

# WELCOME TO EYFS



**Class Teacher:** Mr Hardstaff

**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Billson and Mrs Parkin

## Your Child's School Week

**Arrival:** Children should arrive on the playground from 8:30am, the school bell will ring at 8.40am ready to start the school day at 8:45am.

### **Timetable**

In our school, every day is different but a typical day in EYFS looks like this:

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| 8:45am  | Registration           |
| 9:00am  | English                |
| 9:15am  | Play-Based Learning    |
| 10:00am | Phonics                |
| 10:30am | Play Time              |
| 10:45am | Collective Worship     |
| 11:00am | Mathematics            |
| 11:15am | Play-Based Learning    |
| 12:00pm | Lunch Time             |
| 1:00pm  | Registration           |
| 1:15pm  | Enquiry-Based Learning |
| 3:00pm  | Reflection Time        |
| 3:15pm  | Home Time              |

**P.E.:** Your child will have P.E. on Monday so make sure they have their P.E. kit in school on these days. P.E. kits should remain in school at all times and will be sent home at the end of each half-term.

**Outdoor Learning:** Outdoor Learning can take place on any day, whatever the weather. Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor shoes or wellies and a raincoat in school every day so they are ready to learn outdoors.

**Library:** Your child will visit the Library Bus every Thursday. Please ensure they bring their library book to school on this day.

## Looking Ahead in EYFS

### **Reception Baseline Assessment**

Within the first 6 weeks of starting EYFS, the children will have a go at answering some questions with Mr Hardstaff to see how much they already know. This is an official assessment which needs to be completed.

### **End of EYFS Assessment**

Towards the end of the year, assessment data is collected for the DfE and also to inform the year 1 teacher of any additional support/learning which needs to take place in year 1. The children are assessed across the year through observations and no test is involved.

### **Godly Play**

The children will be going on a number of walks up to St John the Baptist Church in Baston this year. Whilst there, they will listen to a bible story from Revered Carolyn Bailey and then do some fun arts and crafts activities.

### **Other Educational Visits**

We will also be visiting Tallington Christmas Tree Farm and Grimsthorpe Castle grounds later in the year.

## Expectations

Our school expectations are Ready, Respectful, Safe. We celebrate positive behaviour and recognise children who go above and beyond, through praise, house points and our classroom recognition systems. Children may also be recognised during our Friday Celebration Worship through School Value and Well Done certificates or by being named Star of the Week.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Every minute of learning counts. Regular attendance and good punctuality give children the best opportunity to learn and succeed. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and is ready to begin learning at 8:45am. Attendance and punctuality are monitored daily. Please note: Holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

### **School Uniform**

Children should wear the correct school uniform each day. Plain, unbranded uniform items are permitted in line with our school uniform policy. Please ensure all uniform, PE kit, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled. Children do not need to bring pencil cases to school.

### **Hair, Jewellery & Appearance**

Long hair should be tied back, with hair accessories kept to a minimum. Small, plain ear studs are permitted but must be removed for PE and physical activities. Smart watches are not permitted. Nail varnish and makeup are not permitted.

### **Homework**

Homework is designed to reinforce learning in school and help children develop independence. Each week in EYFS, children will be expected to complete reading/phonics.

#### **Reading**

- Children should read for 10 minutes each day.
- Please record your child's reading in their reading record and sign it.
- Phonics sounds will be provided for the children to practise until they start using books in their phonics groups.
- Reading books will be changed when a new book is started in their phonics groups.
- Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.

#### **Mathematics**

- Children can complete maths activities using Numbots.
- Maths activities will be available on Numbots throughout the year. Children can use these activities to practise and reinforce their mathematical skills.

Login details for Numbots can be found in your child's reading record. If you need a replacement copy, please contact the school office.

### **Term Dates:**

|                 |                                                                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Autumn 1</b> | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026 - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026 |
| <b>Autumn 2</b> | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026 - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026   |
| <b>Spring 1</b> | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027   |
| <b>Spring 2</b> | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027 - Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027   |
| <b>Summer 1</b> | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2027 - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027       |
| <b>Summer 2</b> | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027 - Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027        |

## How You Can Help at Home

There are lots of simple ways you can support your child's learning and wellbeing at home:

- Prioritise reading: listen to your child read regularly and talk about the book together. Ask questions, discuss new vocabulary and encourage your child to share their ideas and predictions.
- Support independence: encourage your child to complete homework independently and establish a regular routine. Praise their effort and perseverance.
- Talk about school: ask your child about their day and celebrate their successes. Talk about our school expectations of Ready, Respectful, Safe and encourage your child to reflect on these at home.
- Praise effort and positive choices: celebrate when your child demonstrates our school values, makes good choices or goes above and beyond.

If your child is finding their homework difficult, please let us know so that we can provide support in school.

## **Everyday Essentials**

Please ensure your child brings the following to school each day:

- A named water bottle
- A coat suitable for the weather
- A healthy snack for playtime
- Their reading book and reading record
- Any other items specifically requested by the class teacher

Please label all belongings clearly, including uniform, PE kit, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes.

If you have any questions or issues concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher either on the playground or by making an appointment via the school office.

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