

## Welcome to Reception

We are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child. Keeping you, as parents/carers, involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some information with you.

### The Reception Team

**Mrs Whitehead**

**Class Teacher**



Mrs Whitehead leads Maths, Science and Computing at WPS. Her favourite food is cheese and crackers and her favourite book is:

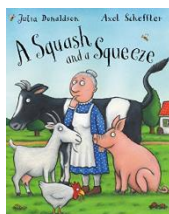


**Mrs Booth**

**Learning Support Assistant**



Mrs Booth is a school well-being champion. She has worked at WPS since opening in 2022! Her favourite food is chocolate and her favourite book is:

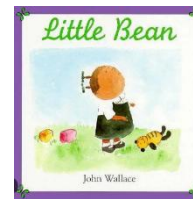


**Miss Jauffur (Miss J)**

**Learning Support Assistant**



Miss J is a newly qualified teacher and has two cats called Benji and Nola. Her favourite book is:

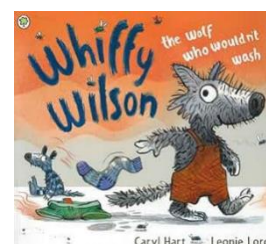


**Miss Bewes**

**Learning Support Assistant**



Miss Bewes likes to cook in her spare time and her favourite food is millionaires shortbread. Her favourite book is:



## Reception Highlights

We have lots of exciting curriculum opportunities to share with the children this year. Here are a few of the highlights – autumn welly walk, Eid open doors celebration, Spring Sing, class assembly, nativity performance, summer offsite visit and so much more!

To find out more about what is happening in each term, you can look on the Reception page of our website which will go live in September. To keep up to date with everything going on in Reception at WPS, follow our Instagram account @wps.reception

**Click here to view the [Reception Curriculum Overview](#)**

## Key Information

### Reading

- Reading is at the heart of our school curriculum. In Reception, we share high quality texts during daily story times, and your child will take part in daily Shared Reading lessons with their Teacher and/or an LSA.
- A phonetically decodable reading book, that your child has practised in school, will be sent home on a Friday.
- A sticker, sharing your child's current learning objective, will be stuck in their Reading Record.
- Your child will also have the opportunity to choose a book from our school library to share with you at home.
- Your child's reading books and Reading Record should be brought into school every day; we collect books in on a **Thursday** ready for new ones to go home on a **Friday**.

### Home Learning

- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend learning in school.
- **Reading** – alongside your child's phonetically decodable reading book, most weeks, the children will have new red word flashcards; they should learn to read these by sight. Please revisit these regularly and keep them in their red word wallet. Please comment in your child's Reading Record when you have read with your child.
- **Home Learning activities** – are shared via the Tapestry App and are designed to be fun and engaging. If your child completes any of the Home Learning tasks, please upload these to Tapestry so we can share and celebrate their work together in school.

### Home School Communications

- The Reception team is available every morning and at the end of the school day to receive messages. Please allow time for safe arrival/dismissal of pupils before speaking to the Class Teacher.
- Your child's Class Teacher should always be your first point of contact; you can arrange a phone call or book a meeting via the school office.

### Drop-off and Collection Arrangements

- Reception children will enter school through the classroom door from the playground at 8.45am.
- Children will be dismissed from the classroom door onto the playground, directly to parents/carers at 3.15pm.

- If the person collecting at the end of the day is different to usual, please inform the school's admin team before 2.30pm, so that they can notify the class teacher.

### **Snack**

- Government-funded fruit is provided for Reception children.
- A milk alternative can be brought into school in a small bottle or flask, but please remember that we are an allergy-aware school and these products cannot contain nuts.
- Please remember to send your child's school water bottle into school with them every day.

### **School Uniform**

- Children should come to school in full uniform every day, including a blazer.
- Please ensure all items coming into school are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We look forward to working with you and your child during the year ahead.

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