

# Welcome to



Reception  
June 2025

# Welcome and thank you

**Teachers**  
Mrs Aston and Miss Newstead

**Support Staff**  
Full time Teaching Assistants  
Part time Teaching Assistants  
P.E.

Enrichment inc Forest School

**DSLs (Designated Safeguarding leads)**

Ms Jordan, Miss Owen, Mrs Payne, Mrs Aston,  
Mrs Kidd, Mrs Smith



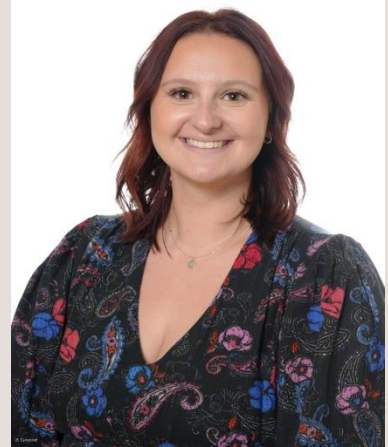
**Class teacher:**

Mrs Aston



**Executive Headteacher:**

Ms Jordan



**Class teacher:**

Miss Newstead



**Head of School:**

Miss Owen

# We would like to share with you a tour of our classroom







Friendships, class, year group, school, village, city, county, country, world



Learning, discovery, personal, social, emotional, academic, our future



For ourselves, for others, for what we have, for our place in this world



Aiming for the best in everything we do, everything we are and everything we can be

# Our core values: CARE

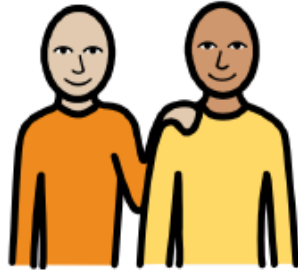


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Ready

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Respectful

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Safe

We have three main rules -  
we are.....

**Ready**  
**Respectful**  
**Safe**



Sitting safely, hedgehog hands,  
eyes looking

# Transition sessions

- Teacher visits to Pre-Schools
  - Small group visits to classes with key worker
    - Picnic ( Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June)
  - Open Evening 3:30- 6:00pm(Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July)
  - Transition visit to class 1 (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 9:30 - 11:00)
  - Transition visit to class 2 (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1:15 - 3:00)
    - Home visits September
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- Please note: If you are not picking up your own child, you must let us know who is.

# Home visits

- We offer home visits during the first few days of your child starting in September. Please remember to sign up for these.
- This is a wonderful time for us to get to know you and your child and gives you any opportunity to ask any questions about what will happen during the first few weeks of school.
- There will be a further curriculum meeting once your child has started school. You will be able to find out more about what we will be learning and the school day.
- All About Me books- we will collect them and share them with your child in September.

# Uniform

- Your children are coming to school to explore, spark curiosity and dive into their learning. This means their clothes could get messy and mucky.
- Please label everything, if it has a name, it will be returned to you. Even socks, coats, hats, gloves and water bottles.







# Wellbeing



- Your child's well-being is of the utmost importance to us - a child needs to feel happy and secure to be able to learn.
- We have things in place as part of the class environment and everyday routine to support well-being.
- Please speak to us if you have any concerns around this - we can signpost you as well as supporting you all within classes.

# The first few weeks

- The children will be busy making friends, getting to know our school, playing and learning.
- They may be more tired than usual. We will provide quiet times as needed throughout the day.
- We will find out what the children already know and use this information to help us plan future learning for each child.
- We would value any contributions you would like to make in helping us get to know your child's needs.

# The First day

Be positive with your children in preparing them for school and explain to them what will happen.

Your child will need to..

- ✓ Hang coats and PE kits on their coat peg.
- ✓ Place book bags in their tray.
- ✓ Water bottles on the tray in the classroom.
- ✓ Find an activity to do .

If you are worried about whether your child has settled, you are welcome to phone the school for an update. Our staff are very experienced at supporting children to settle. Most children, even if initially upset soon become distracted by their surroundings and settle.

# Our school day

First few weeks will be focused on getting to know your children and settling them. Then, a typical day will look like:

- Mornings: Phonics, maths, stories, talking and listening skills.
- Snack of fruit provided by school. No need to send any from home.
- Lunch - 1 hour - hot dinner, veggie option, jacket potato or packed lunch from home.
- Afternoon - Circle times, PE, library and lots more.

Lots of opportunities for indoor and outdoor independent learning throughout the whole day.



Register



Phonics



Reading



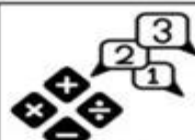
Brain break



Literacy



Snack Time



Maths



Lunchtime



Register



Understanding the world



Expressive arts and design



# Helping your child to be ready for school

All children develop skills at different times, but it would really support your child, if over the Summer they had practised the following things:

- Using the toilet independently
- Washing and drying their hands
- Using a knife and fork
- Opening their lunchbox and/or drink bottle
- Dressing and undressing themselves (Have a practise at changing into their PE kit and school uniform)
- Sharing and taking turns
- Tidying up things they have used - Choose it, Use it, Put it Away!
- Talking and listening!

# Learning



Your support is essential and makes a real difference - reading/number/writing.

- We teach Phonics using Little Wandle.
- Reading with your child x3 per week and write in your child's reading record book.
- We will listen to your child read x3 per week.
- Maths- Use of physical resources, practical activities, small group and short whole class inputs
- Composing and decomposing numbers to 10 using practical resources and sentence stems.



# Tapestry & Focus Children



- We will record your child's learning and experiences using the online learning journal, Tapestry.
- We use a Focus child approach- 3 children per week for a deep dive into their learning.
- To build a more complete understanding of your child's interests and progress, please add your own observations as often as you can. They will be regularly shared in class.

# Finding out how your child is getting on

- It is important that parents and the staff caring for your child work together. We want you to feel comfortable about exchanging information and discussing things that will benefit your child.
- Your child's class teacher will be available at the beginning and end of school for quick messages but please ask for an appointment if you need a little longer to chat.
- We will use Tapestry to share our learning, and you can also message your child's teacher directly on Tapestry.
- Formal meetings about your child's learning will be held throughout the year and we will notify you of these.



# Key dates

Live on the website Transition book to view with your child

## July

- Transition sessions

## September

- Home visits
- Curriculum meeting **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm** - find out more about your child's school day and the learning that will take place.

- \* We are looking forward to learning with you and know we have lots of exciting times ahead.
- \* Please visit our school website to access our transition booklet.

If you have any concerns or questions, we will be happy to help you.

Thank you.