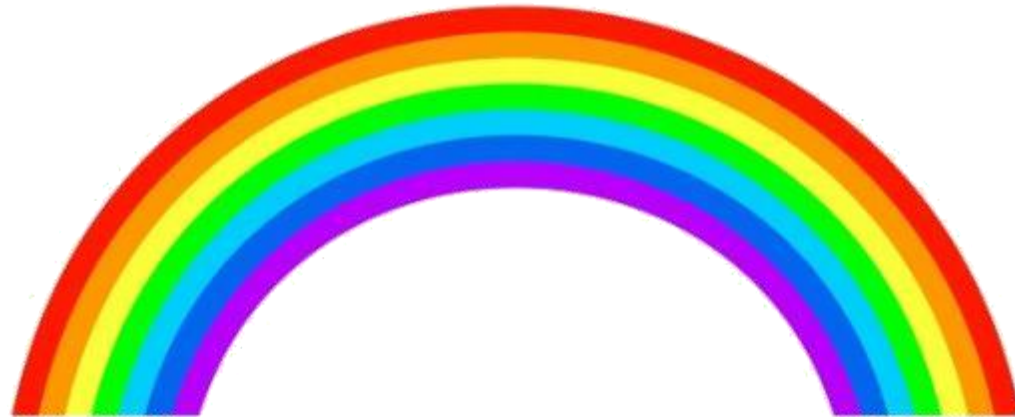




Rickleton Primary School

Welcome to Rainbow Nursery



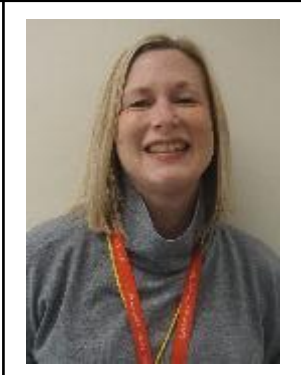


We know that starting
Nursery is a big step
for families

*Our goal is to ensure we have
happy and confident children who
love learning*

Meet the Early Years Team

		
Miss Ebdon	Mrs Meredith	Miss Forsyth
Nursery Teacher	Berry Teacher	Ruby Teacher

	
Miss Johnson	Mrs Gregory
Support Staff	Support Staff



Nursery Induction Program

The academic year at Rickleton Primary School starts on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

Open to staff on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd but not for Nursery pupils this week.

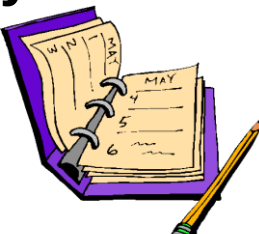
Week 1 – Home visits will take place between **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September**. The visit will last approximately 10-15 minutes.

It gives us a chance to meet your child in a setting where they feel comfortable. You can ask any questions and disclose any important information. Rising 3 children have already had a home visit so will not be visited in their home again.

Extra Induction visit – New children will have an extra visit on Friday 4th September, during the afternoon.

Week 2 – Induction visits during the week, **Monday 7th September – Friday 11th September**. Rising 3 contracted hours will begin from **Monday 7th September**,

Week 3 – Contracted hours commence for children who are new to RPS from **Monday 14th September**.



Nursery Induction Program

- Within your pack, you will have a letter with the date and time of your home visit.
- The Nursery staff will come and meet you and your child in a familiar environment. If your child has attended the setting as a Rising 3, then a home visit is not required as this has already been carried out prior to your child starting the setting. It is a time for you to ask any questions about Nursery.
- If your child does have any medical, dietary needs etc... please talk to the staff about them so that they can be prepared on your child's start date.
- Start Dates are staggered. The initial session that your child is attending may be a shortened session (morning or afternoon).
- Your child's contracted hours will begin from **Week 3, commencing Monday 14th September** unless they are a Rising 3 child.



Nursery Routines

At home time collect your child from Nursery. It is really important we are aware of any changes in arrangements for picking up your child – **children will only be allowed to go with a familiar adult.**

Please mention to Nursery staff if someone different will be picking up your child.

We will not send children home with unfamiliar adults who cannot provide the **password.**

Please do not be offended if you are asked the password more than once at the start until our adults get to know all those parents/carers collecting.

Drop Off and Pick Up

When dropping off your child you should bring them to the Nursery Entrance Gate and line up along the fence. The doors open at **8.45am** for the morning session and **12.30pm** for the afternoon session. If you are late, the doors will not be opened to ensure the children are safe. You should then take your child to the main entrance to be registered as being late. Morning pick up is **11.45am** and afternoon pick up is **3.30pm.**

Code Verification

Anybody who is accessing more than 15 hours per week will need to **verify their codes again in August, no later than 31st.** You have a grace period until the end of December if your circumstances have changed. Please ensure you have provided us with your code so that we can verify it as soon as possible. There is also a contract in your pack which will need to be signed and returned to school by **Tuesday 23rd June.**



Rickleton Primary School Uniform

Main Uniform

- Red Cotton Mix jumper or cardigan only in red with the school logo (where possible). As the school jumper/cardigan is the visual representation of the school, we are keen that the logo is present and we can offer financial support where necessary
- White collared polo shirt
- Grey trousers, shorts or skirts (not leggings or tracksuit bottoms).
- Tights must be black. Socks must be black or white
- Grey pinafores can also be worn.
- Red gingham print dress for the summer months (April to July)
- Footwear – Flat plain black school shoes (not trainers) must be worn.
- Flat plain black ankle boots (not Uggs or Dr. Martin style) may be worn between November and March



Physical Education

- PE is taught once per week. You will be notified of the day in September.
- Even if PE falls on a day that your child does not attend, we would still encourage them to have a PE kit in school as there are regular opportunities for us to engage in additional physical activity sessions.
- As part of the Nursery PE curriculum, we encourage children to get fully changed from September.
- PE kits will stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each term.
- Please ensure each item is **clearly named**.
- Our PE Kit comprises of a red t-shirt, plain black shorts and black jogging bottoms and black plimsolls or trainers.
- Staff would also appreciate if you could spend some time over the summer holiday practising undressing and dressing in their kit, encouraging children to place all their clothes inside their bag.



Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage is being reformed and there is a new EYFS Framework that schools will follow from September 2021. These national changes have been made to better support all young children's learning and development. It is also the aim that the new framework will better prepare children for the transition into Key Stage 1.

Seven Areas of Learning

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive arts and design



Foundation Stage Daily Routine

Nursery

- The first 2-3 weeks will focus on transitional activities.
- There is a balance of teacher-led and child-initiated learning throughout the day.
- Children will take part in Maths and Phonics based sessions.
- Children consolidate their learning within the provision areas.
- Topic is based on the children's interests and is taught in the afternoon alongside 'Writing at Rickleton'. The topic overviews are added to our website at the start of each term.
- P.E. is taught **every week**. Children must have their kit in school at the beginning of each term. Please ensure each item is clearly named.
- Children are encouraged to go outdoors **every day**. So please ensure you send the correct clothing.

Your child will need to have a reading folder which is brought to school daily. PLEASE avoid large backpacks due to storage. The reading folders can be purchased from The School Outfit. Can I please suggest you add something to the folder which makes it easily distinguishable to the children e.g. a keyring, sticker etc...



Lunches

- For those children who stay for dinner, there are 4 members of staff who go into the dinner hall with the children to support them and monitor what they are eating. Lunchtime staff will then notify Nursery staff of any children who have not eaten their dinner. Nursery lunches work on a menu cycle. A copy of this is available on the school website.
- Nursery lunches are charged at £2.50 per lunch, this is subject to change. The preferred method is online. Please see details of how to pay online on the school website.
- Although Nursery children are not entitled to free school meals, you can still register if you think you would be eligible for 'free meals' as you could raise an extra £1,515 for your child's primary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff, after school activities, uniform vouchers, food vouchers and much more.



What Learning Looks Like

- Learning through play is central to development
- Activities build language, relationships and curiosity
- Children explore, investigate and problem-solve daily
- Staff carefully support and extend learning



Typical Daily Routine



- Registration and Welcome Time
- Carpet Time Activity
- Free Flow Adventure Time both indoor and outdoor
- Group Time Activity including stories and songs
- Lunchtime
- Registration and Afternoon Welcome Time
- Carpet Time Activity
- Free Flow Adventure Time both indoor and outdoor
- Group Time Activity including stories and songs

Our Learning Provision

- Focused learning times, such as Maths, Phonics and Topic are taught separately in year groups.
- During children's independent learning time, or 'Choosing Time', the Nursery and Reception children mix.
- Provision areas are shared but resources and activities are well-planned and adapted to encourage the learning of all of our pupils and meet the needs of everyone in our care.
- Staff are well trained to support and challenge all children.



Outdoor Learning

- We have a fantastic outdoor learning environment where children can learn and practice skills.
- We encourage the children to use the water/digging areas etc. We do provide all the children with waterproofs and wellies.
- We have spares set of clothes for any child who needs them.
- Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather as the children will be out accessing the outdoor facilities whenever possible.
- Please ensure when it is hot outside, you apply sun cream to your child before school.
- The outdoor area is continually developed and improved.



Forest School

- All Early Years children access a Forest School curriculum, once per week.
- Each week is themed around a book and we learn all about the different seasons and seasonal change across the course of the year.
- The children follow the same routine and structure every week so that it becomes very familiar to them.
- Where possible and safe, we access Forest School in all weather (including the rain and snow!) so ensuring that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather is essential. This includes scarves, gloves and hats in the Winter and sun cream and sunhats in the warmer weather.
- We have a class set of waterproofs and wellingtons in school, however, you can send in your child's own waterproofs and wellingtons.
- These can either stay in school or go home weekly with your child.
- Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.



Assessment



- In the Autumn term, you will receive a short written statement to inform you how your child has settled into Nursery. If your child has attended during the previous academic year, you will be offered a parents' evening appointment.
- An opportunity to discuss your child's progress will occur at parents' evening in the Spring term.
- You will receive a full report of your child's progress in Nursery at the end of the year.
- Staff will assess if your child is on track for their age using a range of observations.
- Please share WOW moments with staff to support your child's learning journey.

Recording of Evidence



- We record the children's independent learning in a Learning Journey book.
- We take photographs, collate children's independent work, and make observations.
- The most successful Learning Journeys have included 'WOW Moments' from home. A wow moment is something you see or hear your child do that you feel proud of i.e. putting their pjs on by themselves, counting how many people are sitting at the table, or choosing a special book to look at or listen to, drawing a picture.
- We also use 'Classroom Dojo' as a behaviour and communication system. Please provide us with your email address so we sign you up to this. You may receive regular updates on your child's learning as well as keeping a track on their Dojo points. This is also the main form of communicating key information and letters.



- Homework in the Foundation Stage is in the form of a Learning Log and bingo style to provide flexibility for parents. You can pick one or two tasks each weekend.
- Each bingo grid suggests activities linked to the current topic and include Maths, Phonic and the wider curriculum. You can choose to complete these as and when.
- Some activities may take a little longer, whilst others may be shorter so you can pick an activity, dependent on the plans you may have over the weekend.
- The bingo grids are changed half termly.
- It is important to get your child into the habit of completing tasks at home better prepare them for Reception and KS1.



How to prepare your child

- Work on recognising their names.
- Practise putting on coats.
- Talk to your child about asking to go the toilet.
- It is an expectation that your child will be toilet trained before starting Nursery in September. We do have potties and smaller toilets available.
- Practise washing hands after the toilet.
- Read stories and sing rhymes.
- Take on/off shoes and socks.
- Begin to develop your children's interests in numbers e.g. singing counting songs and rhymes.





Nursery Induction Pack

Forms to fill in and return to office as soon as possible please or by **Tuesday 23rd June**

- Personal Information (PI Form)
- RPS Permission Form
- Home: School Agreement
- Photograph Permissions
- Dojo Permission Form
- Parent and Child Questionnaire
- Childcare Contract
- 30 Hours Parental Declaration/ Application for Early Years Pupil Premium (DAF Application)
- Administration of medication, if relevant
- RPS Choice Feedback form



We will need the forms so that we can contact you during the school day and so that we are aware of any medical or other needs. Could I also ask that you keep us informed of any addresses or telephone numbers. If you have moved house recently, please ensure the office have the most up to date contact details for yourselves. You will need to provide proof of address.



Nursery Induction Pack

Other Forms and Paperwork:

- Welcome Letter
- Start Date, home visit date and time letter
- Meet the staff
- Payments Information - Eduspot
- School Term Dates
- Attendance Procedures
- GDPR Privacy notice
- Stamptastic Flyer
- Uniform Expectations
- Uniform Price List
- Rickleton Plus information
- Friends of Rickleton Primary School information
- Parent/Carer Code of Conduct
- Potty Training Guide
- Readiness for Nursery Family Hub
- Handwriting/Letter Formation Handout
- Ten Town Number Formation
- Rickleton Story





Thank you for taking the time to listen to the information. Please email the school on info@rickletonprimary.co.uk if you have any questions.

Also, please ensure you return the forms to the school office by **Tuesday 23rd June 2026**. You can scan and email them in, drop them off at the school office or post them to school at:



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