



P.E days are on Wednesday and Friday. During the Autumn term on Wednesdays, the children will have their lesson with coach Rob. Please make sure your child has a white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps with their name inside, placed in a named drawstring pump bag (no big bags please). **All** uniform should be **named** as the children will be getting fully changed into their P.E kit each week. Please can long hair be tied back and earrings are not to be worn on your child's P.E days. The rest of the week only studs should be worn if your child wears earrings. No other jewellery is allowed. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Reception children should attend school in their school uniform on P.E days and do **not** need a school hoodie.

Reception Attendance

All reception children start full time on Monday 7th September. Just a reminder that school starts at 8.45am and a member of EYFS staff will welcome the children. Any late arrivals will have to go to the main entrance on White Ash Lane. School finishes at 3.20pm. We will bring the children out onto the path/ramp and only when we call their name, will they be released to you. Please make sure you can be seen. Your child will only be called when we see you and if someone different is collecting your child please inform us in the morning or phone the office. If you wish to speak to a member of the reception team then please wait until the rest of the children have been released and then come to speak to us. Any afterschool children will stay in class and then be taken to the room.

Red Book Bag

Your child should have been given a red book bag. They should try to bring the bag into school every day. Sound books and reading books will be sent home in the red bags when the children are ready. Please can your child **bring a water bottle to drink** with their name on. Please send the bottle into school on Mondays, which we will keep, clean and refill in school every day. The bottles will be returned on Fridays each week.



Welcome to Reception

Outside Play

The Early years Curriculum requires all children to play outside at some point during the day, in all weather, even when it is raining. Therefore, can you please make sure your child brings a coat every day and a pair of **wellies** to keep in school. In winter months, gloves and hats are recommended too. Please understand that whilst outside their coats may get dirty so light coloured coats are not ideal. We want your child to have fun learning and being outside is really important for their development. School shoes should **not** have laces in reception class due to the children taking off and putting on their own shoes independently. The children will also wear the red outdoor suits provided by school.

Homework

When children are ready, they will begin to receive weekly homework. The homework will be explained on the newsletter. Each week, this will include a short **phonics and maths task** linked to our class learning. Phonic demonstrations can be seen each week on Seesaw and maths homework explained. Alongside this, children will be given a half-termly homework grid with a range of activities. The children can choose to complete just a few tasks or work through them all over the half term. All homework should be posted on Tapestry. When your child is ready, reading books will be sent home. Reading books will be sent home on Mondays and need to be returned by Friday but they should be kept in your child's red bag. Children should try to read their book **every** night during the week. **Newsletters will be posted on Fridays via Seesaw but a copy will be placed in the noticeboard outside the EYFS Unit.**

Dinners

Your child is entitled to free school dinners. The majority of children usually have school dinners this half term but if you have chosen for your child to bring their own dinner please don't overfill lunchboxes and no fizzy drinks or hot drinks. Please make sure your child's lunchbox has their name on. We encourage healthy eating and no big chocolate bars are allowed. **Important- Your child cannot have a packed lunch one day and then a school dinner the next, as the kitchen staff have to order food in advance. If you wish your child to have school dinners later in the term, please let Miss Dawson(at the school office) know in advance but ideally only change after a half term. A menu has previously been posted on seesaw for you to make the food choices with your child if they are on school dinners.**