

The school day

8.45	School starts
9.00-11.30	Short whole class session followed by busy learning and small groups as appropriate
11.30-12.00	Short whole class session/get ready for lunch
12.00- 1.00	Lunch
1.00- 3.00	Short whole class session followed by busy learning and small groups
3.00- 3.15	Tidy up, reflect and recap days learning

At the beginning of the school day children should wait on the Key Stage 1 playground with their parents/carers and should not be left unattended. Reception staff will open the gate into the outside area when the bell rings, and you are asked to bring your child to the classroom door. Parents/carers are encouraged to allow children to come into their classroom unaccompanied. From approximately 8.50 am until 3.10pm the school gates are locked and access to the school is only possible through the main entrance on Station Road. The car park gates are also locked between 8.30-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm to allow children and parents to safely access the site.

When coming to collect your child at the end of school, please wait on the Key Stage 1 playground until the bell rings and staff open the gate. You will need to be visible to reception staff before we allow children to leave.



If you have any further questions, please email our dedicated Early Years email

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Reception

2020-2021



Parent Partnership

We believe that close co-operation between home and school is key to a child's success. We seek to involve parents and carers in their child's learning at every opportunity. Our class 'Parent Hub' pages will keep you up to date with everything going on in the classroom. Parents are invited into school regularly and we strongly believe in an 'open door' policy.

Areas of Learning

There are seven areas of learning and development.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will develop their skills of sharing, taking turns, co-operating, helping and listening to others. We will also be focusing on understanding and following the rules and routines of the class and school setting.



Communication and Language

There will be a high emphasis on speaking and listening throughout all activities and the children will be given plenty of time to talk about themselves and interact in different activities with their new friends.



Physical Development

Children will have a PE session once a week, as well as having opportunities to be physically active in the outside area on a daily basis.

Literacy

The children will have a daily phonics session linking sounds to letters and start to apply this to spelling and reading simple words. There will be a range of independent and guided activities which will enable children to progress in their learning.

Mathematics

The children will develop a secure understanding of the numbers to 20, and solve problems involving addition, subtraction, sharing and doubling. They will talk about shapes and learn the language that we can use to describe them.



Understanding the World

This provides the foundation for historical, geographical, scientific learning as well as their ability to use a range of technologies. It focuses on children's developing knowledge and understanding of their environment, other people and features of the natural environment.



Expressive Arts and Design

This area of learning promotes children's understanding of the world around them and develops their imagination.

General Information

School Lunches

You will need to pre-order your child's lunches via a 'SchoolGrid account'. You will receive an e-mail regarding this during the first week in September. School lunches must be booked by 8.55am on the day, but for ease can also be booked a half term in advance.



Forest School

Children will take part in Forest School once a week. Children are encouraged to develop their skills of persistence, perseverance, risk taking, concentration, team work, resilience and self-confidence.

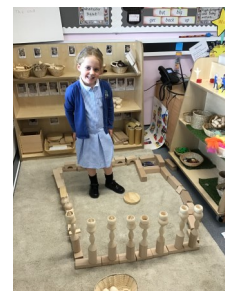
Parent Helpers

We are always delighted to have parent helpers come into school to hear individual readers or help in the classroom on a regular basis. If this is something you would be interested in doing, once your child has settled into school life, you will need to complete a DBS check.



What your child needs

- School uniform
- Book bag
- PE kit in a PE bag
- Water bottle
- Coat (with a hood)
- Pair of wellington boots
- Sun hat/sun lotion or hat/scarf/gloves
- Packed lunch (if not having free school dinners)
- On forest school days they will need to come to school in clothes they can get messy in
- Children may need a pair of trainers for special activities



Medical and absences

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any reason, please contact the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence. Any sickness or diarrhoea must be followed by 48 hours absence after the last episode.

We strongly discourage children from being taken out of school for holidays, long weekends and special treats. If you do wish to take your child out of school during term time you will need to apply to the Head Teacher to authorise the absence. County Council guidelines suggest that absences should be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. All absences are reported to the Local Education Authority on a termly basis.

Unfortunately head lice are common. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as recommended.

All teaching assistants are first aid trained and are able to deal with any accidents or injuries. Staff will let you know at the end of the day or by phone of any significant injury.

Staff can administer any prescribed medicine, although we would ask you to consider if adequate doses could be fitted in before and after the school day.