



Information  
for Parents

Reception 2026



## Welcome to Wheatfields Primary School

We hope that this booklet will help you and your child settle in happily to our school community.

### Transition Dates

#### **Taster Sessions [ Friday 26th June, Friday 3rd July and Friday 9th July 9.15-10.15am]**

There will be three visits for your child to attend. These visits are designed to help them to become familiar with the new environment, build up relationships with the staff and to begin to meet new friends. These sessions are for children only; you will drop your children off at the classroom where the EYFS team will be waiting to greet your child.

#### **Home Visits [2nd, 3rd & 4th September]**

We will come to visit you and your child at your home. This is a valuable visit in which your child can meet their teacher where they feel most comfortable. This visit gives you a chance to ask any questions or air any concerns that you may have prior to your child starting school. **Please can you make sure we can see a copy of your child's birth certificate at this visit.**

### Starting School Dates

Your child will start school on **Monday 7th September 2026**. For the first week they will come to school part time to help them settle into school life.

Monday 7th September	- 8:40 till 12.00
Tuesday 8th September	- 8:40 till 12.00
Wednesday 9th September	- 8:40 till 12.00
Thursday 10th September	- 8:40 till 13.15
Friday 11th September	- 8:40 till 13.15

From **Monday 14th September**, your child will be in school full time: 8.40am till 3.15pm

Some children may benefit from an extended period of part time attendance, this decision would always be made in partnership between home and school. We will always work closely with parents to ensure their child starts school feeling happy and secure. Legally, children must begin school the term after their fifth birthday.

### What will my child need to bring to school?

Your children will need a few items to be prepared for school –

#### School uniform:

- \* White or navy polo or cotton shirt
- \* Navy blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper
- \* Navy, grey or black skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts
- \* Summer dress: blue and white gingham
- \* White, black or grey socks or tights
- \* Black sturdy shoes [no laces]

Branded uniform can be purchased from: <https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/wheatfields-primary-school>

#### Items to bring to school daily:

- \* Book Bag
- \* Water bottle– please don't put these in book bags.
- \* Waterproof coat/jacket

#### Items to bring in that stay in school:

- \* PE Kit: [in a labelled drawstring bag]
- \* Plain white t-shirt
- \* Plain navy or black PE shorts
- \* Plain navy or black jogging bottoms and zip up sweatshirt [no hoods]
- \* Trainers [in Summer term]
- \* Earrings to be removed at home before a PE session. Children are not allowed to participate in PE with earrings in.
- \* A pair of Wellington boots
- \* Waterproof clothing [all in one or trousers and jacket]
- \* A spare pair of underwear/set of clothing is advisable in a separate drawstring bag.

**Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

If your child is unable to recognise their name when starting school, it is a good idea to have a picture label alongside their name so that they can recognise their own belongings.

In September, our main aim is that our new starters have a smooth transition in to school, feeling confident and comfortable as they start in Ash and Beech Class. We do this in several ways:

- We phase the start of school, ensuring that children are not over tired or overwhelmed.
- A member of staff will be at the door to welcome and guide your child into class daily.
- Once the children are familiar with Ash and Beech Class, they will have a tour of the school so that they can see where different areas are such as canteen and hall.

From early on in Ash and Beech Class, we expect children to take part in Phonics, English and Maths activities to give them the best start to their education. The children will have some time taught on the carpet but will spend most of their time in learning through play in the indoor and outdoor learning environments. They also have guided groups that they will do with a member of staff so that their learning is tailored to them.



At the heart of our curriculum is the child's voice. We have designed our curriculum to allow for this to be fully incorporated within the planning. Our curriculum will reflect the cohort of children we have. We are very lucky to have a Forest School at Wheatfields, the children absolutely love taking part in this each week. It allows them to be outdoors whatever the weather and learn some fantastic skills beyond the classroom.

### Communication

As a school, we use 'Class Dojo' as a tool for sharing your child's learning with you. The e-mail you have provided on your child's admission form will be linked to your child's personal class Dojo account so that you can access photos throughout the week. This can be accessed online, via an app on your mobile, iPad or android device.

We also use SCHOOLCOMMS, please see the separate letter explaining how we use this, along with our online payment system SCHOOLGATEWAY.

All other information can be found on our school website:

<https://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk/website/> Please look at the parent section where you will find up to date information along with the school calendar and policies.

### A typical day in Ash and Beech Class...

8.40am	Parents wait outside the rainbow gate. A member of staff will open the gate and greet the children.
8.45am	Children will: -Hang up their coat on their peg -Put their bookbag in their tray -Put their water bottle away -Self register and choose their lunch. -Take part in dough disco.
8.55am	We will: - Sing our hello song - Check how we're feeling today - Choose the helping hands - Sing the days of the week song - Share the visual timetable for the day. - Look at the weather and what we need to wear.
9.05am	ELS Phonics session
9.30am	Learning through play
10.00am	Rolling snack time
10.45am	Drawing Club/Handwriting Club
11.40am	Maths Meeting
12noon	Lunch time
1pm	Reading groups
1.45pm	Learning through play
2.30pm	Tidy up
2.45pm	Story Time
3.00pm	Get ready to go home
3.15pm	Home Time- Children can be collected from the classroom door.

### Our Classroom

Our classrooms will reflect the needs and interests of each class of children, which means that they will look different each year! You will notice the classroom will change throughout the year as the children grow and learn.

However, there are some things that always stay the same:

- **Cloakroom**—In Ash and Beech Class, the cloakroom is part of our classroom, meaning that the children are in the classroom to change their shoes and coats. Each child has their own peg with their name on it.
- **Toilets**— We are lucky to have toilets attached to our classrooms, meaning that the children don't need to look far to find them! It also means that if help is needed, we are on hand.
- **Carpet** —where our teaching inputs take place. This is where our interactive whiteboard is and each child will have a spot to sit on.



### Food at School

Children can have a school dinner (which is provided free of charge in EYFS/KS1) or they can bring a healthy packed lunch which must be nut free. **We are a nut free school.** If your child has a packed lunch they will need another bottle of water. No sweets or chocolate in packed lunches please.

Our school kitchen provides freshly cooked healthy meals, they ensure there is a healthy and varied menu. The menu changes every term; these can be found on the school website. This will allow you to talk to your child about what they might like for lunch that day. The children will then make their choice when they come into school.

A piece of fresh fruit or vegetable is available mid-morning each day as a snack. If you would like to provide your child with a snack from home it must be a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable.



We encourage all children to drink water at regular intervals during the day. Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Your child will be signed up to receive this when they start school. Once your child turns five, school milk will stop and it will be the parents/carers responsibility to sign their child up for milk. Please see the Cool Milk poster.

### Medical

If your child is unwell, please telephone the school on **01480 466919** and select the absence line. Please leave a message explaining why your child won't be attending school that day. We ask that you call and leave a message every morning of your child's absence before 8:30am, to enable us to mark the register correctly.

- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them off school for **48 hours** after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
- If your child has a medical appointment, please let the teacher and the school office know, so the register can be marked appropriately.
- If your child has a **temperature of 38°C or above**, it is highly likely they are fighting an infection. We ask they stay home until their temperature reduces and your child feels well enough to be in school.

Parents should be aware that employees in school have no contractual obligation to administer medicines. Advice from unions and professional associations is that members should not administer medicines.

However, the school aims to be as co-operative as possible in this matter, whilst still protecting its staff and pupils. Local GPs seek to ensure that children who are prescribed medicines can, as far as possible, be given the appropriate doses outside of normal school hours e.g. antibiotics. We strongly urge parents to request this with GPs whenever possible. If a GP deems circumstances to be exceptional and the prescribed medication has to be administered more frequently, it is possible for a parent/carer or named person to come in to school to administer the medicine. In very exceptional circumstances, and if no parent or carer is able to come to school, it may be agreed for children to have their medicines administered by staff during school hours. Administration of Medicines Consent Form must be completed prior to any medicines being administered, and with prior agreement from the Headteacher.

For more information on administering medicines, please see our Administration of Medicines Policy.

If you need to take your child out of school during term time, other than for medical appointments, please inform the school office. Parents should avoid booking family holidays during term-time. All holidays taken in term time will be recorded as unauthorised. Please see the school website [www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk) and see our Attendance policy for guidance.



### All About Me Books

In the Summer holidays prior to starting school, we ask you and your child to make an “All About Me” book, using the book provided at the taster day. This is then brought to school in September and kept in our Book Area. These are an invaluable link between home and school and the children delight in sharing them with their new friends and looking at them throughout the whole year!

Here are some ideas for the content:

**This is me:** Draw a picture of themselves/  
write as much of their name as they can.

**My family:** Draw a picture/stick a photo of their family in.  
Label who is in their family including any pets!

**My favourite:** Draw a picture of their  
favourite toy, story or nursery rhyme.

**I like/don't like to eat/drink...**

**I am good at...**

**I'm happy when/I'm sad when...**

This book is a blank canvas for your child to  
decorate as they wish to reflect their interests.

**Please ensure it has their name on the front cover.** Your child could draw pictures, cut out pictures from magazines, include photos to make this an interesting talk book.



Please do not completely fill the book as we will be sending them home throughout the year to update.

We will look forward to sharing these books with the class.

## What can you do to prepare your child?

To prepare your child to start school in September, there are a few things that you can do:

- Encourage your child to go to the toilet independently– including wiping for themselves.
- Encourage your child to recognise their new school shoes and clothes (please make sure that they are labelled with their names).
- Encourage your child to put on/ take off their shoes by themselves.
- Practise tidying up their toys.
- Encourage your child to use a knife and fork.
- Encourage your child to recognise their name.

Most importantly, can your child say goodbye with a smile?

Over the summer there are a couple of other things that you could do to get your child ready and excited to start school:

- Create a ‘countdown to starting school calendar’ where you could tick off the days or weeks before starting school and note down any key dates.
- Read books together that are about starting school. Lauren Child’s *‘I am absolutely too small to go to school’* which is part of the Charlie and Lola series is good at addressing any worries your child may have about starting school.
- Practice trying on school uniforms or even pack a lunch box or PE bag!
- Complete their all about me book– have lots of fun making it unique to them!
- Walk the route that you will be taking to school in September. If you are unable to do this, you could perhaps look together at the route that you will be taking on a map.
- Finally, share lots of stories and nursery rhymes with your child over the summer! This is such an important part of early reading as well as language development and it makes a huge difference to your child’s start at school.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child in September. If you have any questions prior to then, please don’t hesitate to contact us via the school office.

The Early Years Team