



A warm welcome awaits in Reception Class at Weaver Primary School



Our Reception Team

- ▶ Mrs Greaves – Early Years Teacher
- ▶ Mrs Carter – Teaching Assistant (Mon-Wed)
- ▶ Mrs Cope – Teaching Assistant (Wed-Fri)



- ▶ Between us we have countless years of experience! We are here to make a difference and to guide your child through the vital early years of their education.
- ▶ We also have Year 6 children as buddies. They love to read with us, play and help us to learn.

School Administration

- ▶ School Business Manager – Mrs Rachel Jobling
- ▶ School Administrator– Mrs Louise Bartram



- ▶ You will have received some documents via email from the School Office providing information about what we do and how we communicate with you as parents and carers.
- ▶ We are always looking at ways to streamline how we work and how we can reduce the use of paper. For that reason, we try to communicate with you using applications available to download on smart devices such as phones or tablets.



Prepare your child

- ▶ Please send your child to school each day refreshed and ready to learn. Ensure they have a good bedtime routine and adequate sleep.
- ▶ They should have a healthy snack for morning break (no crisps or chocolate bars) We provide fruit for the afternoon snack. They need a NAMED water bottle.
- ▶ Please name all clothing. We will learn both indoors and outdoors so please consider the seasons and weather.
- ▶ On a Monday come to school wearing P.E. kit. (No changing required)
- ▶ Forest School takes place on a Friday afternoon – Children should wear their P.E. kit again but with joggers and an appropriate coat.
- ▶ Please send in a NAMED pair of wellies to be kept in school all year.
- ▶ If your child is likely to have toileting accidents please send in spare pants, trousers/skirt and socks/tights. We can keep these in school for emergencies!



Uniform

- ▶ This can be purchased from School's In
- ▶ www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk
- ▶ 54 Hospital Street, Nantwich
- ▶ 01270 618957



- ▶ Alternatively, supermarkets and M&S usually have an excellent range of non-branded uniform.
- ▶ Grey trousers/skirt with a pale blue polo shirt and a royal blue jumper/cardigan
- ▶ P.E. Kit – Black shorts/joggers/leggings with a house colour T-shirt.
- ▶ 'New' $\frac{3}{4}$ zip, Weaver sports top is available to purchase from School's In soon.

Lunch time

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a free school meal. The parents and children will select a choice using our online system – Swift Kitchen. The meals are then freshly prepared and served by our kitchen team.
- Children eat in the hall at 12.00 and then go to playtime afterwards supervised by the Mid-day Assistants.
- We encourage all children to have a free school lunch however if you prefer you are welcome to send a healthy packed lunch from home instead.
- Please let us know if you're eligible for Universal Free School Meals.



A day in the life...

- ▶ 8.45am - Children arrive and independently organise their belongings
- ▶ 8.55am – Registration
- ▶ 9.00am – Maths
- ▶ 10.40am – Snack & playtime
- ▶ 11.00am – Phonics
- ▶ 12.00pm – Lunch
- ▶ 1.00pm – Topic/P.E.
- ▶ 2.00pm – Snack & playtime
- ▶ 2.15pm – Circle time/Assembly/Stories
- ▶ 3.15pm – Time for home!



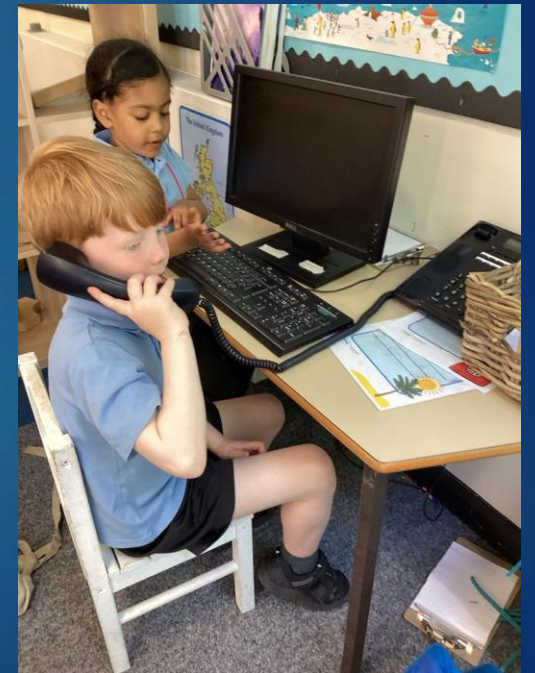
The Early Years Curriculum

- ▶ The Early Learning Goals have seven areas of learning and development that shape educational programmes in early years settings. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.
- ▶ The prime areas:
 - Communication and language
 - Physical development
 - Personal, social and emotional development.
- ▶ The specific areas:
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Understanding the world
 - Expressive arts and design.



How does my child learn?

- ▶ Play underpins the Early Years Foundation Stage(EYFS). It also underpins learning and all aspects of children's development.
- ▶ Through play, children develop language skills, their emotions and creativity, social and intellectual skills. For most children their play is natural and spontaneous although some children may need extra help from adults.
- ▶ Play takes place indoors and outdoors and it is in these different environments that children explore and discover their immediate world. It is here they practise new ideas and skills, they take risks, show imagination and solve problems on their own or with others.
- ▶ The role that adults have is crucial. Adults provide time and space and appropriate resources. Meaningful conversations are invaluable.



Topic

- ▶ Each half term we enjoy a new topic to help us to achieve the Early Learning Goals.
- ▶ The topics are as follows:
 - All about me
 - Festivals and Celebrations
 - Superheroes/People who help us
 - Traditional Tales
 - Travel & Transport
 - Minibeasts



Recording Learning

- ▶ In Reception we use 'Seesaw', This is a digital platform where we can record your child's learning journey. We use this to share our adventures and learning. We also use it as a form of communication between the teacher and parent by using the 'message' feature.
- ▶ Parents can log in and see their child's learning journey. You can also add photographs and observations from home.
- ▶ In September you will be sent a link to register.
- ▶ We also have a physical 'home/school' diary which children bring to school each day in their bookbag. It is checked daily so a message in here will be read and responded to. It is here where we keep a record of the child's reading.



Behaviour

- ▶ We have a positive rewards system which is consistent throughout the school. We can earn house points which are calculated on a Friday and our successes announced during our celebration assembly.
- ▶ We have a class 'Star of the Week' where outstanding achievements are recognised and rewarded with a certificate.
- ▶ A class incentive is to earn 'Marbles in the Jar' A full jar equates to a class treat day!
- ▶ In Reception we learn from our mistakes. Children will have a discussion with an adult and an opportunity to reflect. Usually just a few minutes thinking time or quiet time is enough for us to re-focus and we all continue happily!



School Trips

- ▶ In Reception we spend the first term getting to know each other and being comfortable in our environment, we learn boundaries and all begin to follow the Weaver School rules.
- ▶ At Christmas we visit the Lyceum Theatre in Crewe to watch a pantomime. This is a whole school visit and loved by all!
- ▶ Later in the school year we hope to take the children on another visit. We have previously visited the library, Chester Zoo and also Delamere Forest.



Preparing for September – How can you help?

- ▶ Look for numbers in the environment, include your child in setting the table, look for patterns and shapes, baking together, measuring, counting. Play board games and dominoes.
- ▶ Enjoy sharing books for pleasure with your child every day. Develop a love for stories – ask questions and talk about the pictures. Enjoy regular visits to the library.
- ▶ Allow opportunities for colouring, drawing and painting. Encourage your child to make a shopping list and mark make. Use the letter sounds not names. Learn to recognise their name and attempt name writing.
- ▶ Encourage sharing and turn taking with friends and family.



Visit Dates

- ▶ HOME VISIT

Mrs Greaves will pop to your house for a short visit. This is to meet your child in their home environment where they are most comfortable. It is an opportunity for us both to ask questions and for us to learn about your child, their needs and to put any worries at ease.

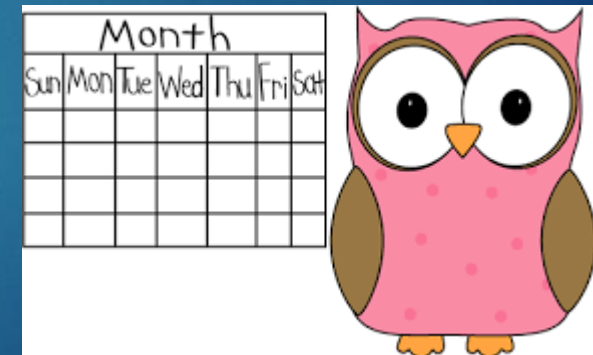
Choose from Tuesday 16th June or Thursday 18th June. AM or PM
(Please complete the request form on your table)

- ▶ STAY & PLAY – Wednesday 1st July at 1.15pm -2.45pm

Drop in during this time for up to an hour

- ▶ CLASS VISIT – (Already advised of date in welcome letter)

Tuesday 14th July or Wednesday 15th July at 9.30 -11.30am



What do I bring?

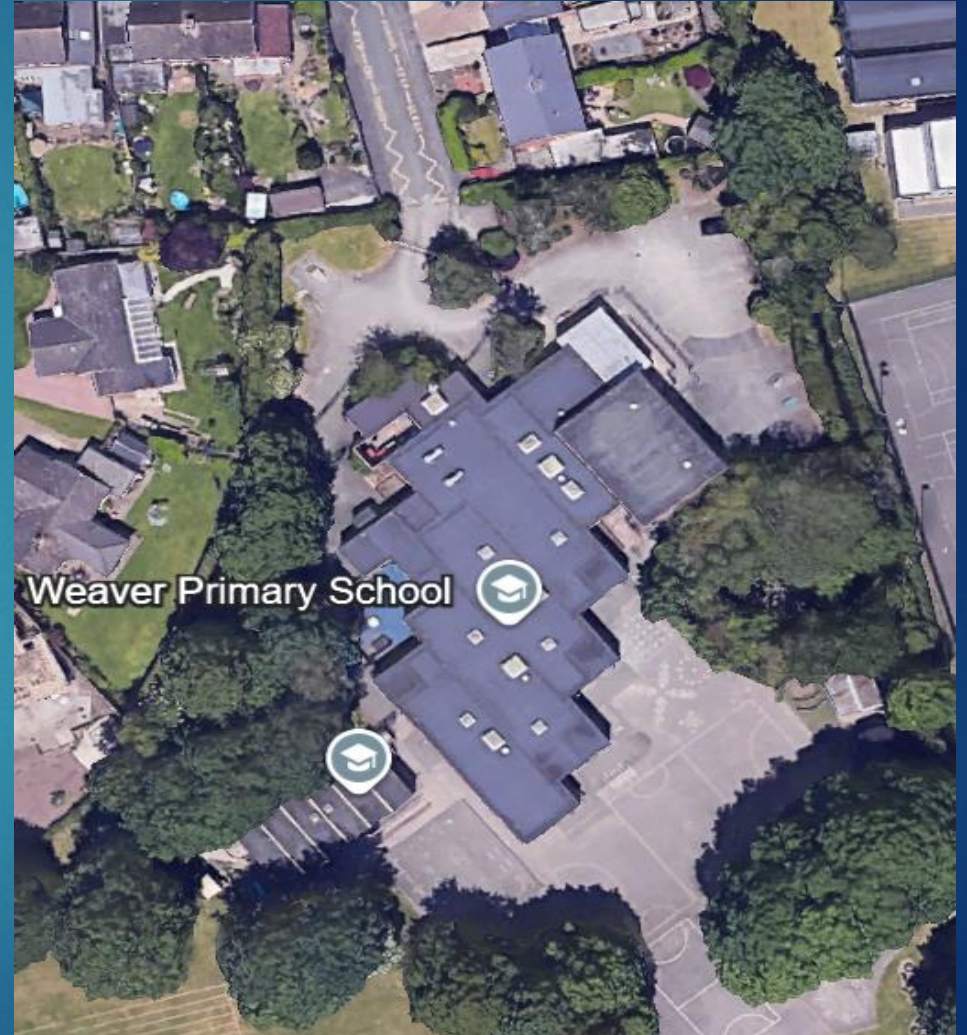
- ▶ We are looking forward to welcoming your child into school for their visits.
- ▶ Please come with a named water bottle and a healthy snack.
- ▶ Wear your own clothes (Uniform not required)
- ▶ We will meet you by the front gate of school.
- ▶ Send a spare pair of pants/clean clothes if your child is likely to have a toileting accident.



My first day at Weaver!

Wednesday 2nd September

- ▶ Mrs Greaves will meet your children at the gate at 8.40am. We will wave goodbye (tissues at the ready!) and walk ourselves around to the classroom.
- ▶ At 3.15pm follow the one-way system. Please wait outside the Reception play area, children will be dismissed from their classroom when we see that you have arrived.



Diary Dates for September

► COFFEE MORNING –

Friday 11th September at 9am.

An opportunity to meet your child's Y6 buddy, new families and find out about school events.

► HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME –

Tuesday 15th September at 5pm

An opportunity to learn about the teaching of reading, writing and maths and how you can support your child at home.



Childcare

- ▶ At Weaver there is a privately run club on our site called 'Little Angels' Please contact them directly to enquire about childcare before and after school.
- ▶ We also have some regular childminders that drop off and collect children ranging from Reception up to Year 6. Please speak to the admin team for more details.
- ▶ Weaver offers a variety of after school clubs and information detailing these is sent to all pupils from Reception to Year 6, parents can book these in advance. The clubs are chargeable, subject to change and rely on adequate numbers to run.
- ▶ Please keep Mrs Greaves informed of who your child will be collected by each evening. Thank you!



Help us Celebrate our 50th year

The WSA Summer Fayre

Friday 12th June
5 - 8 pm

Gates open 4:45pm

70's Fancy Dress Competition,
Live Music, BBQ, Bar, Stalls, Crafts, Inflatables,
Games, Raffle, Year 6 Apprentice and more.

Past and present pupils welcome. **Letter and info >**



Summer Fayre

Thank you!

- ▶ Thank you for choosing us, we look forward to welcoming you into our Weaver family. We promise to ensure your child's learning experience is rich, varied and fun. When they say they haven't done anything today we can assure you that they have!
- ▶ We are always here to support you as a family, please do not hesitate to contact us no matter how large or small the problem seems. Our door is always open.
- ▶ We're looking forward to a great year!

