

Welcome to



WHERE STARS SHINE



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Meet The Team



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Our Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Your child will enjoy a curriculum that is rich in learning experiences. Our curriculum aims to ensure your child will develop the skills and knowledge necessary to support their unique development while laying strong foundations to support future learning. Your child will learn through a balanced approach of planned adult led and child-initiated activities. Children will have daily access to outdoor provision and regularly visit our Forest School area. Staff will support your child to succeed academically while fostering important life skills such as perseverance, confidence, relationships, motivation, and enjoyment.

Transition timetable.

Date	Action
May	School receives a confirmed list of allocated school places
May/June	Welcome packs sent out to families – via nursery settings Visits to pre-school setting by reception teacher to meet your child and their key worker.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.B 10th and 17th June Home visits We will contact families new to Severnbanks to arrange a home visit. This year we are not proposing to visit families where children already attend as a Starlet, however if you feel this is something you would like we will be happy to arrange.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Severnbanks parents meeting – school hall 9th July 6pm. An opportunity for you to return paperwork, meet staff, ask questions, view school. • Taster sessions for children who DO NOT attend Starlets. 27 th June pm session 1.15- 2.45pm. 2 nd July pm session 1.15-2.45pm 4 th July am session 9.30-11.30am Your child is welcome to attend all sessions. Please could you phone the school office on 01594 842789 to book your child’s session space.

Partnership working

We know that effective partnerships are essential in ensuring we can achieve best outcomes for children’s learning, development, and well-being. We will ensure that you are kept informed of your child’s progress through planned face to face parent consultations and written reports. Your support is crucial in helping your child in learning to read and write and every child will receive a home/school reading diary and phonics folder. We use Tapestry as our EYFS on-line communication platform, you can use this to message the teacher directly, we will keep you informed of events that are happening in school, give ideas on how you can support with learning at home and keep you informed of Wow! moments in your child’s development

Parent Mail is the whole school communication system. You will use this system to pay for school trips or inform us of your child’s absence from school.

The school website gives you access to key information, school policies, class pages, term dates and the school calendar.

What will my child need.

Uniform Can be purchased through PGM schoolwear, <https://myclothing.com/ueslink/7525.school> or Tesco, Asda. The school PTFA also run a pop-up pre-loved uniform shop.

- Trousers/skirts/dresses can be worn in black or grey
- Summer dresses –in green.
- Polo shirt white or navy.
- School jumper or cardigan in Jade Green.
- Coats must be warm and waterproof.
- Shoes must be black and where possible have Velcro straps.

PE Kit- Must be in school all the time.

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black daps
- Drawstring bag



Outdoor Learning Kit

- Wellies – to be kept in school.
- Sun hat and sun cream in summer months.
- Warm waterproof coat for winter months.

When raining or when accessing the mud pit, kitchen or water area children will be provided with a school all in one waterproof outfit.

School bag.

A big thank you to the PTFA who have funded book bags for every child starting in Reception this year. Your child's bag can be collected at the Welcome meeting on the 9th July - 6pm in the school hall.



Drinks bottle

- Water is available and accessible to all children throughout the day.
- **Milk** is available at snack times for all children until they reach their 5th birthday. If you would like your child to continue to receive milk after this date, this can be arranged through the COOL MILK school scheme (see leaflet in welcome pack)
- Water jugs are provided at lunch time for both children having sandwiches and school dinners.
- If your child wishes to bring their own drink bottle, it must be clearly labelled with their name.

Toileting

Toilet accidents are a common occurrence in reception year. Sometimes children are still developing confidence to ask to use the toilet, they may experience an upset stomach or simply a child leaves it too late before asking. Could we please ask that any spare clothing sent home is returned as quickly as possible as we only have a limited supply of spare underwear/clothes. If your child is regularly wetting or soiling, we would ask that you provide spare sets of clothing and underwear daily.

The first few weeks at school – Where and When

Two- week transition timetable

Starting school can be an emotional and tiring time, even for children who attended a nursery setting full time. A staggered start to school allows staff and children time to build relationships and gives your child time to adjust to their new surroundings and routines. In week 1 (W.B. 2nd Sept) your child will attend on allocated days, mornings only 8.45-12pm. Week 2 all children will attend for morning plus lunch 8.45-1.30pm. Week 3 full time.

Moving to full days

For most children, our staggered intake is sufficient to enable them to move confidently to full days. However, some children may need a longer transition period, please let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child attending full time. Where we have concerns, we will contact you in the middle of the second transition week to arrange a face-to-face meeting to discuss options to further support your child's transition to primary school.

Criteria to stay all day.

1. Separate from carer easily.
2. Move independently around the playground and class (both indoor and outdoor areas).
3. Stay awake and energetic throughout the session.
4. Be happy in the large playground.
5. Cope with changes of adults in the classroom without distress.
6. Stay within set boundaries of the playground and class (both indoor and outdoor areas).
7. Behave appropriately (and non-aggressively) for most of the time.
8. Manage their own personal hygiene (toileting) this is an area which can be supported for children with developmental delay, however it is a reasonable expectation of most 4-year-old children.

Reception gate opens at 8:45am (green, wooden gate in playground). We operate a one-way system when dropping off and picking up your child. For morning drop off we ask that parents line up along the school fence, a member of staff will indicate when the reception gate has been opened. Please walk through into the EYFS area, your child will be met by staff at the classroom door, you can then exit through the nursery gate. The system works the same way at pick up time.

Lunchtime 12-1pm

Hot meals

All children in reception class, year one and year two are offered a universal free healthy school meal. We recommend that in the first few weeks of the staggered intake you take the opportunity to encourage your child to try the meals and find out which ones they like. School dinners are ordered in advance through the school parentpay app (paperwork in file). It is possible to order school dinners for specific days and bring in a lunch box from home for days when there is not an option your child likes.

Lunch boxes

For children who prefer to bring a lunch box please see welcome pack for further information on ideas for a variety of food across the week. Please note that chocolate bars e.g Mars bars, Twirl, nut products and fizzy drinks are not permitted in lunchboxes.

Dietary Requirements

If your child has any additional dietary requirements or allergies, could you please inform us during our transition consultations, we can then ensure correct procedures are in place before your child starts school.



During the first few weeks reception staff will be on hand to support your child during lunchtime, and familiarise them with routines. After the children have finished eating, they play with children from years 1 and 2 in the infant playground. Children have access to a wonderful range of resources to support their physical play, and social and emotional development. Children are supervised at lunchtime by mid-day supervisors.

Reporting accidents

If your child needs to make a visit to the medical room, you will be informed of the accident and necessary treatment via email. Please make sure we are aware of any existing medical conditions and allergies.

Healthy for life

Daily Mile

Your child will take part in **The Daily Mile**, this is a fully-inclusive initiative which improves the physical and mental health of children. It's a social activity where the children run, jog, wheel or walk at their own pace, for 15 minutes.

Big Brush club.

In May of this year we signed up to become part of the BIG BRUSH CLUB. Tooth decay is the most common reason for hospital admission for young children, and the sad truth is that this is largely preventable. In 2022, a shocking 60,000 school days were missed due to tooth extractions and 1 in 5 children aged 3-5 in England experienced tooth decay. Your child will have the opportunity to take part in regular supervised tooth brushing sessions, all equipment is provided and we hope this will support you and your child to build a strong foundation for lifelong oral health.

Wrap around care

School breakfast club opens at 7.45 am and doors shut at 8.15am. Our breakfast club provides a safe and happy environment before the school day starts. We serve cereals, toast with a variety of jams and spreads and a variety of juices. The children also have the option of fruit. You will need to book your child's breakfast club place through the school parentmail app, breakfast club costs £3.20 daily.

After school club.

Come and Play buddies club operates on our school premises. It provides a safe and supportive environment for children to engage in fun educational activities. The club runs from 3.15-5.30pm, Monday – Friday. For further details or to make a booking please contact Come and Play on 01594 746060

EMERGENCY/NON ROUTINE PICK UP PROCEDURE

Sometimes you may need a relative or friend to collect your child who is unknown to staff and not named on the safe person pick up list. In this situation the procedure would be to phone the school office, you will then be provided with a password. At home time please ask the adult who is collecting your child to make themselves known to the member of staff who is dismissing the class, they will be asked to use the password before the child is allowed to leave the school site.

FACEBOOK/Social Media

Facebook can be a great platform for sharing with your family and friends the achievements and growth of your child. It is an effective way of getting messages out to a wider audience when there are road closures or traffic incidents to report. If you are worried, concerned over an incident that has happened in school, if the reading book your child has displays a different coloured reading band to their friends or if you feel school is not meeting the educational requirements or general needs of your child, please choose to communicate with staff directly. We will endeavour to help solve any issues you have in a mutually respectful and professional manner.

Attendance

Everybody on time and in school every day. Everybody counts, Every moment counts

Holidays in term time will not be authorised under any circumstances. Absences which are unauthorised may lead to parents/carers receiving a Penalty Notice Warning and possible Fixed Fine.

Reporting an illness

There may be times when your child is unwell. Please call or text the school office early as possible on the first day of absence, stating the reason your child is not in school. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, please allow 48 hours since the last bout, before returning to school.

School office 01594 842789