



BIRCH HILL

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Headteacher: Michael Dillon B Ed (Hons) MA

New Reception Parents Meeting

June 2025



Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions Mr Dillon
- Overview of EYFS Miss Archer
- Meet the teachers and classroom visit Miss Archer & Mrs Watson

Presentation and Questions 6.00pm- 6.30pm

Tour of Classroom 6.30pm- 6.45pm



**Mr Dillon
Headteacher**



**Ms Cameron
Deputy Head**



**Mrs
McAllister
SENDCO**

**Mrs Barrett
Business
Manager**

**Senior
Leadership
Team
(SLT)**



Mrs Lacey
Secretary



Mrs Bradley
Admin Support



Mrs Payne
**Family Support &
Attendance**



Mrs Moore
Nuture Lead

Other Staff

Current Reception Teachers



Miss Archer
EYFS/KS1 Phase Leader
Cucumber Class Teacher



Mrs Watson
Cottonwood Class
Teacher



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Birch Hill is an inclusive and respectful school. In collaboration with parents, and the wider community, we work to enable all children to develop their aspirations.

We believe that teaching and learning should be inspiring. We create challenging opportunities, which encourage children to develop respectful attitudes towards learning and all members of our school community. All children are encouraged to take responsibility, think for themselves and respect others.

The key to learning at Birch Hill is for everyone to **learn, believe and achieve together.**

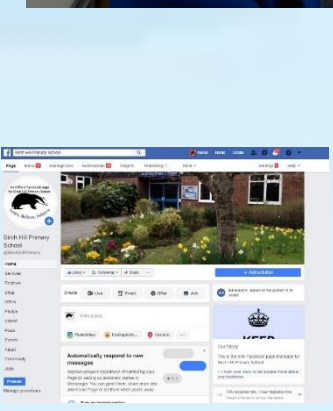


| | Learn (Academic) | Believe (Pastoral) | Achieve | Together (Inclusion) |
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| Children | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics & Early Reading (Floppy Phonics)• Talk4Writing• Maths• Oracy• Foundations subjects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jigsaw Jenie /• Personal, Social, Health, Emotional (PSHE)• PE• BLP• Pupil voice | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National standards• Ofsted | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community school• Golden Rules• Special education & disability Needs (SEND) |
| Adults (Staff and Parents) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff training and CPD | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting Wellbeing | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication• Attendance• Family Learning• Friends |

Communication



- We are always here to talk, big or small concerns.
- Hero APP
- Read any newsletters on Sway
- Keep the office up to date with contact information – phone numbers and email addresses
- Check the website for more information.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Year 4 Charity 'Tair on the Field' | Monday 12th June @ 1.30 for children & 3pm for parents |
| Year 2 Phonic Screening | Monday 12th June - Friday 16th June |
| Year 5 & 6 Parent Workshop | Tuesday 13th June - 9am-11am |
| Friends Dress Down Day | Friday 16th June |
| Sports Day | Wednesday 21st June - KS2 - 9.30am, Rec & KS1 - 1.30pm |
| Year 5 Triathlon Event | Thursday 22nd June |
| Oakwood 2024 Meeting for Year 3 Parents | Thursday 22nd June @ 5pm |
| New Reception Parent Information Evening | Thursday 22nd June @ 6pm |
| Reception Vision, Hearing, Weight & Height Check | Thursday 27th & Wednesday 28th June |
| Junior Music Festival (for the Choir) | Tuesday 27th June |
| Year 4 Oakwood Residential | Wednesday 28th June- Friday 30th June |
| Friends Summer Fair | Saturday 1st July |
| Reserve Sports Day | Wednesday 5th July |
| Class Transition Days | Wednesday 5th July (AM) & Thursday 6th July (PM) |
| Annual Reports being sent home to parents | Monday 10th- Friday 14th July |
| Y3 Wide Week Event | Wednesday 12th July |
| End of Term 'Open Door' Parent Evening | Monday 17th July - 3.30pm-5pm |
| Year 6 Leavers' Festival | Wednesday 19th July @ 6pm for 6.30pm. |
| Year 6 Leavers' Assembly | Friday 21st July (One Day) |

Birch Hill Primary School & Nursery

Welcome to this week's Newsletter
 Friday 14 June 2024

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

YEAR 6 CHARITY UPDATE



Key Dates

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w/b 7th July

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Independence

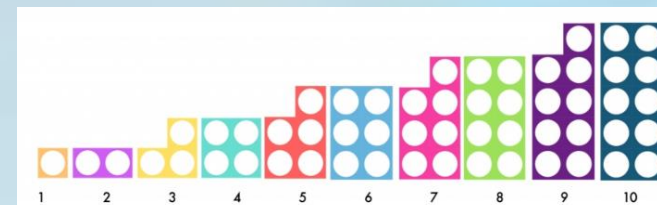
The following are the things that we expect a child in Reception child to be able to do before they start school: Please use this as a checklist to work through during the Summer holidays.

- Use the toilet independently
- Put their coat on- zip and buttons too;
- Get themselves dressed and undressed;
- Put their shoes on;
- Use cutlery to feed themselves;
- Ask for help when needed;
- Leave mum/dad and come into school settled

What will my day at school be like?

At school, we will follow a similar routine each day. It will consist of some of the following learning activities:

- Fine Motor Skills/ Early Morning Tasks
- Phonics – following Floppy’s Phonics
- Snack and Milk
- Talk for Writing
- Lunchtime and Maths
- Child Initiated Time
- Jigsaw Jenie/Understanding the World
- Storytime



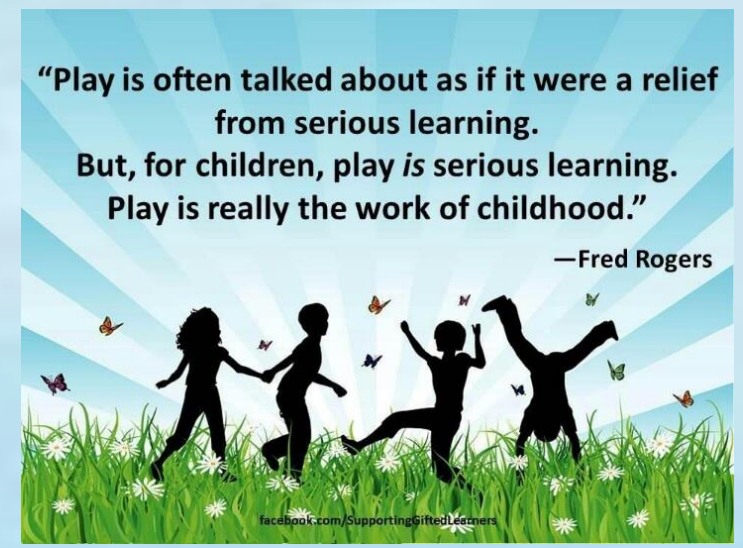
A Typical Reception Classroom



During your stay and play you will be able to see the Reception outside area, where we do just as much learning as we do inside!

- Play underpins the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS). It also underpins learning and all aspects of children’s development.
- Through play, children develop language skills, their emotions and creativity, social and intellectual skills.
- Play takes place indoors and outdoors and it is in these different environments that children explore and discover their immediate world. It is here they practise new ideas and skills, they take risks, show imagination and solve problems on their own or with others.

Learning through play



The EYFS curriculum is on the next page.



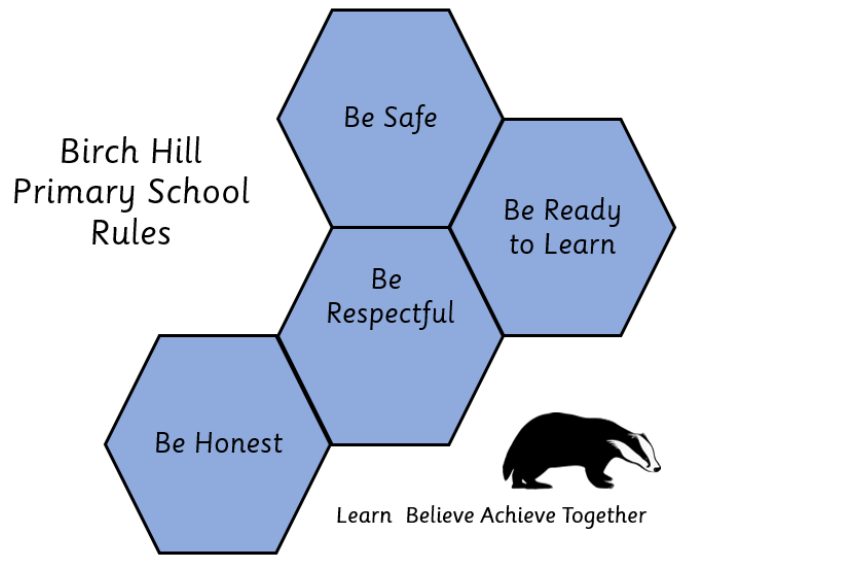
In Reception, our learning is split into:

Three prime areas of learning and development

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Four specific areas of learning and development

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



- All children start the day on 'Ready to Learn'
- If a child breaks a Golden Rule, a verbal warning is given and children make a choice.
- After a verbal warning, if the behaviour continues, they move onto 'make a change', this could be moved to another activity or some calm time.
- After the time out, the child will discuss their behaviour and apologise where necessary.
- If a more serious incident occurs eg. a child hurts another child they will be put onto time to reflect.
- All serious incidents will be recorded and parents will be informed.
- If a child does something exemplary they will be awarded by moving onto the star, if they reach the double star they will attend a tea party at the end of the half term.

Reporting (Hero)



- Record of each child's learning and shows snap shots of children's achievements and progress in relation to the EYFS curriculum.
- Our way to record children's work in Nursery and Reception and this will follow through into KS1 and KS2.
- Once you start in September, you will receive an email with a link to follow to login.
- You just need your username – which is the email address you have given us and the password that you set up the first time you log on.
- You can either go through the web page or download the app.



What does my child need to wear?

The **school uniform** consists of:

- Royal blue jumper or cardigan,
- White shirt or blouse,
- White Birch Hill T-shirt,
- Grey trousers or skirt,
- Blue and white dress
- Shoes should be black and sturdy (no trainers)
- We aim to go outside in all types of weather. Please ensure your child is prepared for this depending on the weather that day, e.g. sun cream, coat, hat, wellington boots.

Every item of clothing MUST be named. It is far easier to return items to children if their name is clearly labelled on everything

No rucksacks please, book bags only.

Please contact Mr Wagstaff for uniform

Mikewagstaff56@gmail.com

Lunch Time

- Birch Hill Primary School runs its own catering and we offer up to five choices for lunch every day. Our school lunches are freshly prepared and very popular. Meals are free for children in Year R, 1 and 2. Meals must be ordered at home the day before.
- If your child chooses to have a packed lunch, we request that this is healthy and contains a balanced diet. We do not allow sweets, chocolates, fizzy drinks. Please only include water.

Snack Time

- Under the NHS Fruit and Vegetable scheme, all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will receive a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable every day free of charge.
- Children are also offered a free cup of milk in Reception.

Absence from school

- If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, complete the absence form on the website, or call the absence line each morning to inform us of your child's absence and of the reason. If you are unsure if your child is well enough to attend school, bring them in and let the class teacher know. If we are concerned, we will always contact you. The exception is obviously around infectious illnesses. If a child has a vomiting illness or stomach upset, in line with national guidelines they must be kept away from school for **48 hours** from the last bout of illness.



Prescribed Medication

If your child needs to complete a course of prescribed medication, this can be given in school provided you complete a written consent form. This form is available from the school office. We will only administer medication if **four** doses a day are needed.

Our preference is for prescribed ear and eye drops to be administered at home or by parents at school. If this is not possible, please speak to the office to complete the required paperwork.

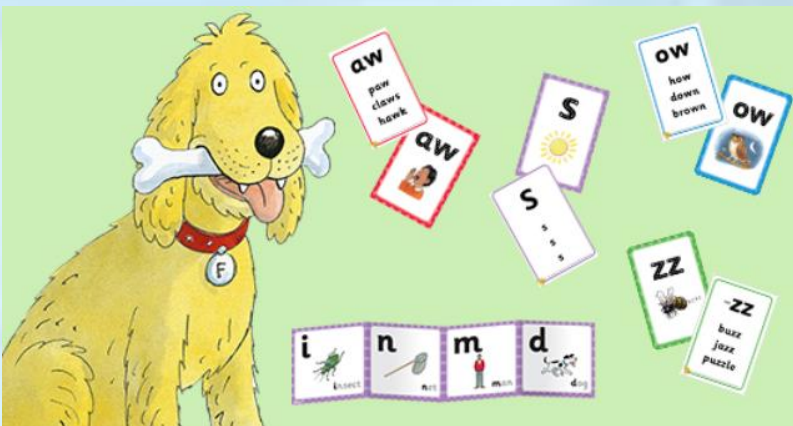
Non-prescribed medicines will only be administered by staff in school for up to three days, unless it is in exceptional circumstances.

Information Meeting

During the first term, there will be an Information Meeting.

In this meeting, we will share more information with you about our classroom routines, how we teach Phonics and Maths and for you to ask any questions.

However, if you would like to explore how children use Numicon in maths or how we pronounce our phonics sounds, you can watch the videos on Oxford Owl:



<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>





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'Getting ready to start school'

An informal session with information & resources to take away and use with your child at home

9-10:00am on Thursday 10th / Friday 11th July 2025

Dear parents/carers

As part of our school welcome, we would like to invite **you and your child** to an event for families joining our Reception team in September. Please come along to one of our 2 short workshops provided by BFC's Family Learning Team where you can find out more about school life and ways to help your child to be school ready. Sessions last for about an hour and provide a great opportunity to meet other families and chat/ask questions.

- *What to expect as your child moves on.*
- *Lots of ideas to help your child to be 'school ready'.*
- *"Make & Take" - things to make with your child to get them ready for reading and writing in Foundation Stage 2 (Reception).*



Please speak to Mrs Payne (D.Payne@maidenerleghtrust.org) if you require further information or would like to reserve a place for you and your child.



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Classroom Visit and Questions

Now we're going to visit classrooms for a brief chance to meet current class teacher and ask any questions.

Surname A-M (Visit Cucumber Class)

Surname N-Z (Visit Cottonwood Class)