



Welcome to Reception at
NCEA William Leech C of E
Primary school.



Message from Mrs Thompson Head teacher



We are looking forward to welcoming your child to our Reception class at William Leech C of E Primary school in September. Starting Reception is a big step in their learning journey and one that we hope your child will find exciting.

We are here to support you as parents/carers through this step too, so please don't hesitate to contact us with questions or queries.

In this booklet you will find some information and some reminders for the new school year. If you need further information please check our website.

We look forward to seeing you in person soon.

Meet the staff

Mrs McDonald
TA



Mrs Dewar
Teacher



Mrs Thompson
HLTA



Mrs Rodgers
Teacher



Timetable September 2021

Monday 6 th September	Tuesday 7 th September	Wednesday 8 th September	Thursday 9 th September	Friday 10 th September
Teacher Training Day	All children to start at 8.45 . They will stay for their lunch. Children to be collected at 2pm.	All children to start at 8.45 . They will stay for their lunch. Children to be collected at 2pm.	All children to start at 8.45a.m Children to be collected at 3.15 pm.	All children to start at 8.45a.m Children to be collected at 3.15 pm.

From Thursday 9th September children will start at 8.45am and will finish at 3.15pm. (Except each Wednesday when we close at 2pm)

We are part of the Early Years Foundation Stage, which is from birth to the end of Reception.

Our Curriculum is made up of seven areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Physical Development
- Expressive Arts and Design

Outdoors

- We spend a lot of our time in the outdoors which is a great place to learn and explore.
- Children need to bring a coat to school everyday, even if the sun is shining.
- School shoes need to be appropriate for all weathers.
- We have some spare wellies in school but if a pair of your child's wellies could stay in school this would help. (Please put their name inside!)
- In hotter months please apply sun cream to your child before school and send them in with a sun hat.



Tapestry

- We will continue to use 'Tapestry' to share your child's Learning Journeys online.
- It is important that you are able to access Tapestry as we will be sending out most of our information via Tapestry. If you are having any difficulties please let us know.
- It is a great way for you to see what your child has been learning in school.
- The children really like it when you upload photos and videos from home as we share these in school. It also helps us to know what your child has been doing and share their interests together.



Lunch



Children have a choice each day from 2 options.

The menu is always displayed on the door as they come in to help you choose together what your child may like.

Children are supported in the hall to collect their lunch and sit at the table.

We encourage children to cut up their own food and use their knife and fork- **please practise this at home.**

Children can bring a healthy packed lunch from home. Please limit to one biscuit or packet of crisps. No sweets or chocolate .



Water bottles, Milk and Snack



Children will get a healthy snack at school. There is also the option for your child to have milk. Milk is free until the term of their 5th birthday.

We would appreciate a named water bottle every day, particularly when the weather is warm.

Please remember – water not juice and do not put them into book bags.

Reading



Reading is so important for children to access all areas of the curriculum. In the autumn term we will have a phonics meeting to show you how we teach reading in school.

Please purchase a reading folder for your child and make sure they bring it every day. Personalise it. This can be done by adding a small keyring to the handle.

Children will continue to be able to borrow books from school.

Please read to your child as often as you can and share books together, it makes a huge difference to their learning.

PE

The children will take part in regular PE sessions where we will be exploring movement, dance and games skills.

Children can come to school in their Bishops PE kit on PE days.(Only school branded kit can be worn all day)

Otherwise they can change into black jogging bottoms and white t-shirt at school.

Please write names in any clothing that comes to school as well as shoes.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform.
Children need to wear black shoes that they can manage themselves,
laces are very tricky at this age!

Reception can be a creative and therefore a very messy place!
We do insist that the children wear aprons whilst painting but
they do often get glue or pen on them.

We will do our best to teach your child to be careful, but
accidents will happen.

Uniform is to be ordered online now – please see next page.
Please label all clothing.

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for school.

Order online at: <https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/> or via a link on our website.

Delivery to school/home available.

Children should wear:

White polo shirt, black trousers or skirt, Bishop's purple sweatshirt or cardigan and black shoes (not trainers)

A Bishop's tracksuit is also available for the days your child does PE.

In the summer purple checked dresses are also available.

Your child will also need a book bag.





Check List

- Name everything.
- They will need a PE Kit, reading folder and water bottle.
- Read with your child read as often as possible – we need to work together.
- Arrive at 8.45am promptly every day.
- Attendance- Children need to be in school everyday unless they are ill, please telephone the office to let us know if your child is unwell.
- Please help them learn to be independent, washing hands, dressing for PE, fastening zips and shoes.
- Sign up for free school meals if entitled.
- Any questions, please send your class teacher a message on Tapestry or call the school office on 01670 860267.