Welcome to Water Orton Primary School

Aims for tonight:

- Meet some of the team
- Hear key messages about getting prepared for September
- Have a chance to ask any questions that you might have



Meet the team:

There are 3 classes in Reception.
Each class is mixed with Year 1 children.



Mrs Beard
EYFS + Y1 Lead,

Class Teacher
Birch



Mrs Bennett-Browne

Class Teacher
Rowan



Miss McDonald

Class Teacher
Larch

Teaching Assistants and Support Staff, Members of our Leadership Team, Governors

At Water Orton we aim to:

Care for your children as if they were our own

Work hard to make sure that children **achieve** the best outcomes they can in their learning

Encourage children to develop their **unique** personality and character

Provide opportunities for a range of **experiences** beyond the Early Years Framework and National Curriculum

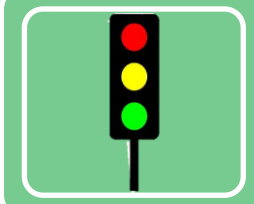
Ensure children know how to make friends, get on well with others and **enjoy school life**



Throughout their time at Water Orton we will:



Challenge your children to ‘Be the best they can be’



Expect children to behave well and follow the rules. If this is hard for them, we will help them to learn how to do this



Expect children to attend and be on time



Expect children to wear uniform and (later on, have what they need in school)

We need parents to:

Support children with reading daily at home

Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform/ P.E. kit. (P.E. kit is to be worn on P.E. days)

Ensure children arrive promptly at school by 8:45am and collect at 3:15pm

Support attendance by not booking holidays in term time

Attend parents' evenings, workshops and keep up to date with key information on Class Dojo and in the school newsletter.

What will my child need?

To stay at school:

- Named pair of wellies
- Spare change of clothes to stay on pegs
- Any inhalers

To bring each day:

- A named waterproof coat
- A named water bottle
- A book bag for reading books/letters

Cold/wet weather:

- A thick coat
- Named woolly hat, scarf, gloves

(outdoor learning happens in all weathers)

Hot weather:

- A sun hat
- A named bottle of suncream
- Appropriate uniform e.g. shorts





Please leave any toys at home – we have plenty!

Uniform Information

- We like the pupils at Water Orton to look smart and feel like they are part of a team.
- We do recognise that uniform is a significant expense and therefore aim to take a sensible approach.
- Most of the items needed can be purchased from supermarkets and high street shops.
- We request that pupils have one jumper with the school badge (optional) and one PE shirt with their house colour (compulsory)
- Other branded items are available and can be purchased as optional extras.
- Matt from Hyperbole here to support
- Support is available if your child is entitled to Free School Meals and we also offer the opportunity to purchase second-hand uniform.
- Jewelry is not allowed in school. One pair of stud earrings are allowed but they must be covered for PE.



OUR UNIFORM

BOYS

- **Dark green** jumper or sweatshirt
- **Black** trousers or shorts
- **Black or white** socks
- **Plain white** polo shirt or collared shirt
- Plain black **shoes** (no other colours, patterns or logos. **No trainers allowed**).



GIRLS

- **Dark green** cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt
- **Plain black pleated** skirt **OR**
- **Plain black** trousers
- **Black or white** socks or black tights
- **Plain white** polo shirt or collared shirt
- Summer dresses (or skorts) in **green gingham check**
- **Plain black low-heeled shoes.**
- Sandals acceptable if toes are enclosed. **No trainers allowed**





HEADWEAR

- **School caps** with or without neckshade are available from uniform suppliers.

SPORTS KIT

Children should continue to wear their sports kit and trainers on PE days.

- PE t-shirt in **emerald green for everyone**, with 'Water Orton' in the appropriate house colour: yellow for Overton, red for Salisbury and blue for Wakefield.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY SPECIFIC ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM THAT IS COMPULSARY – ALL PUPILS MUST HAVE A PE T SHIRT WITH THEIR HOUSE COLOUR LOGO

- A pair of black shorts.
- Green sports socks - optional.
- **Proper trainers** (not pumps or hi-tops).
- **Hoodies** in black or dark green should be purchased for colder weather as well as **black jogging bottoms or leggings**. School hoodies with Logos are available from our suppliers but they are not compulsory.



It is important to have the right sports kit for safety reasons and also so that they can clearly be seen to belong to a particular house on sports days, in lessons and in other school events.

New children will be allocated a 'house' when they start school, which will indicate which colour 'Water Orton' wording to buy. This house colour will not change and would normally apply to all siblings.







Food and Drink

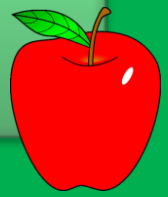
Lunch



All children in Reception are entitled to a free school dinner each day. Both hot and cold options available.

If you would rather send a packed lunch, please ensure it does not include any sweets or fizzy drinks.

Snack



Children are provided with a free piece of fruit each day. This varies depending on season.

Children can bring in a small healthy alternative to this e.g. fruit of choice/ carrot sticks/ breakfast bar

Drink/ milk



Please ensure water bottles are filled with fresh water each day.

All children under 5 will receive milk daily. Once your child has turned 5 you will need to pay for this service if you would like it to continue.

Drop Off and Collection

- *Once the induction period is completed in September* school starts at 8.45 and ends at 3.15.
- All pupils should be dropped at school by 8.45. We recommend that Reception pupils are walked around to the playground in the early weeks.
- All pupils can be dropped off by car, but we don't recommend this in the early weeks.
- Collection is at 3.15 outside the Reception classrooms.
- Additional breakfast provision to support by invitation.



Illness Guidelines



Sickness/ diarrhoea - 48hours after last bout.



Chicken Pox - until all spots have scabbed and feeling better



Covid - 3 days

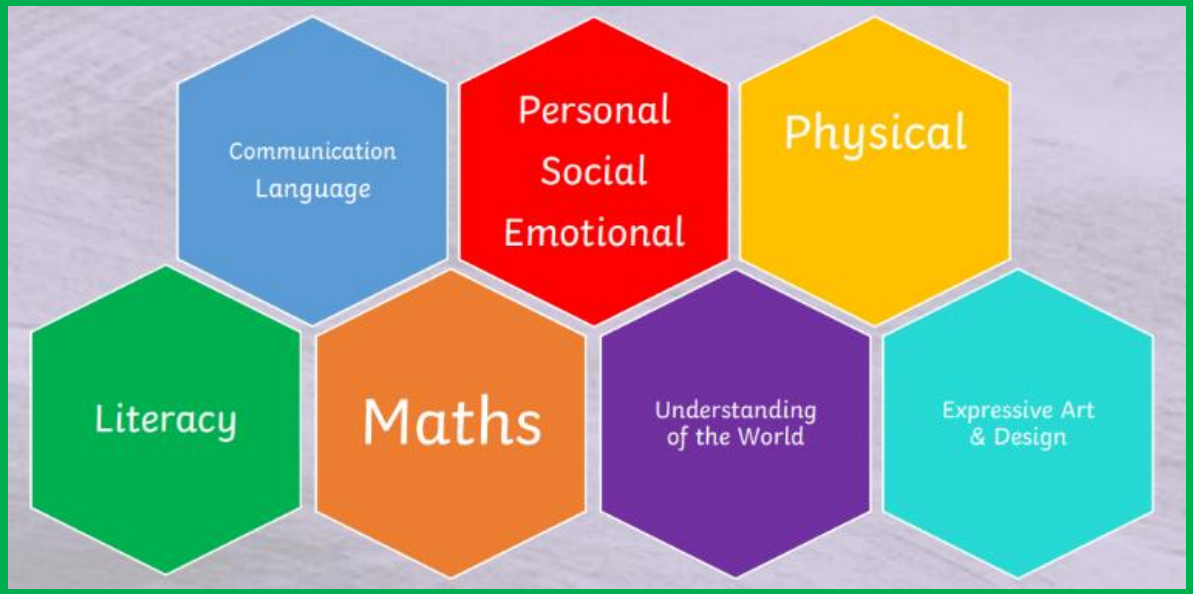
We maintain high standards of cleaning and hygiene.

Although there are no formal restrictions in relation to most illnesses we do ask that poorly children don’t come to school.

What will children learn?



Our Curriculum



- Teaching is delivered using a combination of carpet input sessions, small group tasks and child-initiated play.

- Enquiry approach to the curriculum. Fostering inquisitive learners and following children's interests.



Phonics

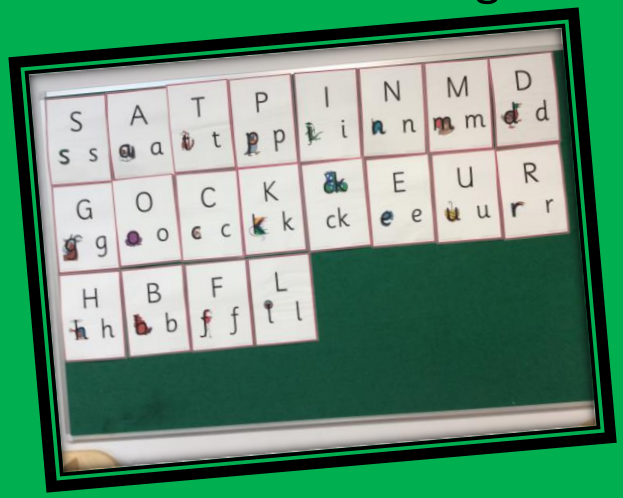
- Phonics is taught daily using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme.

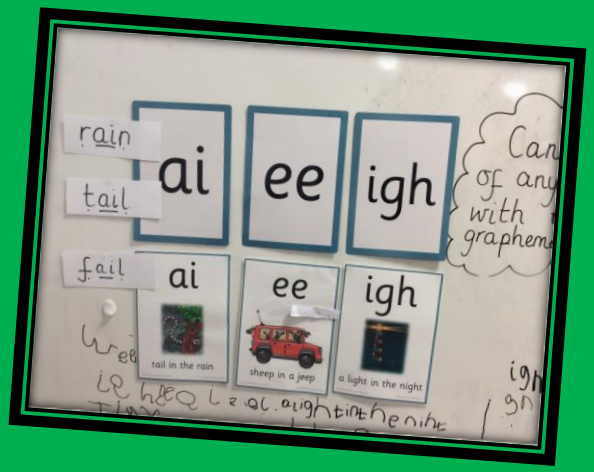
- In Reception we will cover phase 2 and 3 sounds.

- Children will be introduced to letters and the sounds that they make. They will begin learning how to read and write.

- A reading book will be sent home that matches your child's current stage or learning.

There will be a phonics meeting in Autumn Term.







Maths

- We use the White Rose Maths scheme to support early number skills. We deliver this in small group sessions to learn practically and hands–on.

- How can you help?
  Spot numbers in your environment, notice patterns and shapes, count out loud in every-day tasks.

English

- We use the Drawing Club approach to support their understanding of stories and language and extend vocabulary. It unlocks creativity and ensures every child is a writer!

- How can you help?
  Share stories and notice different characters, find fun ways to encourage mark making/drawing.

Child-initiated Play

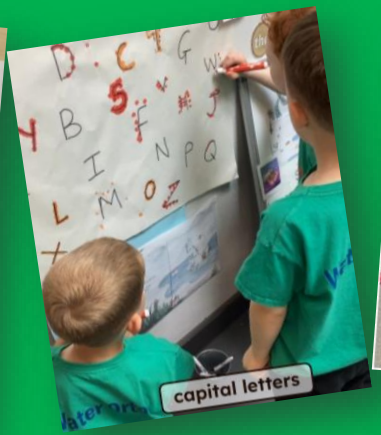
- A minimum of 60% of our timetable is given to child-initiated play.

- The classroom is purposefully set up with deliberate learning opportunities designed to challenge, engage and excite our learners.

- Works alongside our direct teaching inputs and small group work. Supports delivering the 7 areas of the curriculum in a cross-curricular way.









Wider Experiences



- These are an important part of our curriculum offer. They often take learning out of the classroom and give new memorable learning experiences.

- These include trips out, visitors in, workshops, local walks and experience days.

- We will give you advanced notice of anything that requires a payment.



What needs to be done before September?



Key dates

Dates on the school website

WATER ORTON PRIMARY
NEW RECEPTION 2026

Key Transition Dates

Monday 15th June - Parents Evening 6pm School Hall - Meet the team and collect information on classes

Wednesday 8th July - Morning with new class 9.30-11am (Children only)

Friday 10th July - Teddy bears picnic with parents/ carers 1.45-2.30pm

Monday 13th July /Tuesday 14th July - Individual parent/teacher meetings - Please book at the Parents Meeting on 15th June.

September 2026

Tuesday 1st September - Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 2nd September - Teacher Training Day
Thursday 3rd September - Group A 1-3.15pm
Friday 4th September- Group B 1 - 3.15pm

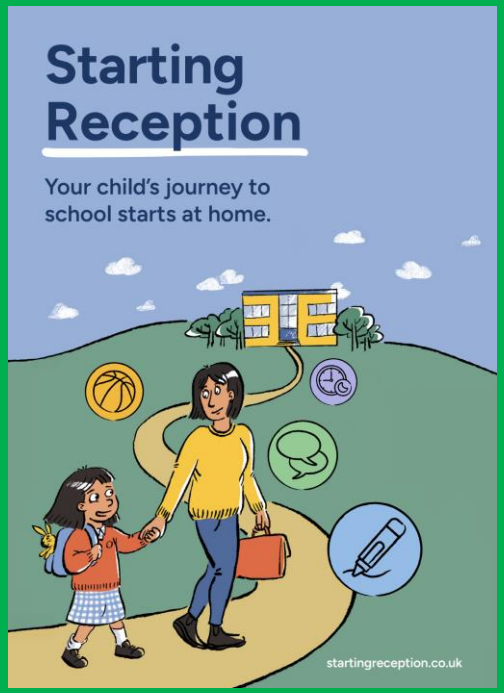
From Monday 7th All children in class full time

To do:

- Make a note of diary dates (list in your pack)
- Order uniform items (list in the pack)
- Think about school dinners / packed lunches
- Arrange any wrap-around child-care
- Make any arrangements to ensure that you can get here in time

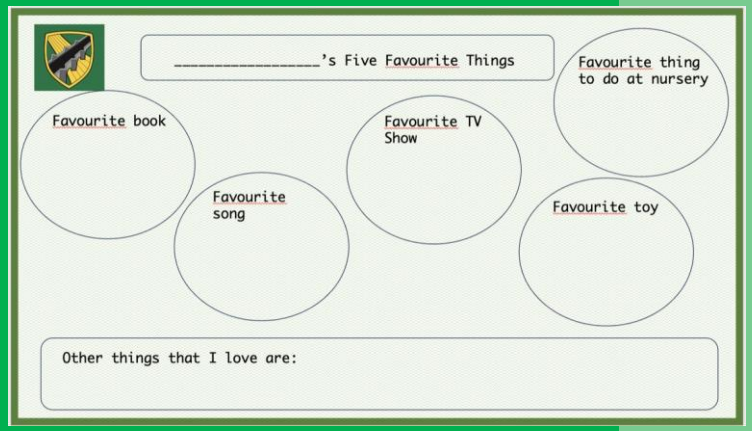


In your pack:





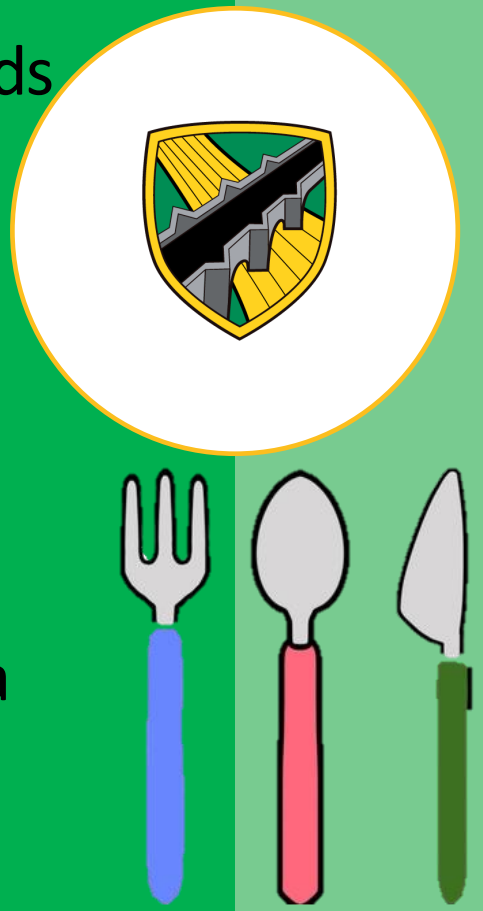
Link to Prospectus 2026/27



How can you help?

Help your child to be independent when doing the following:

- Using the toilet and washing their hands
- Putting on their coat and zipping it up
- Packing their bag
- Changing their shoes
- Eating with a knife and fork
- Saying please and thank you



Speaking positively about school makes a huge difference to children's confidence in the first few days.

But most importantly…

share a story at every opportunity you can!





You will now have chance to visit the classrooms, meet staff and make an appointment for a meeting with your teacher W.b. 13th July.

Please do ask questions

- Feel free to email us if you need help
- Follow the website for any updates and the weekly newsletter

Thank you all for coming!