



# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2025 - 26 EYFS - RECEPTION



We're delighted to welcome your child to Reception and would like to share some important information about this year's curriculum, routines, and other key updates.

## **Class 5**

**Teacher** Miss Brown  
**Learning Support Assistant** Mrs Coverley

## **Class 6**

**Teacher (Mon-Wed)** Mrs Little  
**Teacher (Thurs-Fri)** Mrs Dearle  
**Learning Support Assistant** Miss Cross

## **School Uniform**

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing - including hats, gloves, scarves, and coats, are **clearly labelled** with their name. This helps us quickly return lost property and saves valuable time.

## **Absence**

If your child is absent from school, please phone the office on the first morning of the absence. When your child returns to school, please send a letter or email confirming the reason for absence. If children are persistently absent, the Attendance Officer may ask for a doctor's note to confirm illness.

Absences due to holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised by the Headteacher and you may be issued with a penalty notice.

## **Punctuality**

At our school, we want to help children become confident, responsible individuals who enjoy learning. To give your child the best start to their day, please do your best to make sure they arrive at school by 8:45am. Arriving on time helps your child settle in happily and means learning can get off to a smooth start for everyone.

## **Reception Curriculum**

<b><i>Autumn Term</i></b>	<b><i>Spring Term</i></b>	<b><i>Summer Term</i></b>
<i>Let's Celebrate</i>	<i>Down at the Bottom of the Garden</i>	<i>Spectacular Stories</i>

We explore these topics through a mix of activities that include both adult-led and child-initiated learning. This allows children to build their skills in all 17 areas of the EYFS curriculum.

## **Mathematics**

Children are taught mathematics in a range of ways. We follow the White Rose Maths scheme. They will have weekly adult-led activities and we also encourage children to develop and use their new skills through their play in a range of situations.

## Writing

We teach children Literacy skills via Read Write Inc which is an engaging phonic based programme. It teaches children the sounds in English, the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters when writing. Read Write Inc includes reading books, written using only the letters they have learnt at each level (and a small number of separately taught tricky words). We encourage children to use their phonic skills wherever possible in other lessons and through their play, such as writing shopping lists during role play or creating labels for toys they have made with construction toys. Please see the Parents RWI handbook for more information on our phonics programme.

## Reading

Your child will be given two reading books to share with you at home every week. Each child has an individual reading turn with an adult each week and some children may have additional reading turns with volunteers. ***However, it is vital that you listen to your child read at home at least three times a week.*** At the start of their reading journey they will be given picture books without words to share at home to develop their storytelling skills. Your child will not be given books with words until they can recognise sounds and are starting to blend the sounds independently.

If your child has successfully read their book, please supplement this with home or library books. This will enable your child to apply the skills learnt in school to a wider variety of texts. It is **essential** that you make a note in the home/school book when your child reads, so we are able to change their books and note your comments. Children are rewarded for reading at home through our Reading Ladder Challenge, but only if parents/carers confirm that they have read at home.

## Jewellery

Please do not allow your child to wear any jewellery to school. Essex County Council guidelines state that jewellery must not be worn for PE lessons or any physical activity. As children take part in physical activity daily, it is not appropriate for them to wear jewellery at any time. Children wearing earrings will not be allowed to take part in PE or other physical activities, including playtimes, where equipment is used and there is a risk of injury.

We're sure you will understand that this policy is in place to keep all children safe. We appreciate your support in enforcing our **NO JEWELLERY** rule. Parents will be contacted if earrings are worn to school.

## Cooking

Throughout the school year, the children will have opportunities to cook and taste different foods. To help cover the cost of ingredients, we kindly ask for a contribution of **£3** at the beginning of the year. If you would like to contribute, please hand the money to your child's class teacher by **Friday, 3rd October**. Thank you for your support.

## PE

Children participate in physical activities daily and have 1 timetabled session of PE each week. Children will come to school dressed in their PE kit for the whole day at school. Please make sure trainers are Velcro fastenings unless of course your child can tie their own laces. Our PE day is on **WEDNESDAY**. For health and safety reasons long hair must be tied back with a **soft** hair tie and jewellery is not permitted.

## **Book bags**

Children should carry their books in **named** waterproof book bags. These can be purchased from Penn Sports, if you wish. Please check your child's bag every day as it may contain letters or important information from class teachers. As storage space is limited, we are not able to accommodate any bags, other than **school book bags**. To help children identify their own book bags easily, **one small keyring** may be attached. **Please do not put water bottles in book bags.**

## **Tapestry**

In Reception, we use online learning journals to record the children's progress and journey through their first school year. Tapestry allows both staff and parents to be actively involved in the child's learning which enables us to gather a larger picture of every child. **We ask that parents comment on and interact with observations uploaded by staff, as well as uploading their own observations of things their child has done at home.**

## **Water**

To help maintain a healthy lifestyle, children are encouraged to drink water frequently throughout the day. We encourage children to bring their **named** school water bottle to school every day so that they have free access to a drink at any time.

## **Snacks**

Children are provided with a snack of fresh fruit or vegetables daily. No other snacks are allowed, although you can send your child in to school with some fruit or vegetables of their choice if you wish. **Please remember that grapes should be cut in half as these are a potential choking hazard.**

***Children should not bring toys or any other personal belongings into school unless specifically asked by the child's class teacher.*** Please check with the class teacher if you have something at home you feel will be relevant to the topic.

**Finally** - We hope your child has settled into Reception with ease. However, if you have any worries or concerns, no matter how small, please do not hesitate to talk to us, so we can address them early before they become bigger issues. Our staff are always happy to help and appreciate respectful communication from all visitors.