



RECEPTION - Autumn 1

Classroom News



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Avondale
Primary School

Welcome to Avondale Primary School

It has been very exciting meeting everyone over the last few days, and helping the children settle in and find their way around the Reception unit. So much to see, do and remember! Our aim is for you and your child to experience a happy and smooth transition into school and the Reception team are looking forward to getting to know you all. If you have any queries or questions, then please don't hesitate to ask!

There are lots of adults who work within the Reception unit; Miss Robinson, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Mitchell are the lead teachers. Mrs Stowe is our school SENDCO and works across our Reception unit. We are very lucky as we have several incredible teaching assistants who work across our Reception unit. We have - Miss Radomskij, Mrs Martin, Mr Mortan, Mrs Sandiford, Miss Gregson and Miss Grant. Mrs Joyce teaches in Reception on a Tuesday afternoon, alongside Miss Radomskij.

All the Reception staff are available at the start and end of the day should you wish to speak with us.

We are all excited to see what this school year will bring!

HOME / SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS



Starting school is a very exciting time but it can also be a time of uncertainty for both pupils and parents. Please rest assured that the Reception team aim to provide pupils with a fun, exciting and memorable first year at school. We also aim to build strong working relationships with all our parents/carers, and one way we do this is through good communication. Parents/carers will be regularly updated about whole school procedures and events via Mrs Brown's weekly newsletter, which you will receive every Friday.

In Reception, we also have lots of systems in place to support our partnership between home and school. These include;

- Start of the day - a member of the Reception team will be at the Reception doors for passing on any quick messages
- Parents can phone / email the main office
- Reception fortnightly newsletter - Every other Wednesday, you will receive a Reception weekly newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to inform you about systems and procedures within the Reception unit, let you know about our next steps in learning for the week ahead, and tips on how to support your child with their learning at home. We will also use it as an opportunity to keep you up to date with various events taking place in Reception, and also any important messages. We hope you find it useful! Parents will receive these newsletters via text.
- Reception Webpage - parents can access this webpage via our whole school website. It contains key EYFS information, documents, useful websites and resources.
- School Blog & Facebook - this will be updated regularly with a selection of photographs linked to the learning that has taken place within Reception.
- Class Dojo - this is our home communication platform, which we upload photographs and updates to inform you on your child's learning and any key reminders. If you need your login code again, please let a member of staff know and we give you a new code.

The EYFS FRAMEWORK

2026

The EYFS Framework 2026 is the statutory standards that schools and childcare providers must meet for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5.

Please click on the link below for more information -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a5f8e4fb00f3323bf1a23a1/EYFS_group_and_school_based_from_September_2026.pdf

RECEPTION CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

During the Autumn term we have planned a series of curriculum workshops to help develop your understanding of what your child will be learning in their first year at school. These will be held after school in the Reception unit - please enter school via the Reception classroom doors.

DATE	TIME	CURRICULUM FOCUS
Wednesday 9 th September 2026	3:30 – 4:15pm	Parental Drop-In Session
Wednesday 16 th September 2026	3:30 – 4:15pm	An overview of the EYFS Curriculum
Wednesday 23 rd September 2026	3:30 – 4:15pm	Language and Communication in EYFS
Wednesday 30 th September 2026	3:30 – 4:15pm	Phonics – Letters and Sounds
Wednesday 7 th October 2026	3:30 – 4:15pm	Promoting Reading
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	3:30 – 4:15pm	Mathematics in EYFS

DRINKING BOTTLES



Please could all pupils bring to school a drinking bottle, which they can access freely throughout the day. The bottle should be of reasonable size as we have limited storage space and please ensure your child can easily open and close their bottle. These bottles should not contain fizzy pop. The bottle will be brought home at the end of every day for it to be washed out and refilled ready for the next day. Please ensure your child's name is written clearly on their bottle.



PHONICS, READING AND HOMEWORK

Phonics and reading are key priorities in school, and in Reception these areas are the main focus for our home learning. We will commence with our Reception reading programme in the coming weeks and will send you more information about the Reception procedures when we do so. Occasionally, targeted phonics work may be sent home to consolidate learning that has taken place. Reading books will be sent home on **Monday 7th September**.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT - PE

In EYFS, Physical Development is one of the prime areas of learning. This area supports pupils in developing both their gross and fine motor skills. To support in this area, we have a timetabled PE session in the school gym / hall. This half term the focus for these sessions will be – An Introduction to PE. Our PE session will be **EVERY TUESDAY**, so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. These will be kept in school and returned home at the end of each half term for washing. For safety reasons, earrings must be removed on PE days. Children will be unable to take part in this session if they are wearing earrings or do not have their kit or pumps.



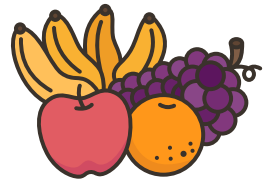
UNIFORM



The children have looked very smart this week in their new school uniforms. Please could we remind you that all clothing and items worn to school must be clearly labelled with your child's full name (including shoes, lunch boxes, water bottles etc). Please ensure they always bring a coat as they will have access to outdoor play every day.

If your child is unable to put on or take off their coat, or get dressed / undressed by themselves please practise this as much as possible at home.

FRUIT



As part of the Government's free fruit for schools scheme, children in Reception have a piece of fruit as part of our snack time – if your child only likes certain fruit then please feel free to send in a piece of fruit or raw vegetable for them to eat.

FOR SAFETY - PLEASE ENSURE ANY GRAPES ARE CUT UP.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



Can we please remind you we are a nut free school.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

HAPPY WEEKEND