

# Bleak Hill Primary School



**Reception Information  
2025/2026**



# Welcome to Bleak Hill

It will not be long before your child will be starting school at Bleak Hill Primary. It is a very exciting time.

We hope our meeting and our website will provide all the information you will need for your child to settle into school life smoothly.



# Meet Our Senior Leadership Team



Mr McCoy  
Headteacher



Mr Dagnall  
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Cozens  
Assistant Headteacher  
& SENCO



Mrs Darroch  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Knapper  
School Business  
Manager



Mrs Culley  
School Business  
Manager



Mrs Aspinall-Wood  
Pastoral &  
Safeguarding  
Manager



# Meet Our EYFS Team



Mrs Hughes  
EYFS Lead &  
Reception  
Class Teacher



Miss Makin  
Reception  
Class Teacher



Miss Moore  
Reception  
Class Teacher



Miss Hill  
Learning  
Assistant



Mrs Knowles  
Learning  
Assistant



Mrs Nelson  
Learning  
Assistant

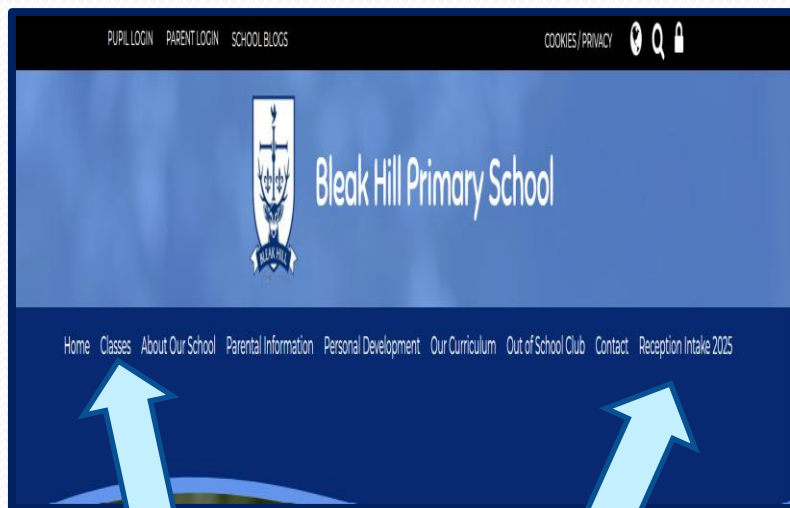


Mrs Twiss  
Learning  
Assistant





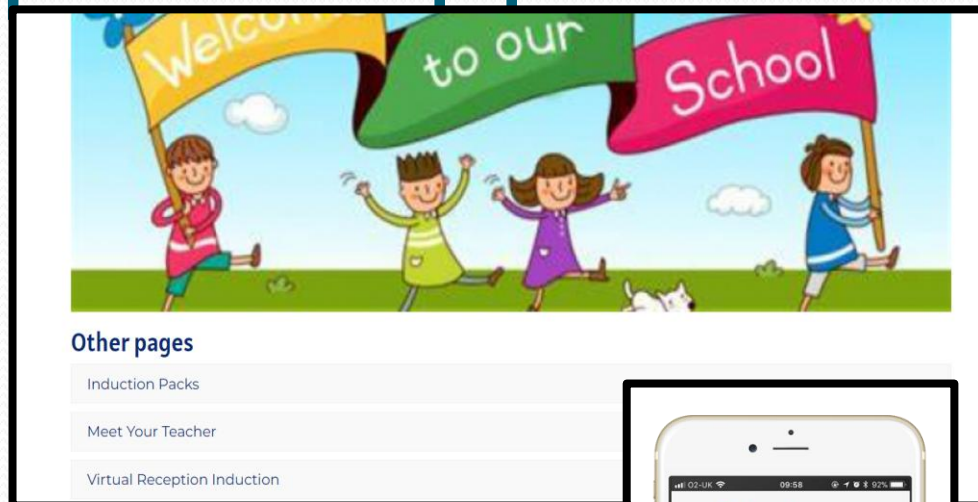
# School Website and School Spider App



Class  
Page

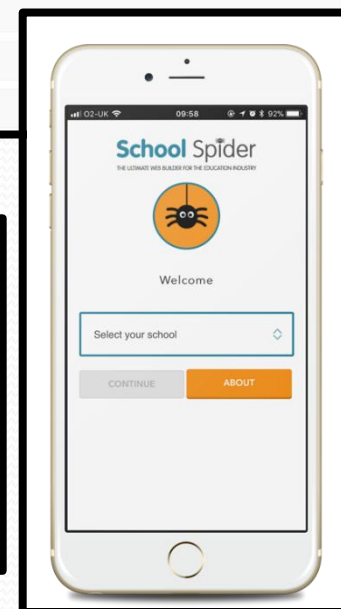
Reception New  
Intake Page

<https://www.bleakhill.st-helens.sch.uk>



Please visit the school website  
for more information.

Download the School Spider  
App to your phone ready to  
receive messages and  
notifications from September.



# Winter School Uniform



Please note, uniform does not need the school badge on.

- Mid-grey trousers
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt, pull over
- Sensible black shoes preferably with Velcro



- Navy pinafore or skirt
- Or Mid grey trousers
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt, pullover or cardigan
- Sensible flat black shoes preferably with Velcro
- White or navy socks or navy tights

# Summer School Uniform

Please note, uniform does not need the school badge on.

- Mid grey shorts
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Navy tank top/jumper
- Sensible black shoes preferably with Velcro



- Blue and white gingham dress
- White socks
- Sensible black shoes preferably with Velcro

The Summer uniform is optional, and the winter uniform maybe worn if you wish.



# PE Days



Twice a week the children will have PE.  
The children will come to school in their kit.  
The kit consists of the house colour t-shirt,  
navy or black shorts and trainers preferably  
with Velcro.

**We recommend not buying pumps.**



On colder days, children  
can wear navy joggers  
and a navy school jumper  
or navy hoodie with the  
house colour t-shirt.



# Name Labels



Please label all items that your child will bring to school.  
Uniform, hat, gloves and water bottles.

Clothes Name Labels. Stick On School Name Labels, Name Tags: Stikins®

# Getting Ready for September



Bleak Hill Eco Uniforms –  
located near Reception  
classrooms



## Bleak Hill Eco Uniforms

Bleak Hill Eco Uniforms has raised over £1000 for the school, thanks to your donations and purchases. There are lots of good quality items still in stock, if you would like to purchase some uniform please contact us through Bleak Hill Eco Uniforms on Facebook.



# Muddy Friday



We have a super woodland area and school garden.  
We will go outside each week therefore children will  
need a pair of wellies to be kept in school.

Please could the wellies be labelled and sent to school  
in a draw string bag.







# Induction Week

## Reception Induction September 2025

Week 1					
Day	AM 9.00am - 11.30am		Lunch	PM 1.00pm - 3.00pm	
Wednesday 3rd September	Red House & Yellow House	Red House & Yellow House		Blue House & Green House	Blue House & Green House
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Blue House & Green House	Blue House & Green House		Red House & Yellow House	Red House & Yellow House
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – 1.00pm All house colours together and staying for lunch.				

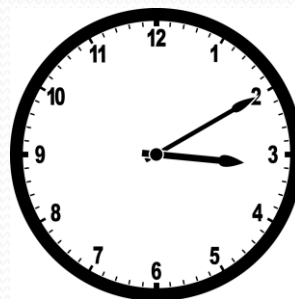


# The School Day - Week 2

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September



Drop off time is between  
8.40 and 9am.  
We will meet you at the classroom  
door.



Home Time  
We will finish school  
at 3.10pm.

# The School Day

## School Bag

You will need a bag to carry all your special things.  
A distinctive backpack is much better than a book bag or  
attach a key ring.



## Water Bottles

You will need a **clear water bottle** everyday.  
This should contain **plain water only** and have a  
**sports cap**.





# The School Day

## Milk

Children are provided with milk in a morning currently at a cost of £6 per year (payable in Autumn term). Children who do not wish to have milk daily, will be able to drink water from their own water bottles.

Please note that this must be tap water and not juice.



## Fruit

We are participating in the '**National Fruit in Schools Scheme**', which means your child will be offered a free fruit every day. Permission for this is included within your Data Collection form.



## Snack

As an alternative to fruit, children can bring a **healthy snack**.



# The School Day

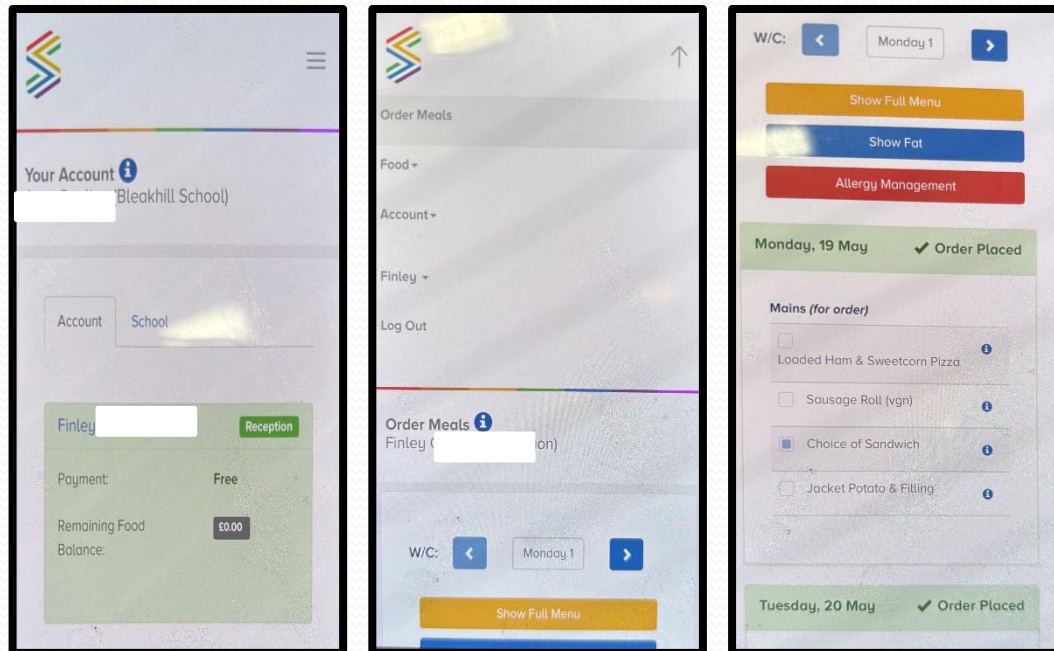


## School Dinners

The kitchen staff prepare **healthy hot meals** for us everyday in our school kitchen.

During lunchtime, the EYFS staff will support the children.

## How to order your child's lunch through School Grid.



## Packed Lunches

If your child is having a packed lunch, please note that we are a **Healthy School** therefore we promote **a healthy lunchbox**.

Please no fizzy drinks etc.



# The School Day

## Medical/Dietary Requirements

We have an increasing number of children in school with allergies therefore it is extremely important that you keep us informed and up to date with any individual needs so that they can be catered for.

**Please see a member of staff tonight regrading allergies.**

**Please make sure we have all medication/information on your child's first session  
(Wednesday 3rd September).**





# A Little Snapshot of Life In Reception





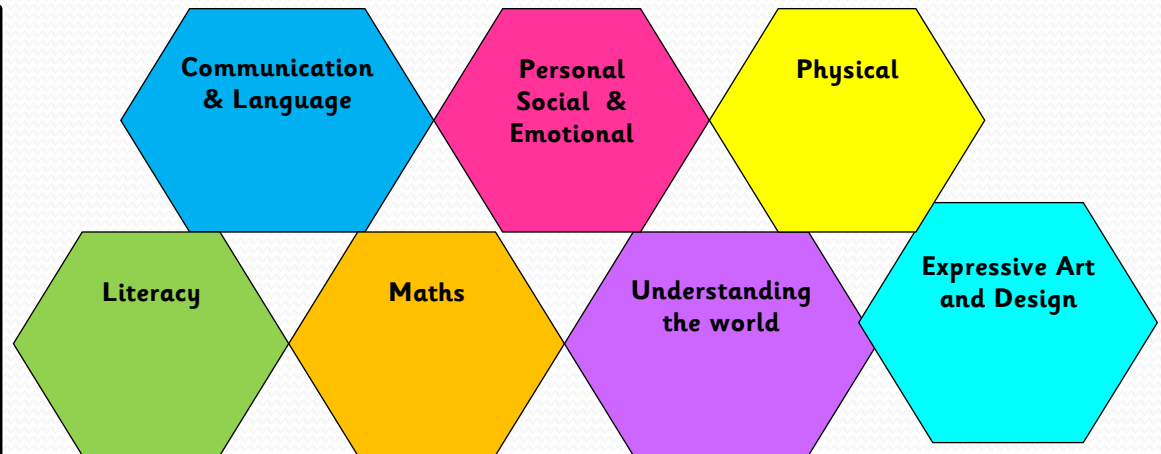
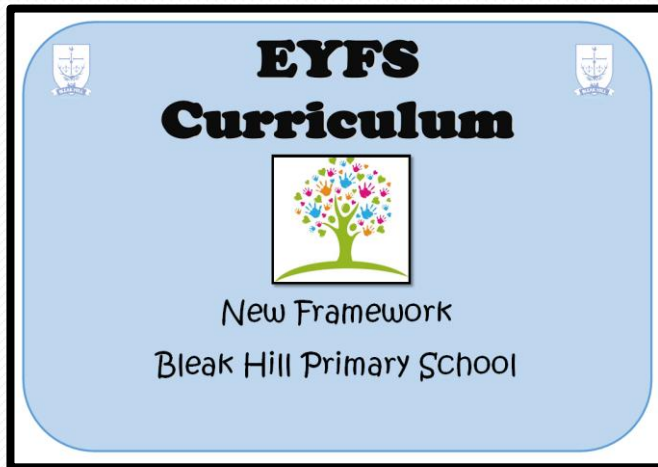








# EYFS Curriculum



The Early Learning Goals (ELGs) are the knowledge, skills and understanding which young children should have acquired by the time they reach the age of five.

In addition, the '**Characteristics of Effective Learning**' underpin learning and development across all areas and support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner.

The Characteristics of Effective Learning are:

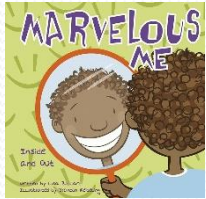
**Playing and exploring-engagement**

**Active learning-motivation**

**Creating and thinking critically-thinking**

# EYFS Curriculum

Our topics for the year



Marvellous Me

Going On A  
Journey



Light It Up  
and Blast Off!

Cold Feet



Creeping and  
Crawling



Holidays



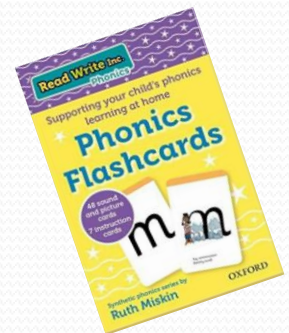
# Phonics

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

- Fred
- Fred Talk



at .	mad .
sad .	dad .
sat .	mat .





# Making Snack

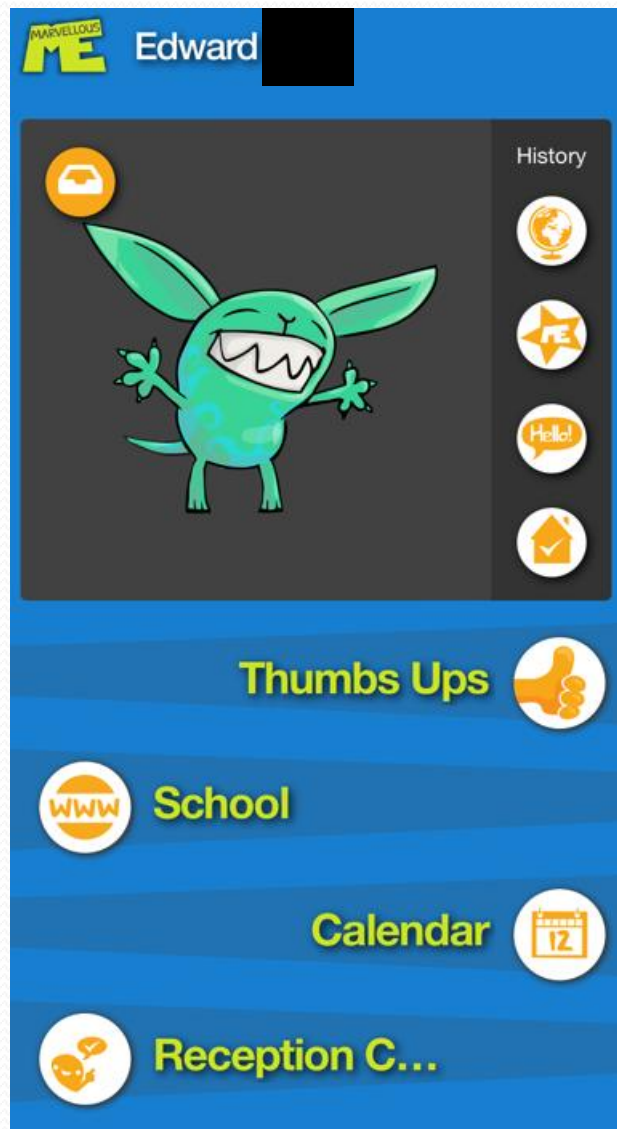
Every half term the children have an opportunity to take part in food technology. This is at a cost of £6 per year (payable via School Money in September).



# Marvellous Me!



Your accounts will be processed in September.  
Please activate your account when you receive the code.



The children receive thumbs up or badges. We also can share some learning via the activities or messages.

You can acknowledge what school share by giving a Hi5!



# School Office

## Important Information



- Absence – report via phone call, email and School Spider

- Apps – all families to gain access to key apps by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September



- School Spider – 1 login per household

- School Grid – lunches to be ordered by 8.55am



- School Trips – Voluntary payment

- Free School Meals – please apply through St Helens Council online portal

Childcare  
Choices

Supporting families  
with childcare costs

childcarechoices.gov.uk



- Voucher payments for Out of School Club



# Out of School Club



## Out of School Club – September 2023 onwards

The Governing Body have agreed that from the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 all out of school club bookings must be paid in advance of the place being taken. There will be no option to reserve and pay later. This is in line with many other schools across the borough.

### What this means for you:

**Debit/Credit Card Payments:** On booking a session you will be required to make payment via your debit/credit card at the time of booking. Alternatively, parents may choose to add credit via the club top up on their child (ren) account. You will then be able to use this credit when making bookings.

**Childcare Vouchers:** In order to book sessions, parents will need to ensure that their child(ren) account is in credit. In order to do this we are asking parents to send additional voucher payments to ensure your child(ren) is in credit for September 2023. This will mean your child(ren) account will be in credit when returning in September. We must stress that your child(ren) account will need to be in credit to book places using childcare vouchers and if this is not the case you will be required to pay by debit/credit card at the time of booking.

The screenshots show the SchoolMoney app interface. The left screenshot is the 'Basket' screen, showing a total to pay of £50.00. The right screenshot is the 'Club Bookings' screen, showing a credit balance of £41.00 and a top up of £10.00.

**Emergency On the Day Bookings:** Parents will need to contact the school office to book emergency childcare places. If your child(ren) account is not in credit, the office will process payment via the phone to secure your child(ren) booking, subject to a place being available.

### Please note:

- If you choose to collect to your child(ren) early from club the full cost of the session booked will still stand.
- If you collect your child(ren) later than the session booked, the additional charge will be processed by Out of School Club Supervisor on collection.



Email:

Mobile:

Password:

Child's First Name:

Log In

We use cookies to ensure you get the best experience on our website. For more information, read our [Privacy Policy](#)!

Forgotten Password?

Child under 12? You could get £2 for every £8 you spend on childcare.  
[childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://childcarechoices.gov.uk)



Childcare  
Choices

HM Government

# Extra-Curricular Clubs

- At Bleak Hill we have an extensive extra curricular programme each year that includes physical/sporting activities, music, arts and crafts.



# Friends of Bleak Hill



## FRIENDS OF BLEAK HILL

The Friends Association plays a vital role in raising funds for our School. Throughout the year various enjoyable events are planned by our hardworking Friends committee – including Bingo nights, Summer Gala and lots of other activities!

Chairperson	Mrs Lisa Moore
Treasurer	Mrs Diane Kenny
Buyer	Mrs Lisa Moore
Minutes Secretary	Mr Callum Dagnall

The Friends of Bleak Hill is a registered charity and raises funds throughout the year to support the school. Equally important is the social aspect of the events organised. As a school with a very tight budget we are extremely grateful for the funds raised. We look forward to working with the Friends in what we hope will be another very successful year.

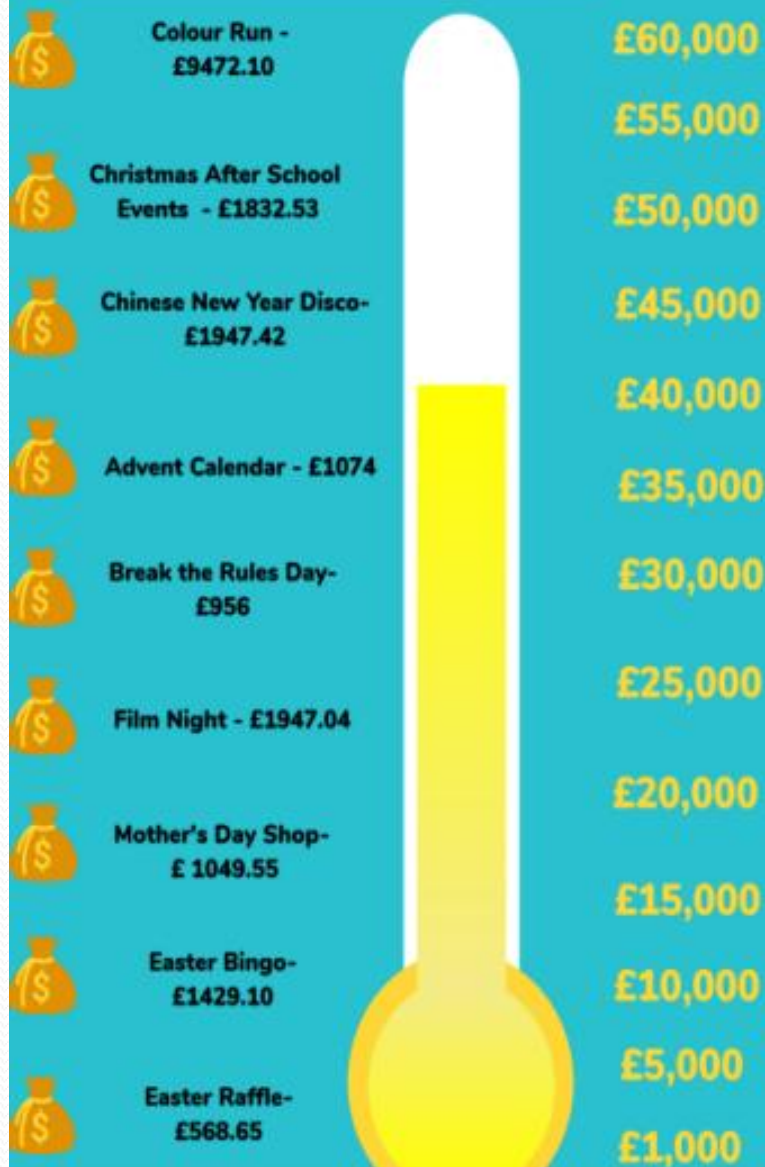
<https://www.bleakhill.st-helens.sch.uk/page/friends-of-bleak-hill/24831>





# FOBH Fundraising

Goal- £60,000 for a Multi Use Game Area



# Parents/Carers as Partners

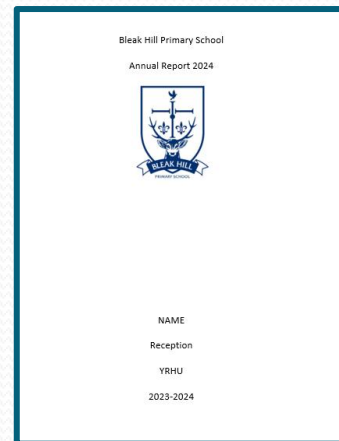


We provide many opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their child's education.

These include:



Dear Parents/Carers,				
Name: <b>Chloe Henry</b>				
Achievement: <b>95.6%</b>				
Please find your child's set of autumn and spring term progress reports. The assessments below are based on teacher judgement and are not testing them.				
<b>Teacher Assessments:</b>				
Area of Learning	Subject	Beginning of the year	End of Autumn Term	End of Spring Term
Communication and Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Speaking	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Self-Regulation	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Managing Self	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Building Relationships	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Physical Development	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Fine Motor Skills	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Comprehension	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
Literacy	Word Reading	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Writing	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Number	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
Maths	Numerical Patterns	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Read and Proust	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	People, Culture and Communities	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
Understanding of the world	The Natural World	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Creating with Materials	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
	Being Imaginative and Expressive	3-4 Secure	Reception Emerging	Reception Developing
Signature: <b>Ms. T. Henry</b>				



We operate an 'Open Door Policy' where parents are actively encouraged to meet staff to discuss any concerns at the earliest opportunity. Mrs. Hughes, Miss. Makin and Miss. Moore are usually available before and after school to answer any questions.

Phone calls to the School Office are most welcome, where our staff will offer their assistance, or will arrange an appointment with a member of staff if requested.

# Important Individual school photograph.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025





# Stay and Play Sessions



**We have planned some 'Stay and Play' sessions on:**

**Friday 20th June 2025 - 9.30am - 11.00am**

**Thursday 26th June 2025 - 9.30am - 11.00am**

**Friday 4th July 2025 - 9.30am - 11.30am**

**Friday 4th July 2025 - 1.30pm - 3.00pm**

**Please plan to attend two out of the four sessions.  
Please sign up tonight. Thank you**

# EYFS Classrooms



This is an opportunity to ask any questions  
and to meet your child's staff.



**RMO**  
Miss Moore

**RHU**  
Mrs Hughes



**RMA**  
Miss Makin