

The Brow C.P School



We Respect. We Learn. We are Happy.

Welcome to Reception at The Brow



Starting School

- Starting school is very exciting, a little bit scary and full of new experiences.
- We hope that our work over the summer term will help the children to settle quickly into school life in September.
- **School starts on Wednesday 2nd September.**
- Children will start with a stay and play session, smaller groups, then move onto half days before before moving onto full days.
- We appreciate that every child is individual and if you are concerned by this then please come and speak to us.

Staffing in Reception 2026-2027



Miss Taylor
Class Teacher



Miss Oates
Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Palin
Teaching
Assistant

The Early Years Curriculum

There are seven areas of learning:

Three Prime areas, which are fundamental, work together and move through to support development in all other areas.

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Communication and Language
3. Physical Development

Four Specific areas of learning, which include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design

Learning and Growing

- Your children will engage in many different types of learning during their Reception year.
- They will watch others, they will try things out and have a go, they will discover and share and they will enjoy their days telling you they've "just played!"
- Our job is to teach them, to support them and to inspire them to do this.
- However we will need your help to do this effectively.
- Talk to us about your child; anything they achieve at home or in school is a celebration of their learning, please share it.

We Just Played...



Tracking Progress

- 1. Transition from nursery:** Nursery visits enable us to have a picture of your child before they start.
- 2. Initial assessments:** Ensures we plan effectively to meet individual needs and set appropriate targets to help your child make progress. We will complete the Reception Baseline Assessment for every child as well as a WellComm screening.
- 3. Autumn Term:** Parents meeting to discuss settling in and any worries you may have. If your child requires further support or a support plan it will be discussed with you during this time.
- 4.** We use **Tapestry** online learning tool to share everyday learning electronically with you through the Tapestry app. Please do login and share home achievements too.

Tapestry

Online Learning Journal



- Allows parents to view and comment on the children's learning as it happens.
- Gives you the opportunity to upload your own wow moments at home.
- Email address is required by school to set up your account.
- In play store download Tapestry app and login using your email and PIN which you create during setup.
- Weekly updates will be shared on Tapestry for you to see (this will contain photographs of all children in the class).
- Weekly homework is also set on Tapestry for you to complete with your child. We try to make homework practical and fun. We ask for your support with this at home and for you to upload evidence via Tapestry.

School Spider

Electronic Information and Communication



- Allows parents to view school updates and receive communication through an app.
- A quick and efficient way to consent to school trips and book parents evening parents appointments.
- Email address is required by school to set up your account.
- In play store download School Spider and login using your email and password which you create during setup.
- You will receive notifications when information has been shared.

School Hub

School Meals



- All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to free school meals.
- We do encourage all parents to complete a free school meals application form and check their eligibility for pupil premium.
- Please check using the link
<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>
- Using the School Hub you will be able to view the daily menu and order meals for your child.
- Email address is required by school to set up your account.

Snack Time

- We do provide the children with snack daily.
- Snack provided consists of fruit and milk.
- Children can bring in their own snack from home but it must be healthy.
- We ask that children bring a water bottle to school daily.



Expectations for Food from Home

- Staff will monitor packed lunches during supervision.
- No whole grapes, cherry tomatoes, or hard foods that present a choking hazard unless cut lengthwise and appropriate to the age.
- If unsafe items are found, staff will follow the school's communication and safeguarding procedure.
- Please be mindful of allergies when sending your child into school with food (nut free school).

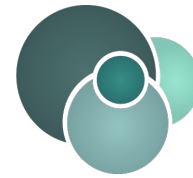
Phonics at The Brow



- We follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics scheme.
- Initially, we will be looking at the first 6 sounds- s,a,t,i,p,n. We will remember phrases and pictures to help us remember them.
- The children will have a phonics session every morning for 20 minutes. This will mostly be learning through games based activities.

**We will be hosting a phonics and reading workshop after the
October half term holidays.**

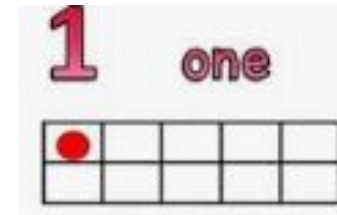
Learning Mathematics



NCETM
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE
IN THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS

NCETM - Mastery for Maths

- Autumn: Learning numbers 1-5
- Spring: Learning numbers 6-10
- Summer: Counting beyond 10



Maths is all around us...

'The fiveness of five'...



Home Reading



- We will send reading books once per week.
- Children to have book bags in school every day.
- We will listen to readers as often as possible within school (individual and guided group sessions).
- Reading books will correspond to the children's current develop (phase set).
- We would really appreciate if children could read every night, just a few pages to keep up the practice.
- If your child has a favourite story or likes to read magazines this is all valuable practise.
- Signs around us, labels on food, street signs, anything and everything helps.
- Join Halton Lea Library for additional reading practice.

Visits and Trips



Uniform Reminder



- Uniform and bags need to be clearly labelled with names please.
- 20 jumpers and 20 t-shirts all look the same when we are getting ready for home time.
- Children will need sensible shoes for playing in all day, preferably with velcro!
- Outdoor play happens in all weathers at school. Please make sure your child has a coat and if you have a spare pair of welly boots please bring them in.
- We will keep them in our welly box outside so your child can wear them in the rain and mud.

P.E Kits

Every child will need a white T shirt, navy/black shorts and black pumps for PE. We ask that children wear their PE kit to school on PE days. You will be informed of PE days nearer the time and they may change each half term. Getting dressed is a big skill and practicing during the summer will really help children (putting on coat and zipping it up).



Uniform Stock



Boydells

- Our uniform shop 'Boydells' is situated in Widnes
- Address: 17, 19 Victoria Rd, Widnes WA8 0PU
- Book an appointment with the shop and buy directly from them
- Order forms are in your pack and you can do click and collect
- They are very accommodating and they have a size guide on their website

<http://www.boydellswidnes.co.uk/>

0151 424 3257

Uniform Stock



Office Bridge School Shop

- Our second uniform provider is Office Bridge Group
- Address: Unit 3 Beeston Court, Manor Park, Runcorn, WA7 1SS
- They are very accommodating and they have a size guide on their website

<https://www.officebridgeprint.com/school-uniform/the-brow>

01928 238503

General Information



- School day 8:40am - 3:15pm (gates open 8.40-8.50am)
- Breakfast club: 7.45 am – 8.45 am. Last entry to Breakfast Club is 8.30 am.
- Breakfast club: £3.50.
- You must sign up to the School Spider app to pay for breakfast club and to book your sessions (sessions must be booked at least the day before).
- School Hub – Pre-order school meals before children arrive at school.
- Packs to collect: please take home the pack for your child and complete the intake forms as soon as possible (see checklist). We need these back before the children start with us in September. You might want to return them on the transition days.

We do require a copy of your child's birth certificate before they start school.

Wraparound Club



- After School Club: 3.15 – 5.30 pm.
- The club operates during term time only unless otherwise stated.

Fees and Payment

- 3.15 - 4.00 pm @ £5.00
- 3.15 - 4.30 pm @ £6.50
- 3.15 - 5.00 pm @ £8.00
- 3.15 - 5.30 pm @ £9.50

Places must be booked and paid for in advance via school's payment system on School Spider by 2pm on the day.

Stay and Play Sessions

Last Friday of the Month 1.30-3.00pm

Friday 25th September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 27th November 2026

Christingle Service & Nativity Performance in December

Friday 29th January 2027

Friday 26th February 2027

Friday 19th March 2027

Friday 30th April 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Friday 25th June 2027



Transition Days

Transition days will take place on the 6th & 7th of July.

Monday 6th July - Stay and play with parents

- 9.00-12.00pm

Tuesday 7th July - Children will come for their allocated session without parents (information found in your welcome pack).

- 9.00-11.30am or 12.30-3.00pm

Starting School Arrangements

Wednesday 2nd September - Stay and play with parents

- 9.00-12.00pm

Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th September - Children will come for their allocated session without parents

- 9.00-11.30am or 12.30-3.00pm

Week commencing Monday 7th September - Children will start school at 8.40am and remain in school until 12.30pm. They will have lunch in school and be collected from the EYFS gate.

Week commencing Monday 14th September - Children will be in school for full days: 8.40-3.15pm.

Thank you for attending...

Please stay for a chat if there is anything you are worried about .

Feel free to ask any questions.

Please visit our website for more information and updates

<https://www.thebrowprimaryschool.com/class/new-to-reception>

