years, kindergarten teachers of Józsefváros have completed more than 10,000 hours of methodological professional training in total.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF JÓZSEFVÁROS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS THE KINDERGARTEN MODEL PROGRAM FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES:

- We recognise the work of our educators with an average monthly salary supplement of 135,000 HUF per person, one of the highest such benefits in the capital. This strengthens the retention capacity of district kindergartens and supports the high quality of education and care.
- We also provide remuneration for colleagues who offer free programs for children (e.g., craft workshop, Chess Palace Program developed by Judit Polgár (Sakkpalota), folk games, Rhythmic-magic (Ritmusvarázs) sessions), allocating 19 million HUF annually for this purpose.
- All our kindergarteners receive abundant fresh vegetables and fruit, supported with 13 million HUF.
- We contribute 20 million HUF to swimming lessons for the oldest kindergarten groups.
- An even greater recognition than awards of the pedagogical work carried out in kindergartens of Józsefváros is that in recent years, graduating children from the oldest kindergarten groups have successfully continued their studies in more than forty different schools. These include prestigious institutions such as Fazekas Mihály Primary and Secondary School (Fazekas Mihály Gyakorló Általános Iskola és Gimnázium), various bilingual primary schools, or Montessori and Waldorf schools.

We warmly welcome you on 19 March from 4:30 p.m. at H13 Kultpont (1085 Budapest, Horánszky utca 13) for the 2026 Kindergarten Expo (Oviexpo), at our institutional open days, and at the joint opening walk at the beginning of September.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ENROLMENT

Kindergarten is a compulsory educational institution for children from the age of three until the beginning of compulsory schooling, gradually preparing them for school the moment they enter kindergarten.

From September 2026, any child who turns 3 years old by 31 August 2026 is required to attend kindergarten.

How to enroll?

This year, parents may enroll their children in kindergartens both in person and online.

In-person and online enrolment: from 20 April 2026 to 24 April 2026.

The dates of the kindergartens' open days can be found in their individual introductions.

Documents required for application:

- official identity documents issued in the child's name certifying their identity
- official document issued in the child's name certifying their address
- official identity documents of the parent
- official document issued in the parent's name certifying their address
- the child's Social Security Card and vaccination record
- in the case of a non-Hungarian citizen child, a document certifying the legal basis for residence in Hungary and entitlement to stay
- in the case of a child with special educational needs, the expert opinion of the relevant expert committee

WHICH KINDERGARTEN SHOULD THE CHILD ATTEND?

Children with a district address each belong to the catchment area of a specific district kindergarten. If the parent wishes to enrol the child in this kindergarten, the child will most likely be admitted there.

At the same time, we recommend that parents indicate three kindergartens at the time of enrolment in order to ensure that the most suitable one can be provided for their child's development.

We wholeheartedly recommend any kindergarten in Józsefváros, as each of them welcomes children with well-prepared and dedicated staff. All our kindergartens offer high-quality free programs such as movement-based developmental gymnastics (Mozgítív torna) or English experiential pedagogy. In addition, our kindergartens provide several unique programmes as well.



KEY PROGRAMS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE IN ALL KINDERGARTENS

In the kindergartens of Józsefváros, preschool education is implemented with a sensorimotor approach that supports individual development. We provide four key programs free of charge in every kindergarten of Józsefváros that are generally available to parents only as paid services elsewhere.

Mozgitív* Developmental Gymnastics



Mozgitív gymnastics is playful motor skills development for children in the youngest groups, held twice a week.

In the program developed by kindergarten teachers, special education teachers, developmental pedagogues, and movement development specialists, all children in the youngest groups participate in every kindergarten in Józsefváros.

It is characterized by plenty of movement, play, and the use of a wide variety of equipment. Through this, children's cognitive abilities also develop.

*Mozgitív = we move, we play, we grow smarter.

Swimming



In Józsefváros, every child graduates from kindergarten having attended swimming lessons for one year. In cooperation with the Ludovika University of Public Service (Nemzeti Közsolgálati Egyetem), our oldest kindergarten groups are taught by excellent swimming instructors in one of the capital's best swimming pools. Children are transported to the pool by a charter bus.

English Experiential Pedagogy



For the oldest kindergarten groups in Józsefváros, English is part of everyday life in a playful form. In all our kindergartens, specially trained and well-prepared educators conduct English experiential pedagogy sessions.

During these sessions, children acquire the foundations of the English language almost unnoticed, through playful activities, songs, poems, stories, and plenty of movement. Our educators' language proficiency also supports the integration of children with different mother tongues into the groups.

Hungarian as a Foreign Language (MaMi - magyar mint idegen nyelv)



For children with non-Hungarian mother tongues, kindergarten is usually the first setting for learning Hungarian. The playful activities and developmental program designed by our speech therapists and kindergarten teachers primarily aim to establish the communication skills that support listening comprehension and speech development.

During the sessions, children become familiar with the Hungarian language mainly through play, movement-based and action-based activities, sensory experiences, and with the accompaniment of poems, songs, and rhymes.

Talent Workshops



Every one of our kindergartens operates talent workshops that provide opportunities for children with outstanding abilities to further develop. In workshops supporting different areas of intelligence - as well as in everyday play opportunities - children can discover the areas in

which they are most skilled, which in turn also support development in other domains. More detailed information about workshops such as This is How We Walk (Így kell járni), Rhythmic-magic (Ritmusvarázs), art therapy, Green, crafts, Chess, Logical Thinking, and many others can be found on the pages of the individual member kindergartens.

Developmental Pedagogue, Special Education Teacher, Speech Therapist, Psychologist



Children's development varies; they come with different experiences. In some areas, they develop more quickly, in others, it may slow down, and there may be delays, difficulties, or emotional challenges that require special support.

In Józsefváros, qualified developmental pedagogues support children with minor gaps in development in every member kindergarten. The targeted, specialized support of children facing developmental delays or with special educational needs is ensured by our five special education teachers, while our trained special education assistants help create a safe and accepting environment in everyday practice. Three speech therapists assist children experiencing speech development difficulties and also support the kindergarten teachers working with them. Our three psychologists provide support in cases of integration, social, emotional, or moral difficulties.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN INDIVIDUAL KINDERGARTENS



German Language Program (Hans Hase)

A program developed by the German Goethe Institute, based on the most modern learning methodologies, is currently available in three kindergartens. In the Csodasziget, Mackóvár, and Virágkoszorú member kindergartens, the main character of the program is Hans Hase, a kind bunny who speaks German and quickly wins the children's hearts. The implementation of the program provides a solid foundation for children to continue learning German in the lower grades - from grade one to grade four - of primary school.



Magic-Kindergarten (Bűvészo)

This nationally unique magic program is currently available in the Virágkoszorú kindergarten. The program was inspired by the story of Rodolfo, who grew up in the district. The project is the result of the joint work of one of the most renowned magicians, multiple Hungarian champion Kelle Botond, and the developmental pedagogue of the member kindergarten, Tóth Valéria. The magic and logic of the tricks develop and strengthen the foundations of problem-solving thinking, conscious and directed attention in children.

It enhances visual and auditory memory, as well as communication and cooperation skills, and fine motor skills. Children experience that everyone sees the world from their own perspective.





Minecraft

With the cooperation of Creative Science, a program combining Minecraft and elements of responsible digital tool use is running in the Virágkoszorú member kindergarten. Minecraft is the world of cubes. Everything is made of cube-shaped blocks. The ground beneath our feet is made of cubes, as are trees, mountains, and animals. We ourselves are too. In addition to being a great experience to play, it develops spatial thinking, helps children to use their time more effectively and efficiently, and provides the experience of success through planning and implementation.

It also offers a positive model for the quality use of infocommunication.



Child Participation Programs (Gyerekrésztvétl)

The program aims to ensure that children can take part in decisions that affect them in age-appropriate ways.

They have multiple areas to do so, following the Reggio or project-based pedagogy approach, they participate in shaping their environment, arranging their group spaces, and creating the forms and tools of playful learning and experiential discovery according to the current topic.

“Bring Grandma Too!” Gymnastics (Hívd a nagyit is! torna)



The children of the Százszorszép member kindergarten, whenever the weather is good, exercise weekly together with grandmothers and grandfathers at II. János Pál pápa tér. The program, organized in cooperation with the

district’s senior clubs and the “Life to the Years” (Életet az éveknek) pensioners’ association, was supported at its launch by the Hungarian University of Sports Science (Magyar Testnevelési és Sporttudományi Egyetem). It is justly popular among seniors as well. The children always look forward to these joyful occasions with great excitement.



Gastroeducational Program – Conscious Nutrition

In the Katica member kindergarten, children acquire the foundations of a sustainable, environmentally conscious, and healthier lifestyle from an early age.

By introducing different foods, we develop children's basic and psychomotor skills and help them learn forms of community behavior, while they prepare and consume high-quality meals.



Folk Tradition (Néphagyományok)

In the Pitypang, Csodasziget, Mackóvár, and Tündéerkert member kindergartens, children experience Hungarian folk traditions related to seasons, activities, and holidays as part of everyday life, and they also become familiar with the traditions of other peoples. Beyond its emotional, aesthetic, and moral value-transmitting role, this approach influences the development of the whole personality.

We see exceptional opportunities in the world of folk dance and traditional children's games: children move, play, sing, and dance, while their abilities develop almost unnoticed, supporting both social and cognitive skills needed for school readiness.

During thematic weeks or while exploring the creations and dances of other cultures, they gain experience of how diversity can create shared values. In the Katica, Százszorszép, Tündéerkert, Csillagfűrt, Mackóvár, and TÁ-TI-KA member kindergartens, tradition-preserving activities supporting children's development appear in forms characteristic of each institution's profile.

Children can become acquainted with traditional folk crafts in the Pitypang and Mesepalota member kindergartens, where clay takes on unique shapes imagined by them, they weave, braid, and create, while their problem-solving thinking and creativity develop, and their fingers become more skillful, which plays a significant role in preparation for writing.



Rhythmic-magic (Ritmusvarázs)

In the Napvirág member kindergarten, rhythm, music, and movement enchant the children. Fun games simultaneously develop visual, auditory, motor, and rhythmic abilities, train children's attention and memory, and support their learning abilities in a complex manner. During the activities, children become familiar with rhythm and melody through playful instruments and, through playful movement, travel into the worlds of Mozart, Christmas, or musical notes.





Motor Development Program (Mozgásfejlesztő program)

Children's development is based on sensorimotor experiential learning. During this process, the nervous system matures, and social and learning abilities develop. In the Napvirág, Mesepalota, and Csillagfürt member kindergartens, children have the opportunity for targeted experiential learning through sensorimotor-based developmental gymnastics consisting of consciously structured, playful movements.



Green Kindergarten (Zöld Óvoda) Environmentally Conscious Programs



Year after year, more of our institutions are awarded the title of Green Kindergarten or Bird-Friendly Kindergarten (Csillagfürt, Százsorszép, Tündérbert). We are committed to protecting the environment and fostering environmental awareness.

With the support of our dedicated educators, our kindergarteners tend small gardens and raised beds, and become familiar with vegetables, fruits, herbs, medicinal plants, birds, and insects. We organize trips to the zoo and wildlife park and participate in workshops at the Botanical Garden (Fűvészkert).

The principles of sustainability and climate-conscious living are integrated into everyday life: we learn how to recycle paper, plastic, and metal waste, how to care for animals, and how to recognize and protect natural values.

Families can also join our playful project weeks. It is a tradition that in April, the kindergarteners set off together on scooters and ride-on plastic motorbikes to Rákóczi tér to celebrate Earth Day together.

In our Bird-Friendly kindergartens, Százszorszép, Pitypang, Katica, Napvirág, and Mesepalota member kindergartens, children can observe which birds live in the kindergarten yards, create habitats and feeders for them, and watch how the resident birds live their daily lives.

Happy Kindergarten Program (Boldog óvoda program)



The program focuses on the mental well-being of both educators and children and also offers opportunities to involve parents. The goal is to raise confident and persistent kindergarteners who treat everyday challenges as tasks to be solved and grow into schoolchildren - and later adults - with a firm and positive self-image. Children are developed according to their abilities - we help reduce their anxieties and support them throughout their kindergarten years. The program is currently implemented in the Mackóvár, Napvirág, and Virágkoszorú member kindergartens.

Peaceful Kindergarten Program (Nyugi Ovi Program)



The program aims to recognize, prevent, and curb the spread of bullying in kindergarten, while also helping children acquire the skills needed to effectively protect themselves or their peers. A key objective is to foster tolerance, cooperation, and mutual acceptance, and to ensure that the kindergarten is an inclusive, calm, and safe place for every child. Through playful, story-based methods aligned with kindergarten education (drama activities, drawing, crafts, singing and music, dance, language games), we support the peaceful functioning of the community.

The Peaceful Kindergarten Program (Nyugi Ovi Program) is implemented in the TÁ-TI-KA, Csillagfűrt, Mackóvár, and Katica kindergartens.



Persona Doll Method

This prejudice- and conflict-management method developed in Great Britain enables stereotypes and prejudices to be processed effectively and playfully, reduces anxieties and conflicts, and encourages acceptance and a positive attitude in children. Children experience that the same event can be lived through in different ways, and they search for solutions that bring positive outcomes for everyone. The method is used by kindergarten teachers in all four groups of the Tündérbert member kindergarten.



Programs Developing Logical Thinking

Support for logical thinking appears in the Mesepalota member kindergarten through movement and developmental games, in the Csodasziget member kindergarten through robots, in the TÁ-TI-KA member kindergarten through cooperative methods and chess, and in the Csillagfűrt member kindergarten, complemented by chess. Children can also find opportunities in talent workshops, integrated into everyday play and playful learning activities, or even during developmental sessions.





INTRODUCTION OF THE KINDERGARTENS OF JÓZSEFVÁROS

The Kindergartens of Józsefváros (Józsefvárosi Óvodák) warmly welcome future kindergarteners this year as well! In our member kindergartens, we offer programs that are unique even at the national level - delivered by a continuously renewing, enthusiastic, and experienced team whose work has received several recognitions in recent years. Among others, we have been awarded the international **SozialMarie Award**, the **For the Communities of Józsefváros Award (Józsefvárosi Közösségéért Díj)** granted based on the votes of the residents of Józsefváros, and **the European Language Label (Európai Nyelvi Díj)**. In all our kindergartens, **English experiential pedagogy, swimming, the Mozgitív motor development program, talent workshops, and the fruit program** are available free of charge. Children whose mother tongue is not Hungarian are supported by well-prepared educators in acquiring the Hungarian language. We regularly visit the Botanical Garden (Füvészkert), attend performances at the Ida Turay Theatre (Turay Ida Színház), and at the Budapest Puppet Theatre (Budapest Bábszínház). Each of our kindergartens offers a special program of its own: in one, the widely recognized magic program that has attracted international attention; in another, a program combining **Minecraft and responsible digital tool use**; in a third, **a mindfulness program** supporting self-regulation - each implemented in partnership with a highly respected expert in the given field. We look forward to welcoming you to the Kindergarten Expo (Oviexpo) on 19 March 2026, or at our open days, where we can present all this to you in person. Information about the latter and enrolment dates are available on our website:

<https://www.08egyesitettovoda.hu/>



A parent said:

“The loving attention of the kindergarten teachers and nursery assistants, the community programs, and the support for individual development all contribute to the children truly feeling good here.”

A child said:

“I would most like to move in here, into the group.”

CSILLAGFÜRT – HEADQUARTERS KINDERGARTEN (SZÉKHELYÓVODA)

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Open day: 14 April 2026, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m..

Csillagfürt Headquarters Kindergarten is a green oasis in the heart of the city, just a few minutes from Blaha Lujza tér. In our four groups, each working with different methodologies, our kindergarteners grow wiser and more skillful. A well-equipped gymnasium, **kindergarten football (Ovifoci)**, and **kindergarten dance (Ovitánc)** await the children here. Our yards are decorated with **fruit trees and raised beds**; we garden and compost together. Thanks to the project-based method, each group has its own special character - from the experience of travel to free creative expression. The older children prepare playfully for school and become familiar with the **English language** together. **Weekly swimming lessons** are offered, and their talents are nurtured in separate sessions within our **chess and art therapy workshops**. Our developmental pedagogue and special education teacher support children’s development according to their individual needs. With the help of our **Learning Support Program (Tanulás Könnyítő Program (TKP))**, children learn to approach challenges positively, their self-confidence grows, and their knowledge expands. Once a month, we welcome children’s family members to our **Parent Club (Szülői Klub)**, and the kindergarten’s joint events are also open to parents. Love and attentiveness are integral parts of our daily life; from the nursery assistants to the gardener, everyone contributes to this supportive environment. We are members of the **Green Kindergarten network**. We take walks on Margaret Island (Margitsziget) and visit the Zoo, theatres, museums, the airport, the forest, the railway station, and the banks of the Danube. We cook, bake, create together, and of course, the digital world is also part of our everyday life: smart TVs, tablets, and programmable robots support modern learning.



A child said:

"I love kindergarten because the teacher hugs me when I'm sad."

A parent said:

"We love the kindergarten because it provides a family-like, safe atmosphere; everyone is kind and attentive. Our child comes to kindergarten with joy."

CSODASZIGET MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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Csodasziget member kindergarten is located near Corvin sétány. The real magic is within its walls, where children, supported by well-prepared, caring kindergarten teachers, reach their individual milestones in personality development through a wide range of playful activities.

The things we offer include **the Hans Hase program**, supported by the Goethe Institute, which introduces children to the **German language**. The robotics sessions take place within the framework of a talent workshop. The **Bee-Bot floor robot** is an effective, playful tool to motivate children and support complex skill development. This year, we have also launched a special new program: **the mindfulness program** supports children to feel better by helping them pay attention to themselves, their emotions, and the storms and silences within them. This has particular significance in the middle of a bustling, constantly vibrant city like Budapest. We pay special attention to building a close and multifaceted partnership between the kindergarten, the child, and the family. Parents are involved in our community celebrations connected to traditions and special occasions, as well as in our wide range of programs.

It is important to us that children leave us open and curious toward other nations and cultures. Our greatest strength is that our children attend happily and with smiles.



A child said:

“Kindergarten is like an adventure park! We discover something new every day!”

A parent said:

“Our child goes to kindergarten happily every day and comes home with joy.”

KATICA MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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Open day: 24 March 2026, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Katica member kindergarten is located near Népliget, in the Tisztviselőtelep area.

Our spacious, grassy yard offers shade-giving trees, many play opportunities, a traffic practice track, and a nature trail for the children. Our six-group kindergarten is well-equipped. Children are cared for by empathetic and professionally well-trained kindergarten teachers, pedagogical assistants, and nursery assistants, whose work is supported by a special education teacher, speech therapist, developmental pedagogue, and psychologist. Our groups operate along different pedagogical approaches.

The Reggio approach, Montessori pedagogy, Logic-Robotics, Education for a Healthy Lifestyle, Folk Children’s Games and Folk Traditions, as well as the **development of Emotional Intelligence and Environmental Awareness**, all contribute to children’s well-rounded development. Our rich program offers - including the **Green talent workshop, Hungarian as a Foreign Language (MaMi - magyar mint idegen nyelv) sessions, MOZGITÍV** motor development, kindergarten football (**Ovifoci**), ice skating and swimming lessons, **Birdwatching Kindergarten Program (Madarász Ovi), English Experiential Pedagogy, Gastronomy Workshop for Children (Gasztrotanoda), Bee-Bot robotics, the Persona Doll method**, the **“Így Tedd Rá!”** folk dance teaching method, and the **Learning Support Program** (Tanulást Könnyítő Program (TKP)) - supports children’s development and school readiness through complex, experience-based learning. Inclusive and multicultural education is a core principle in our kindergarten; diversity, acceptance, and equal opportunities form our shared values. Our goal is for our kindergarten to be a supportive, value-oriented environment where our little Ladybirds (Katicák) can safely spread their wings, and which families proudly choose for their children.



A child said:

“We are very happy that we became Maci kindergarteners!”

A parent said:

“Our daughter feels that kindergarten is her second home. She steps in every day with a happy smile because she arrives in a loving environment.”

MACKÓVÁR MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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In the invitingly renovated building on Csobánc utca, we welcome children with highly qualified educators. The little ones’ motor development is supported by a rich range of equipment.

The **Hans Hase program**, supported by the Goethe Institute, introduces middle-group children to the wonders of the **German language** through the most modern methodology, using a well-travelled rabbit puppet as its central character. For health preservation, we use our renewed salt room, which is suitable for the treatment of upper respiratory illnesses. For the oldest group, we provide **swimming, skating lessons, English experiential pedagogy**, and **folk dance**.

The huge chestnut tree standing in our semi-circular yard provides cooling shade in summer, ensuring that the joy of daily movement continues even in great heat. As a **Perpetual Happy Kindergarten (Örökös Boldog Óvoda)**, we strive to raise optimistic, confident, and persistent children.

We also welcome families with colorful programs - for example, within the Mackó project, craft afternoons before holidays, carnival celebrations, Mother’s Day events, and graduation ceremonies. Our professional work is supported by special education teachers, developmental pedagogues, speech therapists, and a child psychologist. We warmly welcome every little child to Mackóvár!



A parent said:

“Friendly community, diverse programs, loving atmosphere!”

A child said:

“It’s really great because we play a lot, we’re always doing something, there are yard games, my friends are great, and the teachers are very kind!”

MESEPALOTA MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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Mesepalota Member Kindergarten is a truly magical realm where children are welcomed each day by stories, play, and discovery. Within its walls, imagination comes to life, and the loving, secure atmosphere gives wings to curiosity.

Our five friendly group rooms are like little storybook chambers where the little residents happily play, learn, and create. In the renovated gym room, movement becomes a joyful adventure, while the development rooms serve as calm, cozy spaces supporting individual unfolding.

For the youngest children, our soon-to-be-launched **Marokbaba program** ensures a gentle transition into kindergarten life, easing the settling-in process and strengthening their sense of security and emotional attachment. In our **craft workshop**, children can shape their own stories using colors, materials, and imagination.

Our renewed yard provides spacious areas for shared play, and the covered terrace offers opportunities for outdoor experiences in every season. At Mesepalota, movement plays a key role through the **MOZGITÍV and MOA sports programs**. Through playful, **sensorimotor-based developmental activities**, children become acquainted with **Olympic sports**. **English experiential pedagogy** opens the door to the world of foreign languages as a playful adventure.

Developmental pedagogues, special education teachers, speech therapists, and a social support specialist assist in everyday life.

Our goal is for our kindergarten to be a true fairytale palace, where children arrive each morning with smiles and return home enriched with experiences.

A photograph of a kindergarten yard with a child sitting on a log. In the background, there is a colorful play structure with a blue slide and other children playing. The scene is outdoors with trees and a building in the distance.

A child said:

“I like going to kindergarten because we can play, eat, laugh, and nobody is surprised if my elephant is green.”

A parent said:

“Everyone is kind here, and the teachers always come up with creative ideas.”

NAPVIRÁG MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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Open day: 25 March 2026 (Wednesday), 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Napvirág Member Kindergarten welcomes little explorers with its renewed, modern yard and homely environment. In our Kitty (Cica), Chick (Csibe), Fox (Róka), and Bear (Maci) groups, highly qualified and warm-hearted kindergarten teachers await the children, and when needed, a developmental pedagogue, special education teacher, and psychologist also support their development.

Every child is different; therefore, we get to know them, understand them, and identify what they need in order to play happily, develop according to their individual needs, and prepare for school life. For children preparing for school, we offer **school-readiness sessions** in a **“two-teacher model,”** led by developmental and special education teachers, alongside daily developmental activities. The oldest children visit **museums and interactive programs**, where they discover the secrets of nature, their environment, and **science in “child-friendly language.”** For the younger ones, we bring these experiences into the kindergarten. They can perform playfully in the **Rhythmic-magic (Ritmusvarázs) talent workshop**, dance in the **“Nyitva van az aranykapu” workshop**, or become football players in **Kindergarten Football (Ovi-Foci)** training sessions. We also care for our environment in everyday kindergarten life, introducing sustainability and climate awareness in playful ways. Our eco days, sports days, and special celebrations—such as **Kindergarten Welcome Event (Ovivaró)**, **St. Martin’s Day (Márton Nap)**, **Spring Festival (Tavaszcím)**, **Easter Egg Hunt (Tojáskereső)**, **Play with Mom and Dad (Játssz anyával, apával)**, and **Napvirág Days (Napvirág Napok)**—are especially popular. Most of these are interactive events where children and parents spend unforgettable, playful moments together and gain insight into their children’s kindergarten life.



A child said:

"I love kindergarten because many of my friends come here!"

A parent said:

"We chose Pitypang kindergarten because children receive many kinds of support that will make starting school easier for them."

PITYPANG MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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Open day: 15 April 2026 (Wednesday), 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

In the Százados quarter, we welcome kindergarteners in six groups, in spacious, beautifully and aesthetically arranged group rooms. Our children are cared for by qualified, child-loving, dedicated kindergarten teachers, nursery assistants, and pedagogical assistants with up-to-date professional knowledge. Mornings are interwoven with playful developmental sessions. In the 2025–26 educational year, we were again able to launch a youngest group in the Bear (Maci) group. Our Butterfly (Pillangó), Snail (Csiga), Hedgehog (Süni), Kitty (Cica), and Squirrel (Mókus) groups consist of children aged 3–6. For our talented oldest-group children, we organize **special craft sessions**. Our afternoon activities are also very popular. Our kindergarteners participate in **folk dance, yoga, football, and ballet**. We strive to provide every opportunity in our kindergarten to ease the school starting. Developmental pedagogues and speech therapist colleagues also support our children's preparation for school. The diversity of our kindergarten is reflected in the fact that, for many years, numerous foreign children have also been attending.

Our spacious, large gym enables daily physical activity regardless of the weather. In September 2022, we were awarded the **Bird-Friendly Kindergarten** title. We continuously work, together with parents, on creating an environment that supports small birds settling here, and we regularly organize pleasant **Family Afternoons** together. Our yard is spacious and equipped with play supplies to meet every need. Swings, sandboxes, and many motor skill-developing play tools are available for the children.

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A parent said:

"If I had to describe it in five words: attention, understanding, play, development, friendship - and this applies to the whole family, not just to ages 3-6."

A child said:

"I like going to kindergarten because my friends are here and the teacher hugs me every morning."

SZÁZSZORSZÉP MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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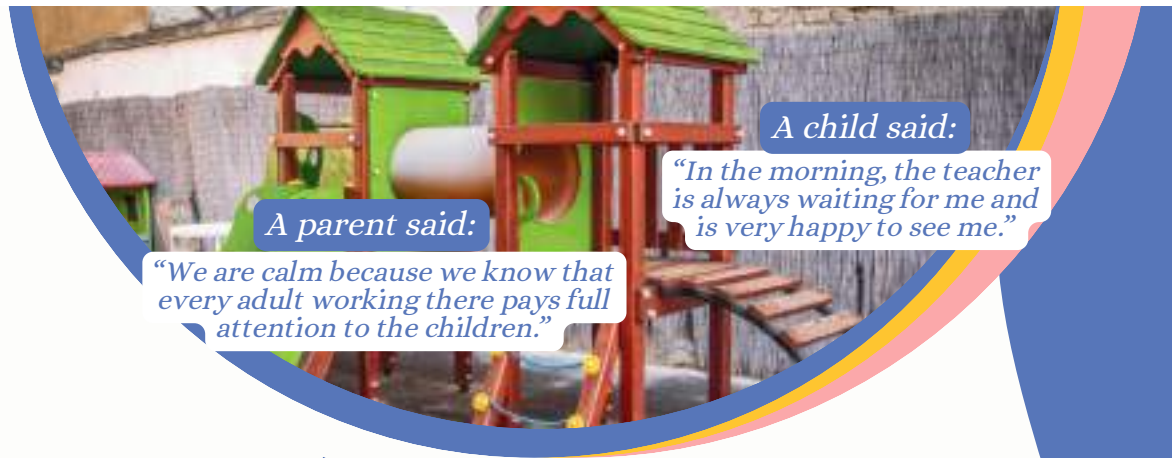
Open day: 1 April 2026 (Wednesday), 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Százszorszép Member Kindergarten is located in the heart of Józsefváros, behind the church at Horváth Mihály tér. We warmly welcome children in six groups in our renovated, child-friendly buildings.

Under the leafy trees of our exceptionally large yard, we frequently organize joint programs with parents (**Earth Day, Health Day**). Our kindergarteners care for flowers and herbs in raised beds, observe songbirds living in our garden, and walk along our educational nature trail. We also have our own football field and gym room.

In the nationally unique **"Bring Grandma Too!" program**, we exercise together week by week with grandmothers and grandfathers at II. János Pál pápa tér. Our educational program is built on children's primary activity; the irreplaceable play and movement. In a family-like, loving atmosphere, we lay the foundations for children's love and respect for the environment. We place strong emphasis on developing environmentally conscious behavior and teach through playful experience and action.

In 2024, our kindergarten was awarded the **Green Kindergarten** title for the second time, and we have been a **Bird-Friendly Kindergarten** since 2011. Several talent workshops operate in our kindergarten: the **Chess Playground (Sakkjátszótér)** workshop develops intellectual creativity; the **"Így kell járni" workshop** was created to introduce **traditional folk games** and **Hungarian folk dance**. For the oldest group, we provide **sensorimotor training**. Our goal is to cooperate with families and complement family education by nurturing 3-7-year-old children into harmonious personalities who can marvel at the world, while establishing the wide range of skills and abilities necessary for learning.



A parent said:

“We are calm because we know that every adult working there pays full attention to the children.”

A child said:

“In the morning, the teacher is always waiting for me and is very happy to see me.”

TÁ-TI-KA MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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Open day: 31 March 2026, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

TÁ-TI-KA Member Kindergarten is located in the Palotanegyed. In our playground, shade sails provide shelter, and during hot summer days, a mist gate cools the air. Our well-equipped four-group kindergarten includes a **gym room**, and the group rooms are bright and welcoming. Empathetic, helpful, and professionally well-prepared kindergarten teachers, pedagogical assistants, and nursery assistants welcome the children, while a developmental pedagogue, psychologist, and speech therapist support our work. Alongside singing and movement, experience-rich games that develop cooperation and community define our daily life. We integrate cooperative learning techniques into various activities, helping children become more empathetic, cooperative, and accepting.

In the Music Corner (Zenekuckó) talent workshop, rhymes, songs, movement, music, and dance await the children. During **Chess Playground (Sakkjátászóter)** sessions, children become familiar with the elements and rules of chess through stories and playful activities. In everyday life, we organize playful, experience-based developmental movement activities for the children. **The Peaceful Kindergarten Program (Nyugi Ovi program)** supports the peaceful community functioning through story-based methods aligned with kindergarten education.

In September 2025, we were awarded the **Bird-Friendly Kindergarten** title. Together with the children, we observe bird life and take part in feeding them by placing out the bird feeders we have made together. In cooperation with families, we aim to raise children who approach their peers and adults with trust and love, who are open and accepting of one another. We welcome parents with diverse events and celebrations for shared play and joyful experiences.



A child said:

"I love the playful teachers."

A parent said:

"As parents, we take home the emotions, moods, and thoughts from here, and it feels wonderful to return home with the children. Real fairies work at Tündérvért."

TÜNDÉRVÉRT MEMBER KINDERGARTEN

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Every morning, our four-group, family-like Tündérvért Kindergarten warmly welcomes children and adults. Our charming, hidden yard and gym invite kindergarteners to enjoy varied and exciting movement activities. Children **plant flowers, make bird feeders and insect hotels**, observe birds visiting the garden, and care for a herb garden - living up to our **Green Kindergarten** and **Bird-Friendly Kindergarten** titles. In all four groups, we protect children's emotional well-being through the **Persona Doll method** and relaxation exercises, while supporting their learning abilities with motor development activities.

In our **"Hol volt, hol nem volt..."** and **"Csiga-biga palota"** talent workshops, imagination can soar, and everyday life is enriched with English experiential pedagogy. Our **Bee-Bot and Botley floor robots** introduce children playfully to the steps of programming.

In the Ladybug (Katica) group, **Reggio-inspired elements and singing bowl music** fill the space. In the Ant-band (Hangyabanda) group, **folk dance** and the nurturing of traditions weave through daily life. The Snail (Csiga-Biga) group is especially creative, with their colorful creations visible everywhere. Erika néni and Dóri néni ensure a carefree, cheerful atmosphere for the Bear (Maci) group. A developmental pedagogue, special education teacher, and psychologist support our children so that, as oldest-group kindergarteners, they arrive at their chosen school well prepared. We truly enjoy when parents participate in our programs and gain insight into our kindergarten life. Our rich and well-planned internal and external programs include **animal-assisted sessions, storytelling performances, swimming, excursions, football, and dance**. In Tündérvért, multicultural education, a happy childhood, and the creation of opportunities for self-realization are all present.



Ovisok mondják:

*“Nagyon szeretlek
Titeket “ojónéni!”*

Szülők mondják:

*“Olyan jó érzés, hogy minden
nap mosollyal vártok!”*

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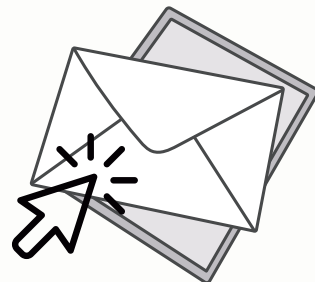
Virágkoszorú Member Kindergarten is located in the heart of Józsefváros, in an easily accessible area near Muzsikus cigányok parkja. Our kindergarten operates in four age-based groups in a family-like atmosphere with excellent materials and professional conditions. A speech therapist, a travelling special education teacher, a psychologist, and a developmental pedagogue support our work.

In our pedagogical program, strong emphasis is placed on **healthy lifestyle education, motor development, and talent nurturing**. We are proud of our **Minecraft and Magic Kindergarten (Bűvészovi) programs**—the children eagerly await the next session. Bűvészovi is a complex developmental session for the oldest group, engaging all the fundamental abilities and skills necessary for children to successfully overcome challenges in school. Minecraft sessions help us make computer use more child-friendly while developing problem-solving skills, spatial awareness, and creativity.

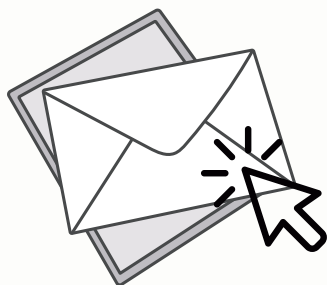
In our **craft workshop**, the finest kindergarten decorations are created with the children’s help. As a new feature from September, children’s yoga will be introduced in our institution. During the weekly sessions, we defeat dragons and rescue princesses. Together, we explore every corner of the **Fairytale Forest**, share our secrets with the “Fire Fairy”, and after relaxation, head to our **salt room**.

Through stories, we develop gross **motor skills and emotional intelligence**. Every day, our teaching staff and developmental pedagogue warmly welcome the children. Our work and the children are also supported by a psychologist, special education teacher, and speech therapist.

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