

Welcome to Reception



Autumn 1

We are so impressed with how well the children have come into school over the last two days. They look so smart and have settled quickly, exploring their classrooms and getting to know their teachers and new friends.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed us into your homes for home visits. We hope you found the visit useful. We love home visits as they give us the opportunity to sit down with you and get to know you all. It really helps with the transition into school, and it is amazing how many children remember their teachers coming to their house, even months after!

Things to bring to school

- Spare clothes to stay on their pegs
- Wellies
- Water bottles every day, please
- Book bags every day - a little hint: a keyring on the handle of the book bag helps everyone to recognise their own bag easily!
- Coat, as the weather changes
- Sun hat, if hot

If your child is absent from school, please call the office to let us know in the morning.

Tapestry



Thank you to everyone who has activated their Tapestry account.

There is a message function on Tapestry if you need to contact your child's teacher about anything. We will try to check messages daily during school hours. If you need any help using Tapestry, please let us know and we can show you what to do.

PE

PE will be on Thursdays, starting on Thursday 17th September.

We ask children to come to school in their PE kit:

- Plain white/blue T-shirt
- Plain grey/black/navy joggers or shorts
- No football kits, please!

- No earrings are to be worn on PE days.

On other days, children can wear stud earrings. Please no hoops or dangly earrings.

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING, INCLUDING COATS.

Lunches

All Reception children are entitled to universal free school meals. Children choose their lunch in the morning as they arrive.

Here is a link to the menus: <http://www.eats-catering.co.uk/menus/>

If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, please remember we are a **nut-free school**.



Learning

We do not have pre-planned topics as we try to plan our learning around the children's interests. However, there are certain subjects and skills that we plan for in advance.

PE	Music	PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)
Introduction to PE: Listening skills/ following instructions in the hall.	Exploring sound	Friendship bear

Core subject skills this term

Phonics/ reading	Maths	Writing
Introduction to single sounds. Listening for initial sounds in words. Writing single sounds.	Subitising (how many can you see without counting?) Numbers 1-5	Pre-writing skills- dough disco, pen disco. Drawing club I am a clever writer - writing patterns, writing our names.

Reading

Reading books have now been sent home. We start with pictures only (no words). This is for you to get used to sitting down and sharing a book together.



Please try to read 3 times a week, and date and sign the orange reading record. Once you have read the book at home, we will change it for a new one.

Library books will be sent home every Friday. Please return the book each week so that it can be changed for another one. The children are not expected to read these books themselves. Instead, they are books for you to read and enjoy together.

Toys in school: Please keep all toys at home unless this has been arranged with the teachers.

Dates for the diary

- 21st September - Individual photographs
- 22nd September - Open Classroom (3.30pm-4pm)
- 8th October - Phonics Learning Together Workshop (9.15am-10am)
- w/b 19th October - Parents' Evenings
- 13th November - Children in Need
- 19th November - Open Classroom (3.30pm-4pm)
- 4th December - Christmas Fair
- 15th December - Reception Christmas Performance

We love working closely with our families. Please do not hesitate to come and chat to us about anything. We are here to help and to make your child's first year at school a happy and successful one.

The EYFS Team