WELCOME TO BROOKBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception Admissions 2026



Our Team

RECEPTION CLASSES

WE HAVE 2 RECEPTION CLASSES, upto 30 CHILDREN IN EACH. 1 TEACHER AND 1 TEACHING ASSISTANT IN EACH CLASS.

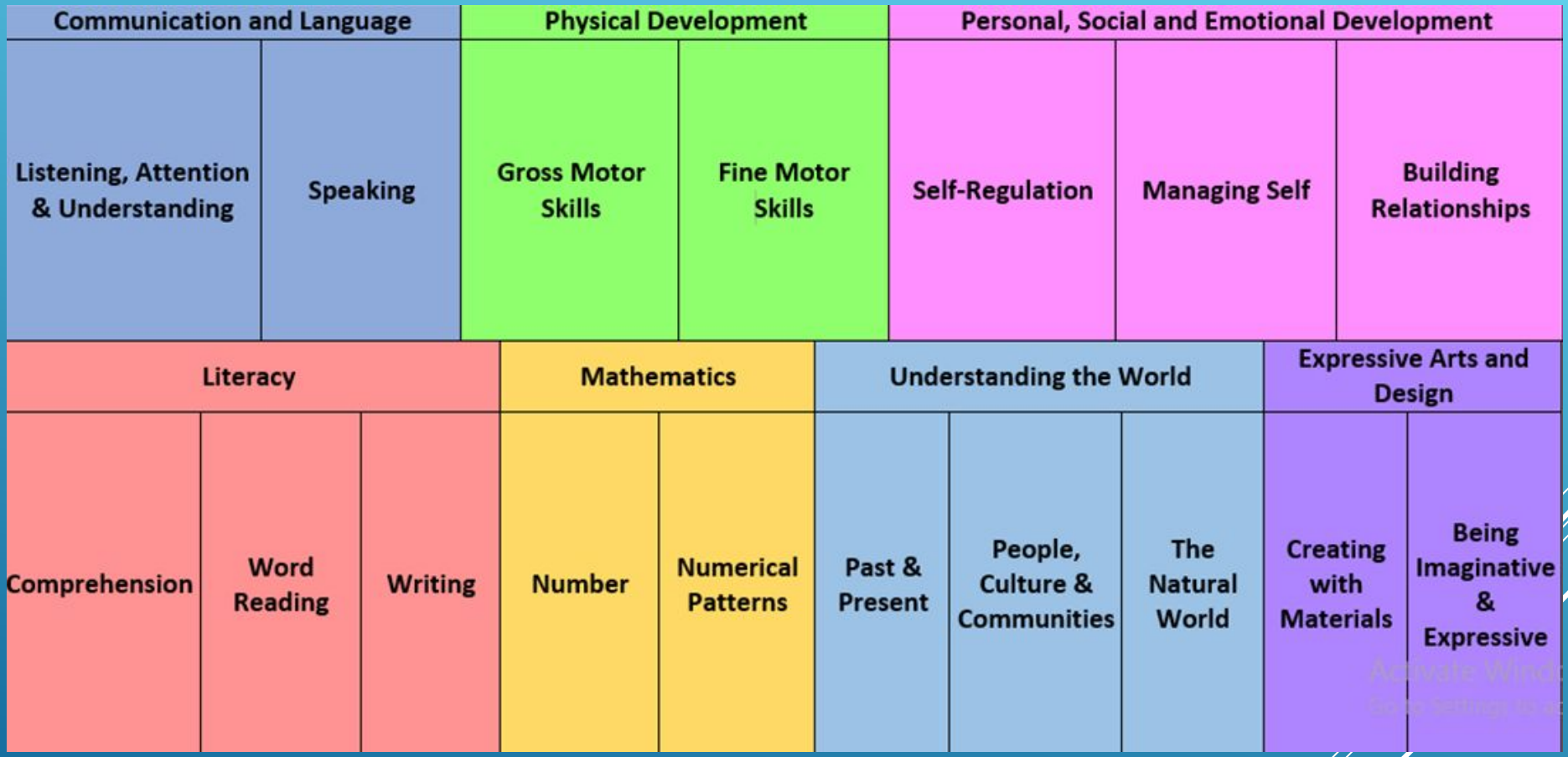
CLASS TEACHERS
LYNSEY CONLON
CHELSEA BERGIN (4 days) / EMMA WILLIAMS (1 day)

JEN HOLDEN- HEADTEACHER

BETH OWEN- DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

LYNSEY CONLON – EYFS ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

EYFS Curriculum



We focus on the **Prime Areas** first and then when these skills are secured, children are ready to move on to the **Specific Area**.

The Role of the Adult

Throughout the course of your child's day in Reception, adults will be spending time developing your child's learning.

This may be by:

- Interacting with children during planned and child-initiated play and activities (Modelling language, explaining, facilitating and questioning)
- Leading small group focus tasks
- Working 1:1 with children

Our practitioners are always communicating and modelling language, showing, explaining, demonstrating, exploring ideas, encouraging, questioning, recalling, providing a narrative for what the children are doing, facilitating and setting challenges.

A Day in Reception

- Child initiated play
- Focussed activities
- Indoor and outdoor provision
- Daily phonics
- Carpet sessions
- Enrichment activities
- Challenges







Other Learning Sessions

- Children take part in a weekly PE session in addition to all physical development opportunities within the EYFS environment.
- We also visit Dolphin den weekly (weather permitting). Your child will need a puddle suit and wellies.
- We aim to go on school trips and we love to have visitors into school too e.g. the fire service with their fire engine.

Lunchtime

Children can have a school meal (pre ordered menu) or you can provide them with a packed lunch, in a named lunchbox. We are a nut free school so please do not send anything that contains nuts.

Children will eat their lunch in the school hall. There will be a number of Lunchtime Organisers there to support them, along with members of our Reception team.

We will let you know if your child is unhappy with your choice/s.

Snack

You do not need to provide a snack.

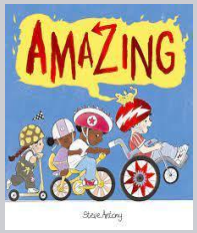
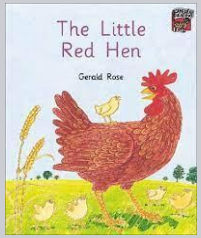
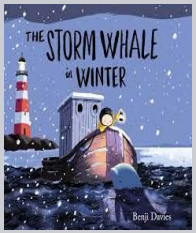
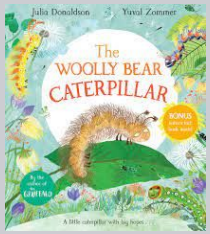
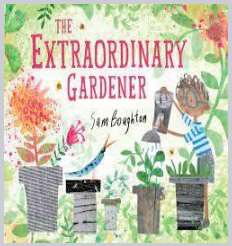
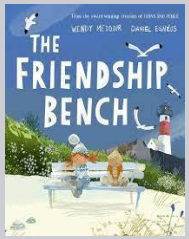
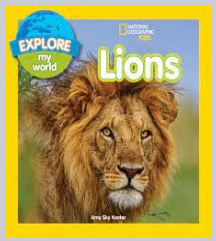
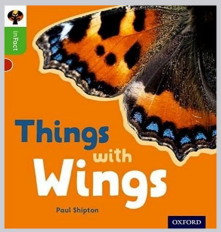
Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit.

Your child needs a refillable water bottle.

Milk is also an option, which you can apply for online (It is free for under 5s but you do need to sign up).

https://coolmilk.com/

Reception Key Texts

Autumn	Spring	Summer
 	 	 
 	 	 

We also incorporate all EYFS areas of the curriculum through a broad and balanced curriculum. Including child- led learning.

Baseline Assessment

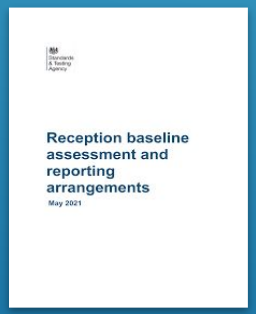
It is statutory for all schools to complete the Reception baseline assessment.

The reception baseline assessment (RBA) is a short, task-based assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school.

The assessment can take place at any point in the first 6 weeks of your child starting reception. The assessment will form the start of a new measure of how schools are helping their pupils to progress between reception and year 6.

Your child does not need to prepare. There is no pass mark or score and your child should not realise they're doing an assessment.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents



Communication

When your child starts Reception, you will be able to download the ParentMail which is a communication platform whereby letters, notifications and information from school gets pushed out to your phone.

We also have a cashless payment system called parent pay, enabling you to pay for any trips and give permissions without needing to do this via old school envelopes and cash.

We send most of our correspondence by text or email.

ParentPay

TAPESTRY

IRIS ParentMail

Parents partnership

Educating your child is a joint responsibility and we believe it is vital to involve you as parents as much as possible in your child's time whilst at Reception. The following are just some of the ways that we involve you in what is happening here at Brookburn

- Curriculum stay and plays
- Parent workshops
- PTA events
- Woodland and allotment volunteers
- Newsletters
- Curriculum overviews
- Weekly emails
- Trips/local walks

Brookburn PTA

http://www.brookburnpta.com/

hello@brookburnpta.com

https://www.facebook.com/BrookburnPTA





School Uniform

You will find information about where to buy school uniform on our school website: https://brookburn.manchester.sch.uk/parents-carers/uniform/

School uniform consists of:

- Brookburn t-shirt
- Brookburn jumper/cardigan
- Trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Plain socks or tights
- Black shoes

As the weather gets warmer …

Children may choose to wear shorts or summer dress.





PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING.

PE and Den Kit

Your child will need:

White T-shirt

A pair of black shorts (joggers/ leggings for colder months).

School jumper



We would recommend trainers rather than plimsolls as they are more supportive for your child's feet.

Children will come into school in their PE kits, on their designated PE day.

Den

Wellies

Puddlesuits/ Waterproof old coat

Summer months- joggers/ leggings and trainers

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Dolphins
Before and after school care

Applications should have already been received and acknowledged that you have a place.

Breakfast club- Opens from 7.45am- takes place in the school hall.

After school club- open until 6pm- takes place in our EYFS classrooms.

If you have any queries, please see our admin team who will try their best to answer any questions.

EYFS Fund

The EYFS fund helps to enhance our weekly learning and topics. It allows us to buy resources such as, sensory resources, real life cycles such as caterpillars, as well as the hire of resources for various projects for example Victorian toys, just to name a few.

We are asking for a contribution of £39 per year, the equivalent of £1 per week or more if you are able to.

Please remember this is a **VOLUNTARY** contribution with no expectation. Extra contributions can also be made and very much appreciated.

How can you help your child?

When your child starts reception, these are some of the things we would like them to be able to do.

- Dress themselves (including putting on and fastening a coat)
- Toilet independently
- Hold a pencil correctly
- Use scissors
- Write their name
- Count to 10
- Recognise some numbers to 10
- Sing some familiar songs/rhymes
- Know how to hold and handle a book

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Screentime

Best start in life- Key Findings

90% of brain development happens before age 5

- High levels of screen time are linked to:
  - Delayed language and communication skills
  - Poorer sleep and concentration
  - Reduced social interaction and active play
  - Increased risk of unhealthy weight and eyesight problems
- Guidance for under-5s:
  a. Avoid screens for under 2s where possible
  b. Limit screen time to around 1 hour daily for ages 2–5

"Screens should not replace play, sleep, or interaction."

Source: UK Government Best Start in Life Screen Time Guidance

What happens next

- Return all admission forms (New parents)
- Stay and play sessions:
  New to Brookburn-Thursday 18th June (9.30-10.15am)
  All children- Wednesday 8th July (9.30-10.15am). No parents.

Transition for September

We are aware that the staggered entry can cause some disruption to family routines. However, we know that the initial transition is a crucial step for your child.

Monday 31st Aug	Tuesday 1st Sept	Wednesday 2nd Sept	Thursday 3rd Sept	Friday 4th Sept
SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	9am-11.30am- Group 1	9am-3.20pm- Groups 1	9am-3.20pm Groups 2
		1pm-3.20pm- Group 2		

FAQS

What time do I drop off/ pick up my child?

Our doors open at 8.50am and close at 9.00am.
Pick up time is 3.20pm.

What does my child need to have in school?

Your child will need-
A pair of wellies (Named) Spare clothes (including underwear) A water bottle (Named)

What if somebody different is collecting my child?

You must inform a member of the team if anyone new is picking up your child and where possible, introduce them to a staff member before they collect your child.

Do you offer after school clubs?

After the first half term, there will be some clubs that will be available for Reception children.

What if my child doesn't settle?

We have very experienced staff in our Reception, who will support your child with transition but we know each child is different. We will work together to ensure your child are eased into school life.

How do I contact the teacher if I have a worry?

The staff are always available on the door in a morning, where you can speak to them or arrange a meeting at a convenient time. Alternatively, you can email the school office.

Thank you for attending.
We can't wait for our Reception adventure to start.