

A Warm Welcome to Woodlands Primary School



Preschool and Reception meeting

Our EYFS

- ▶ We are lucky to have an Early Years unit starting with children as young as 9 months
- ▶ Hedgehogs 9- 24 months old
- ▶ Squirrels 24 – 36 months old
- ▶ We also have one Preschool class called Foxes and three Reception classes called Robins, Owls and Badgers.
- ▶ Your child will be assigned a class and key person who will track their development and progress.
- ▶ We have four classrooms, a creative bay, outdoor space and sensory circuit quiet classroom that your child will work in throughout the year.
- ▶ Your child will always be given specific targets, classwork and suitable challenges for their developmental needs in all rooms across our EYFS.

Meet the EYFS Team:

Mrs Webster (Mon-Thurs)
Mrs Cottle (Friday)
Foxes Class



Miss Poole
Badgers Class



Mrs Watts
Owls Class



Mrs Lonsdale
Robins Class



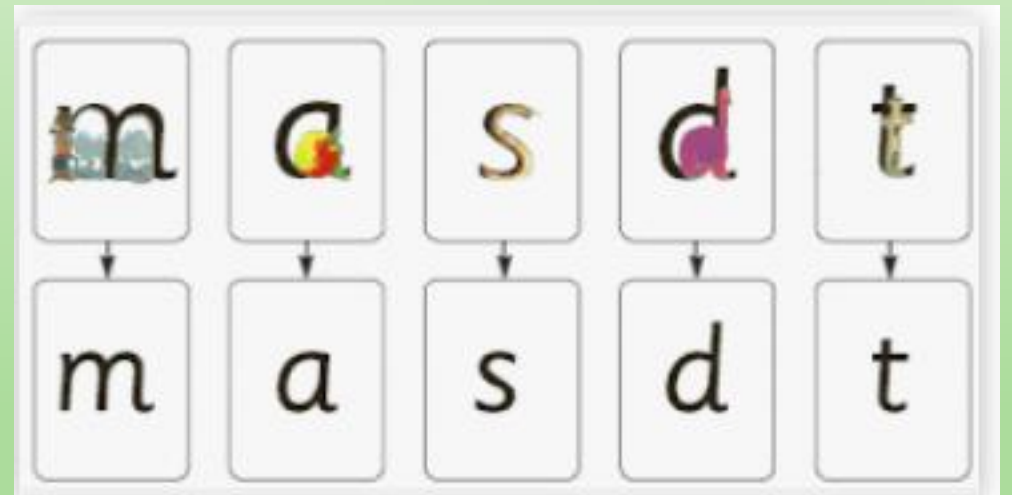
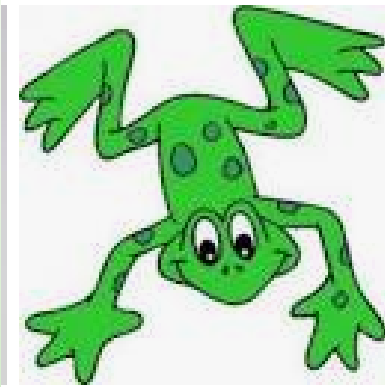
Miss Skillen
Early Years Lead
Non-class based Assistant Headteacher

The curriculum: 7 Areas of Learning

Areas of Learning and Development			
Prime Areas			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language	
• Making Relationships • Self-confidence and Self-awareness • Managing Feelings and Behaviour	• Moving and Handling • Health and Self-care	• Listening and Attention • Understanding • Speaking	
Specific Areas			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
• Reading • Writing	• Numbers • Shape, Space and Measures	• People and Communities • The World • Technology	• Exploring and Using Materials and Media • Being Imaginative

Read Write Inc.

Phonics



At Woodlands we are passionate about teaching life skills such as teamwork, resilience and celebrating diversity in our community and the wider world.



Emotional wellbeing is important to us at Woodlands, which is why we have resources to support regulation and have a dedicated ELSA TA.



At Woodlands, the children thrive upon having broad and balanced learning experiences.

Reception baseline assessment: information for parents



Information about the Reception baseline assessment is in the pack you will collect tonight. You can also find out more on the Department for Education's website.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690c7eddd4c5f31272d3e66e/Reception_baseline_assessment_information_for_parents.pdf

Preschool-aged children will also have their baseline skills and knowledge assessed, using a document called *Development Matters*.

This is completed by each child's key person in an informal way, so every child feels no pressure and is not aware they are being assessed.

We can then set targets and plan activities to help them make progress from their unique starting point.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64e6002a20ae890014f26cbc/DfE_Development_Matters_Report_Sep2023.pdf

End of Reception Assessment

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Meet Gus, our school dog:



Hello, my name is Gus
and I am the Woodlands
school dog. I can't wait to
meet you!

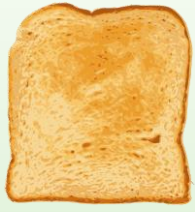
School uniform and other belongings- label everything!



Uniform



PE kit



Snack

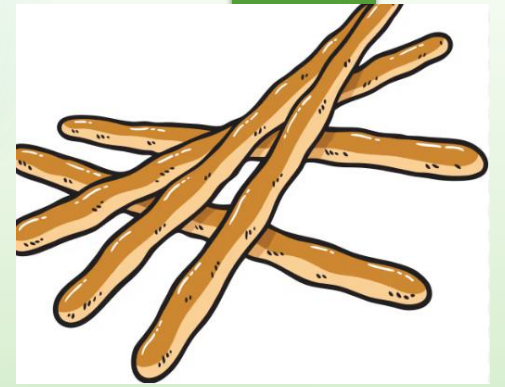
Preschool pay for their snack on a termly basis. This is paid on the app *Parent Pay*.

Reception pay for their snack using the app *Parent Pay*.

In Reception, children are provided with a piece of fruit per day free of charge. If you want to send a snack from home, we recommend fruit, vegetables, plain crackers or breadsticks.

We do not allow children to eat crisps, biscuits, pastries or any products that contain nuts for snack. Please speak to your child's class teacher about how we can help your child if they have a limited diet.

In line with the new guidance from the *Department of Education* children should only drink milk and water in school. We understand that some children prefer juice, but let's try and work together to get them to drink more water.



School lunches

Reception children receive a 'Universal Free School Meal'



If you want a hot dinner in preschool, you can pay for this online using Parent Pay.

<https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/page/lunches/3021#:~:text=School%20dinners%20are%20currently%20free,in%20advance%20online%20via%20ParentPay.>

WEEK 1

WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

RED



Sausage Pattie, Egg, Hash Browns & Baked Beans



Tomato & Mascarpone Cheese Pasta with Garlic & Herb Bread & Seasonal Veg



Roast Chicken with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy



Chicken Korma Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables



Battered Fish with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans

BLUE



Cheese Toastie Served with Salad



Egg & Bacon Bagel Served with Salad



Ham Baguette Served with Salad



Cheesy Bean Stack Served with Salad



Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans

GREEN



Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo, Served with Salad



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DESSERT



Choc Chip Muffin



Iced Chocolate Oaty Square



Mixed Fruit Pot



Ginger Biscuit



Melting Moment

School lunches

If you wish to provide your child with a packed lunch, please make sure it is healthy and balanced. The latest *Early Years Nutrition Guidance* from the *Department for Education* says...



Core Food Groups

- Starchy Carbohydrates:** Provide essential energy. Choose wholegrain options whenever possible (e.g., wholemeal bread, wraps, pasta, or brown rice).
- Fruit and Vegetables:** At least one portion of fresh or dried fruit and one portion of veg (e.g., carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, a piece of fruit).
- Protein:** Needed for growth. Includes lean meat, fish, eggs, or pulses/beans (e.g., chicken, tuna, or hummus).
- Dairy or Alternatives:** Provide calcium for bones and teeth. Includes milk, plain yoghurt, or cheese.

Items to Avoid or Limit

- High-sugar or Fatty Foods:** Confectionery, chocolate, and high-sugar items are strongly discouraged
- Excessive Salt and Condiments:** Check labels to avoid high-salt snacks.

Please be mindful of how processed your child's packed lunch is.



Important information:

- ▶ **Early Years Pupil Premium** – Is extra funding paid to school to improve outcomes for eligible children. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may also be entitled to receive free school meals. To check your child's eligibility please visit the following site and follow the links for Early Years Pupil Premium:
https://my.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/service/Apply_for_an_early_years_pupil_premium
- ▶ **Attendance** – It is imperative that your child attends school regularly and on time. Research shows that time missed from school directly impacts on learning and may cause undue stress on the child.
- ▶ **ParentPay** – This is our online tool used for the delivery of parent communications, permission slips, weekly bulletins and any costs such as trips and visits. Your child will be allocated a unique login, and details will be sent via a letter following your child's start date.
- ▶ **Wrap around care- Sunbeams-** This is our in-house breakfast and afterschool club. Reception join the whole school in the hall. Preschool have a separate room with Squirrels, nursery led by EYFS qualified adults.

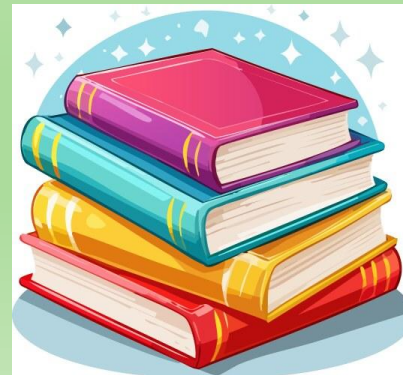
Communication with home



- ▶ Tapestry is an online learning journal which we use across EYFS
- ▶ If your child is in Foxes or Squirrels now, you already have access. If you are new to Woodlands, you have been given a permission form to fill out in the welcome pack. You will then be sent a link from Tapestry to create your account.
- ▶ Each week you will receive updates on what your children have been learning through photos, videos and our weekly newsletter.
- ▶ Over the Summer you will receive video updates via Tapestry from your child's new key adults so that you can get to know our faces before you start in September.
- ▶ At Woodlands we focus on being fully present with our children in the moment. Therefore, we do not post daily photos of our child. If you wish to know more about what your child has done in school your child's key adult will be happy to update you at drop off and pick up times.
- ▶ If your child is still toilet training, you will receive a slip each day to let you know about their changes. We do not provide daily updates on what your child has eaten in Preschool and Reception unless your child is non-speaking.
- ▶ Key dates will be shared with you via parent pay email as well as reminders on the weekly newsletter, on Tapestry.

How can you help at home?

- ▶ Read daily with your child- reading the same book over again builds fluency, pace and their comprehension
- ▶ Make time in your daily routine to play, talk and listen to your child
- ▶ Encourage independence: dressing, toileting, tidying up
- ▶ Let us know if there are any changes at home that may impact your child's learning, behaviour and development- we can then put strategies in place to best support your child
- ▶ Attend parent/carers stay and play sessions and parent meetings
- ▶ Ensure your child has a good night sleep, drinks plenty of water and eats a range of nutritious meals every single day.





Starting Reception

Your child's journey to school starts at home

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<https://startingreception.co.uk/>

Visit the website to see the latest advice to support parents/carers from the Department for Education

Our school website

This is our school website, where you can access information about class pages, contact details, school menus, termly updates, and school events.

It is updated regularly so that you know what your child is learning.



www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk

These are our class emails:

- ▶ foxes@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk
- ▶ badgers@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk
- ▶ owls@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk
- ▶ robins@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk

When will my child start school?

- ▶ In September, for a smooth transition and easier settling in period for the children, we will stagger start dates
- ▶ From your child's first day they will continue to attend school full time
- ▶ Your child's start dates and times are stated in your welcome pack

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be more than happy to help!

Please let a member of the team know today if your child will require any additional support to help ensure a smooth transition into their new class.

We are so excited to welcome you all into our Woodlands School community.