

Welcome!

Reception Cohort 2023-24



The Team

- Mrs Kate Mather (*Executive Head*)
- Miss Katie Froggatt (*Head of School*)
- Miss Louisa Ockenden (*Class Teacher*)
- Miss Tania Davies (*Teaching Assistant*)
- Miss Kristy Hiles (*Special Educational Needs Coordinator*)
- Mrs Jenny Hall (*Administrator*)

The Early Years Foundation Stage

Prime Areas

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
Listening, Attention and Understanding	Self-Regulation	Gross Motor Skills
Speaking	Managing Self	Fine Motor Skills
	Building Relationships	

Specific Areas

Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts & Design
Comprehension	Number	Past and Present	Creating with Materials
Word Reading	Numerical Patterns	People, Culture and Communities	Being Imaginative and Expressive
Writing		The Natural World	

How we teach

- A mixture of adult and child-initiated learning
- Time of adult-led activities will gradually build over the year
- Daily phonics, literacy and maths whole class sessions
- Focus group work
- Continuous provision – ‘Discovery Time’
- Interventions

How we record learning & monitor progress

- Baseline Assessment
- Observing play
- Phonics book
- Talk 4 Writing book
- Tapestry for special moments
- Informal termly phonic assessments



Communication

- Class Dojo
- Letters
- First aid / bump notes
- Tapestry
- Drop off and pick up
- Only a phone call away...



ClassDojo

Uniform / what your child needs to bring

- Uniform...
- Long hair up
- No jewellery, nail varnish, large headbands, colourful leggings/tights.
- PE kit – black, grey or navy shorts/trousers & jumper. White t-shirt. Plain/no logos. Trainers. Socks
- Book bag (provided) – bring in everyday
- Wellies
- Forest School
- Spare clothes if you think needed
- Please no toys unless agreed
- Name EVERYTHING!

GIRLS

- Grey skirt, pinafore or well-tailored trousers
- White or navy polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or plain navy cardigan

Optional in Summer:

- Blue and white checked or striped dress

BOYS

- Grey trousers or shorts
- White or navy polo shirt
- School sweatshirt

We encourage children to wear sensible black school shoes. In summer, robust sandals may be worn.

Snacks and lunches

- Named water bottle – we provide all children with a bottle when they start.
- Fruit snack only
- Free milk whilst 4 – Cool Milk website
- School dinner or home packed lunch
- Children let us know what they are having when we do the register
- Allergies/dietary needs

Transition

- Nursery visit (*Thursday 8th June*)
- Forest School Session (*Tuesday 20th June*)
- Stay and Play (*Monday 10th July, 9:00am*)
- Visit with Crowgate (*Tuesday 11th July, 1:30pm*)
- Starting School Book

How you can help your child prepare for school

- Practice getting dressed independently
- Putting a coat and shoes on
- Using a knife and fork
- Turn taking
- Fine motor skills & mark making
- Tuning into sounds – foundations for phonics

Forms / pack to take home

Tour of the school / questions