



# Rickleton Primary School

Welcome to Reception  
Ruby and Berry Class



# Meet the Early Years Team

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

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| Miss Johnson                                                                        | Mrs Gregory                                                                          |
| Support Staff                                                                       | Support Staff                                                                        |

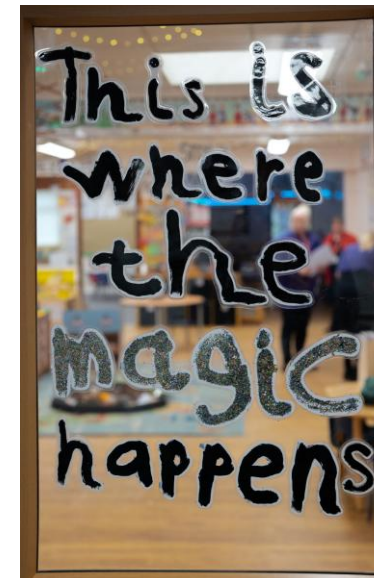
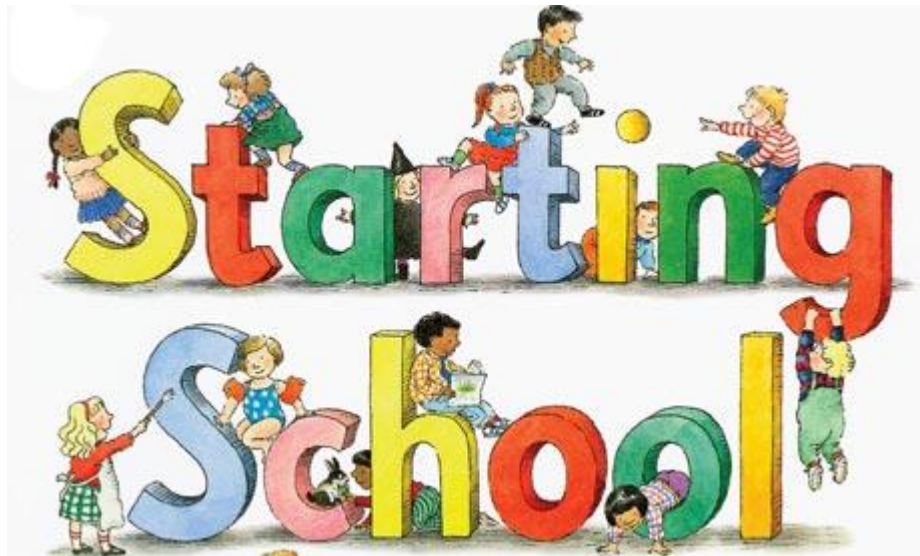


# Reception Induction Program

School starts Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

Open to staff on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> but pupils on the following day.

All Reception children will start school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.





# Starting Reception



- Reception children to be dropped off at the Reception fire door for **8.45am**. This is located to the right of our Nursery.
- At home time collect your child from the same door at **3.15pm**.
- Please ensure your child knows who is collecting them.
- It is really important we are aware of any changes in arrangements – mention to class teacher, a letter or a telephone call.
- Passwords **WILL** be asked for if we do not recognise who is collecting your child so please ensure that whoever is collecting knows the password for your child.  
*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.*
- Children will only be allowed to go when their class teacher can see a familiar adult.
- The staff will support the children in the hall with eating their dinner.
- Please let us know if your child has an allergy, email the school office on [info@rickletonprimary.co.uk](mailto:info@rickletonprimary.co.uk)

# 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.
- To maximise physical activity time, children will come home in their PE kits.
- Children must return kit to school by the end of the week.
- 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. We recommend sending a black pair of leggings or joggers during the colder months.
- 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

## Reception

- The first 3-4 weeks will focus on transitional activities.
- Mornings are generally teacher-led with afternoons begin more child-initiated.
- Children will take part in Maths and Phonics (RWI) 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 on a Monday. 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

The Reception staff go into the dinner hall with the children and monitor what the children choose on a morning. The children are then supervised by lunch staff and they monitor what the children are eating. Please support your child by practising using a knife and fork at home, demonstrating good table manners. Although Reception children are entitled to free school meals, you can still register if you think you would be eligible for 'free meals'. Please contact a member of the school office as there may be additional funding of up to £1,515 per child available.



# 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 have access to waterproofs and wellies.
- Sending a spare change of clothes in their school bag would be really helpful as we have limited supplies in school.
- 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 then stay in school and be used each week.
- Please ensure that all clothing is **clearly labelled**.



# Assessment



- Opportunities to discuss your child's progress occur twice a year at parents evening. One in Autumn and another in Spring.
- You will receive a full report of your child's progress in Reception at the end of the year.
- From September 2021, it became statutory for all schools to complete the 'Reception Baseline' when children start school. The Reception Baseline assessment (RBA) is a short, task-based assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school.
- 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. They are linked to the current topic and include Maths, Phonic and the wider curriculum.
- Once we begin the RWI programme, sounds sheets will be sent home to practise and green and red words as the programme progresses. In the Autumn term, you will be invited in to a meeting to explain how the phonics programme is taught at Rickleton.
- There are some weeks when a sound sheet might not be sent home because children will be working on word time activities where they will be blending and segmenting with sounds they have been taught. Video links may be sent home to view videos on the RWI Portal to support what your child has been learning. Please check your child's red reading record book on a weekly basis.
- It is important to get your child into the habit of completing tasks at home to better prepare them for KS1.

# How to prepare your child

- Talk to your child about the changes i.e. staying in school all day, or having dinner if they have not already
- Asking to go to the toilet and washing hands.
- Practise putting on and zipping up coats.
- Practise recognising and writing their own name.
- Taking off/putting on shoes and socks.
- Read stories and nursery rhymes.
- Counting, recognising shapes and numbers.
- Dressing and undressing in preparation for P.E
- Lots of oral blending practise e.g. c-a-t cat d-o-g dog
- You can also visit: <https://startingreception.co.uk/>





# Reception Induction Pack

## New to the school...

Forms to fill in and return to office as soon as possible please or by **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

- Personal Information (PI Form)
- RPS Permission Form
- Home: School Agreement
- Photograph Permissions
- Free School Meal Application
- Medication Form, if relevant
- Dojo Permission Form
- Acceptable Use of Technology
- School 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.



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## Other Forms and Paperwork:

- Welcome Letter
- Prospectus (If new to the school)
- Meet the staff
- Rickleton Plus information
- Stamptastic Flyer
- Uniform Price List
- Uniform Expectations
- School Term Dates
- GDPR Privacy notice
- Parent/Carer Code of Conduct
- Letter Formation/ Handwriting Handout
- Ten Town Number Formation
- Attendance Procedure
- Payment Information - Eduspot
- FORPS Information
- School Readiness Guidance
- Rickleton Story





Thank you for taking the time to read through the information. Please email the school on [info@rickletonprimary.co.uk](mailto:info@rickletonprimary.co.uk) if you have any questions.

Also, please ensure you return the forms to the school office by **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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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