

# Welcome to Birklands Primary School



*Starting in Reception*

# Reception Classes



Robin Class



Puffin Class

# Reception Staff



Miss Stretton



Miss Lounds

# What to expect from the first week...

The school year starts on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

All children will attend the morning session (8:45am – 11:55am). Children will then go home.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

All children will attend the morning session **and stay for lunch** (8:45am – 1:00pm). *A reminder will be given about this closer to the time.*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> onwards**

All children will attend all day.

# What to expect from the first week...

For the first week, children will be split randomly between Robin and Puffin Class. They will spend time with all of their peers in the year group and all members of staff.

After the first week and getting to know the children, the Reception staff will discuss groupings and place your child into Robin or Puffin Class. Friendships will be considered but it is important to remember that the children spend lots of time together, across both classrooms, throughout the school day.

# A Reception Day

8:35am	The front gates open and children are welcome to help themselves to a bagel before the start of the school day.
8:45am – 9:00am	Children come into class and join in with a morning activity. Followed by registration.
9:00am – 9:20am	Phonics
9:20am – 10:15am	Learning Through Play
10:15am – 10:30am	Milk time and joining in with rhymes from 'The Poetry Basket'
10:30am – 10:50am	Outside Time
10:50am – 11:05am	Literacy
11:05am – 11:55am	Lunch

# Lunch



Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Main Event (Hot Dinner)	Pasta	Jacket Potato	Sandwich (Provided by school)	Lunchbox from home

# A Reception Day

12:40pm-12:45pm	Register
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Maths
1:00pm - 1:50pm	Learning Through Play
1:50pm – 2:30pm	Snack and Outside Time
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Topic
2:45pm – 3:10 pm	Story time, reflection and end of the School Day.



# Tapestry

We use an online learning journey called 'Tapestry' to share our learning experiences in school. You will need to fill out a consent form (in the new starter pack) so that your child can be added to Tapestry and photos can be shared.

Remember to login to Tapestry regularly to see what your child has been doing at school. Please put your own observations on too; it would be amazing to see all the brilliant learning and exciting things that your child does whilst at home!!

More information can be found on  
the school website.

# Supporting your child in their transition to Reception – Summer Term

## Transition Mornings

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (8:45am – 11:30am)

Tuesday 4<sup>rd</sup> July (8:45am – 12:45pm (for new starters) and 1:00pm for Nursery AM children). ***Children stay for lunch***

‘Starting at Birklands’ 1:1 meetings (10 minutes each)

Afternoon of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Please fill out the ‘Starting School Questionnaire’ and bring to the 1:1 meetings or hand back to Miss Kennerley.

Use the QR to code to access the ‘Welcome to Reception’ booklet to familiarise your child with the school.

# Key Dates

Transition Dates	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (8:45am – 11:30am) Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July (8:45am – 1:00pm) <i>Children from external providers to be collected at 12:45pm.</i>
1:1 Meetings with Reception Staff <i>(Only for new starters to Birklands)</i>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (1:00pm – 3:00pm) Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July (1:30pm – 3:00pm)
Start of the School Year (September)	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> All children will attend the morning session (8:45am – 11:55am). Children will then go home.  <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b> All children will attend the morning session <b>and stay for lunch</b> (8:45am – 1:00pm)  <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> onwards</b> All children will attend all day.

# What you will go away with now...

Birklands Welcome Pack (Contact information, permission forms etc.)	<i>To be returned on the transition day to Reception Staff.</i>
'Welcome to Reception' link (QR code in pack)	<i>To use to familiarise your child with Birklands School.</i>
'Starting School' questionnaire (in pack)	<i>To be returned to Miss Kennerley (Nursery children) or at the 1:1 meeting.</i>
Time for the 1:1 meeting	<i>To be organised after this.</i>

We look forward to welcoming all children to Reception in September and are excited to be the 'start' of their school journey 😊

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask following the meeting.