

# Reception

## Forest School

As well as our dedicated Forest School session on Wednesdays, in Reception your child has access to our own new dedicated Forest School area. With this in mind, we ask if you could provide your children with a pair of wellies that they have their name on and that they could leave in school. This would ensure they always have access to our outside area. Children should also bring an appropriate jacket and coat everyday, not just on Wednesdays.

## PE

Reception children also have PE on Wednesdays. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit which should be appropriate to the weather (i.e. shorts and t-shirt in the summer, sports trousers in the winter). Children should wear trainers on PE days.

## School Uniform

Our school uniform is red jumpers/cardigans, grey or black trousers, white/red polo shirts, red gingham or grey dresses. As a reminder, children are not allowed to come into school wearing jewellery except for a single pair of stud earrings. No bracelets, chains or rings are permitted. Children are allowed to wear watches. Please ensure your child's name and class is on all clothing, bags and lunchboxes.

Lots of information can be found on the school website and the year group Twitter accounts. These sites will be useful sources of information when we have celebrations, school menus, non-uniform days, amongst other things. They can be found at:

### School website:

[www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk](http://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk)



### Twitter

Our reception Twitter account will be shared in the coming weeks as the new account is rolled over.

## Dinners and snack.

All children in Reception are entitled to free school lunches. However, we still ask for you to register and complete a form (which can be found on the school website) so that Welsh Government can track uptake. Furthermore, if you would have been previously eligible under the old criteria, we ask you to complete the form as it provides greater level of funding for the school, as well as providing support opportunities for families, including a possible £ 125 uniform grant.

A healthy snack is provided every day in Reception. This includes a variety of healthy foods such as fruit, vegetables, crackers and cheese. We ask for a contribution of £1.50 per week and is payable through CivicaPay online. Details to follow. Your child is welcome to bring in a water bottle each day, even if they are having a school lunch.

## Term Dates and Inset Days:

Term	Term Starts	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends	
<b>Autumn</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	8 weeks : 7 weeks 39 days : 34 days 73 days total
<b>Spring</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	5 weeks : 5 weeks 25 days : 25 days 50 days total
<b>Summer</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	7 weeks : 7 weeks 34 days : 35 days 69 days total
					<b>195 days</b> inc. 6 INSET days




Inset Days:  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
2 Further days to be confirmed.

## After School Extra Curricular Clubs

Reception children are invited to attend school-run after school clubs **after the Christmas holidays**. This to ensure we focus on the children settling well into their classes. Full details of the clubs will follow in due course and children will be able to sign up to them, although we may have to impose a cap on numbers depending on popularity of certain clubs.

## Attendance Matters

It is so important your child attends school. The chart to the right highlights the impact of absence on your child, both academically and socially. Please do all you can to ensure your child attends whenever possible.

<p>EXCELLENT!</p> 	<p>100% Not missing any lessons. 99% Missing about 10 lessons. 98% Missing about 20 lessons. 97% Missing about 30 lessons. # NOT IN MISS OUT! Strive for 95+%</p>
<p>Be AWARE!</p> 	<p>95% Missing about 2 weeks of school. 94% Missing up to 2 weeks and 2 days of School. It will be difficult to catch up on the lost learning from 35 lessons # NOT IN MISS OUT! Strive for 95+%</p>
<p>Time to Take Action!</p> 	<p>92% and below Missing more than 3 weeks of education. A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on achievement and life chances. # NOT IN MISS OUT! Strive for 95+%</p>

## Meet The Team



**Mr J Keir**  
Bluebell Class Teacher



**Miss H Williams**  
Sunflower Class Teacher



**Mrs A Simons**  
Higher Level Teaching Assistant



**Mrs T Jones**  
Learning Support Assistant



**Mrs S Hemms**  
Learning Support Assistant



**Mr A Cook**  
Learning Support Assistant

**Mrs N Mugleston**  
Learning Support Assistant

# Things to mention but no room on handy one page handout

- Breakfast club and afterschool club – letters available today for breakfast club.
- Please put names