

## Frequently asked Questions

Is drinking water available?	Children should bring water into school to drink in the classroom during the day. This water should be in a plastic container that has a securely fitting lid. It should be labelled clearly with your child's name. Water is always available in the hall and from drinking fountains in the playgrounds.
Do I need to provide a snack? Can my child have milk at school?	We will provide the children with a mid-morning fruit snack to keep them going until lunch. You are not expected to send anything in for your child. Only fruit is permitted. Milk is free for children who are under five years of age but it must be ordered. Therefore, please sign your child up if you would like them to have milk at school <b>each term</b> , even if it is free.
What happens at lunchtimes? Is my child eating his/her lunch?	Your child will have a school lunch provided free of charge by our caterers. Staff are there to help them if they need encouragement, assistance choosing their lunch or help cutting up their food. A copy of the menu is available for you to see at the School Office. If we have any concerns about your child's eating we will let you know at the gate at the end of the day or by email. After eating the children head outside (weather permitting). We have a separate play area but they can join the older children in the main playground if they wish. A member of the Reception team is always with the children and there are also many other adults on hand to help ensure everyone has fun!
When will you hear my child read?	Your child will be read once a week by the teacher and at other times by other adults and helpers. Some children will be heard by an adult at school more frequently than once a week. The Reading Record will show you when your child has read at school. Children are given the opportunity to change their books daily. Your child will make better progress if you commit to hearing them at least four times a week all the way through until year 6.
What is Child of the Week?	Each Friday one child is chosen from the class during our celebration assembly. They are picked for many different reasons: being a kind friend, helping the teacher, always doing the right thing, having a happy smile, excellence in learning... They get to wear the badge for one week and then it is passed on to the next child on the following Friday.
What are House Points?	This is the formal reward system used throughout the school (in addition to verbal praise, stickers and Golden Time). They are given out in recognition of good behaviour or hard work at school.
What PE Kit does my child need?	Children need to have one blue T-Shirt, one pair of shorts, a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a PE jumper. They also need a pair of trainers (not plimsolls) with velcro (no laces please). PE Kits are kept on pegs in the cloakroom and are sent home before Fitness Fridays, other key sports' days and at the end of each half term.
When do swimming lessons begin?	Swimming lessons start in May and are taught by two specialist swimming teachers in our heated pool. All children are expected to swim and may only be excused with supporting medical information.
When should my child wear House t-shirts?	House t-shirts are worn on House Days, Fitness Fridays and other key sports' days.
When is my child's Show and Tell?	We will let you know via the newsletter.
What do Fitness Friends do?	These two children represent the class on Fitness Fridays - helping with the various activities and lead warm up sessions with the teacher at the beginning of PE lessons. They also attend termly meetings with the other Fitness Friends in the school to discuss and plan our approach.
What do Eco Warriors do?	These two children attend meetings about looking after our school and the wider world and remind the teachers to turn the lights off when we leave

	the classroom! They also have the important job of taking our fruit waste to the compost pile each week and keep an eye on the wormery with their teacher.
Can I meet my child's buddy?	If you would like to meet your child's buddy, please ask them to introduce you in the playground - we do not arrange specific meetings for parents with buddies.
What can I do at home to support my child's learning?	The best way you can support your child at the moment is to read with them every day, do lots of counting and encourage them to speak in full sentences. Also, make sure they are getting to bed nice and early because school is tiring!
When can I come and help by hearing readers?	We always love to have parent helpers in Reception. This will begin after the October half-term but you must have obtained a school clearance and been to the induction with Mrs Kenefick before you can start.
What if something gets lost? What if I find school property at home?	Labelled uniform is usually returned very quickly. Ask your child where they took it off! Look on the Reception fence, around the cloakroom area and in the lost property box. Please return to school any items which have been brought home by mistake as soon as possible
What if someone else is collecting my child from school?	Please email the School Office to inform us. We will never allow any child to leave the premises with someone who is not expected.
What if my child has an appointment?	Inform the office by email and collect and return your child at the School Office.
What if I am running late and cannot collect my child on time?	If you are unavoidably detained please contact the School Office to let us know.
What if my child wishes to attend a club after school?	Towards the end of each term a schedule of after school clubs is sent to parents. You should submit your form to school on the following Monday or Tuesday. If your child wishes to start a club after this time please contact the School Office.
What if my child has an accident at school?	Some Reception children are less than reliable at using the toilet, and even children who've been toilet trained for years can slip up. We are used to dealing with accidents and have some spare clothes. You can also keep a bag of spare clothes on their peg at school.
What if my child becomes ill at school?	Unfortunately, sometimes children do become unwell whilst they are at school and we need to call you. It can add to your child's distress if we are unable to contact you. Therefore, please ensure that we have up to date contact telephone numbers for you and tell us straight away if these change. If your child is unwell with sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return to school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of illness. This is to help prevent the spread of infection