



HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Meet the EYFS Team



Mrs Grainger
Reception Teacher



Mrs Livesey
Pre-School Teacher



Mrs Procter
Reception Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Buck
Reception Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Bilsbrough
Pre-School HLTA



Mrs Kinley
Pre-School Teaching
Assistant



Our School Day

- 8:45am -9:00am - Entry into school
- *Register is completed on the door by Mrs Grainger*
- 10:35am - 10:50am - Snack time
- *Our outdoor area is open for most of the morning and afternoon, so we do not have a set 'playtime'*
- 11:45am - 12:50pm - Lunchtime and Lunchtime play
- 3:15pm - 3:25pm - End of day

School Uniform

Daily Uniform

- Blue jumper or cardigan
- Light blue polo top
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- Black school shoes / plain black trainers
- We use the outdoor area everyday and in all weathers, so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school each day.



PE Kit

- Harris Tracksuit
- Plain White T-shirt
- Navy Shorts





What should I send my child to school with each day?

Please ensure you send your child to school with:

- *Named* book bag (not backpack)
- Reading book and diary (when they receive one)
- *Named* waterproof coat
- *Named* water bottle
- Please ensure all your child's uniform is named.
- PE kits to come into school at the beginning of the half term and are to remain in school until the end of the half term.



School Dinners

All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

The catering team make school dinners fresh on site, everyday.

The children will have a choice of meals, which they will choose with you at home. Meals are ordered via the app.



How can I help prepare my child for starting school?

Acquiring these following skills will benefit your child greatly throughout their school day:

- *Support them to have independent personal hygiene skills - such as wiping their own bottom.*
- *Practise putting their coat on and taking it off and, doing up the zip.*
- *Practise getting dressed and undressed, in their uniform.*
- *Practise turning their clothes the right way round.*
- *Practise using cutlery and cutting up their food.*

Please do not worry, a staff member will always support your child if they are struggling.



EYFS Curriculum

- The EYFS curriculum is play based, both inside and outside the classroom.
- There will be a combination of whole class carpet sessions, small group adult-led activities and child-initiated activities.
- The EYFS Curriculum Yearly Overview will be available to view on the website at the beginning of the year. This will break down when skills will be covered and will show how the curriculum will progress over the year.



Reception Baseline Assessment

Within the first few weeks of your child starting school, Mrs Grainger will carry out the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a statutory requirement by the Government, for all Reception aged children which needs to take place within the first six weeks after they have entered school.

The RBA is a short, practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. You do not have to prepare anything or do anything with your child beforehand.



Early Reading

- Once the RBA has been completed, we will begin to teach Phonics.
- Phonics will initially be taught as a whole class before the children are put into smaller Phonics groups.
- We follow the Red Rose Letters & Sounds Phonics scheme.
- Once your child is ready to bring home a home reader, they will bring home 3 reading books a week. Two of these books will be phonetically decodable and the third will be a reading for pleasure book, which you can read to your child.
- We will be holding a Phonics and Early Reading workshop for families at the beginning of the school year.



Home School Partnership

We know that communication is key between home and school, and we have an open-door policy. Please come and speak to us if you need to.

- We will have two Parents' Evenings (Autumn and Spring), and you will receive a report in the Summer term.
- A weekly newsletter is sent via school spider, outlining what we have been learning that week.
- Photos of learning will be shared each week on our Class page gallery on the website.
- Our website will also hold all the information you need.



School Spider

As a school, we communicate to all our families via the School Spider app.

Please ensure you have downloaded the School Spider app as important forms will be sent out for you to complete over the Summer.

You will be able to sign up to the app from week commencing 6th July 2026.

If after 6th July, you are unsure of your login details or need support in downloading the app, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



Any questions?