

Welcome to



YEADON WESTFIELD INFANT SCHOOL

June 2023

Where your child will learn to reach for the stars...



Early years staff



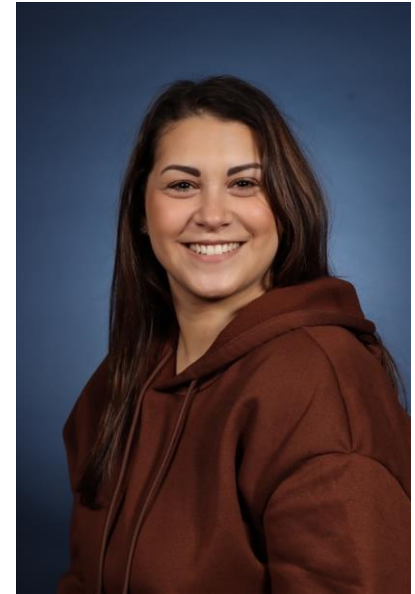
Miss Holmes
Reception
Teacher



Mrs Thacker
Reception TA



Mrs Shaw
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Waterworth
Nursery TA



Early years staff



Mrs Gilligan
HLTA



Uniform

White polo t- shirt

Black trainers

Red jumper/cardigan

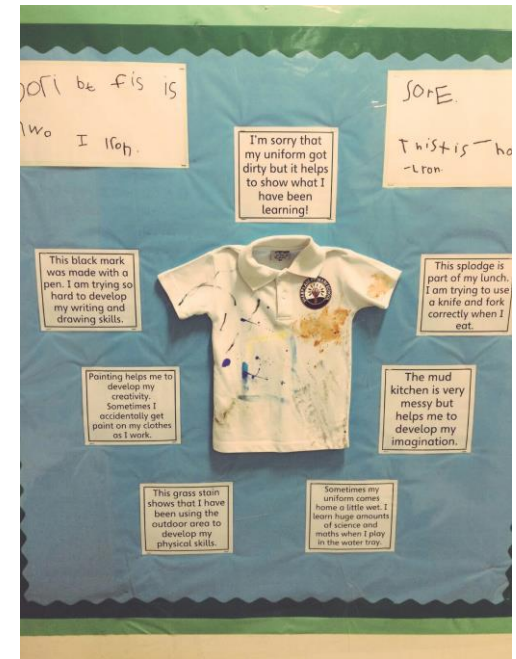
Grey or black -trousers/skirts

PE kit: Black shorts/ trousers, red jumper, white T-shirt- (Children will come to school dressed in their PE kits on their PE day)

Book Bags

Water bottle

Please name everything!



The school day

- The doors open at 8.40am and stay open until 8.50am
- Teachers will greet you at the door.
- Say goodbye to your child at the door- the cloakroom can get very congested.
- School finishes at 3.10pm
- Please be patient as we hand children to whoever is picking them up and this may take a while until we get to know you! Be sure to have your password ready.
(We will go through this when we visit or ring you in September)
- Please let your teacher or the office know if someone other than you is picking up your child and make sure they know your password.

The very first day!

- You will be given a start time for **Monday 11th September**. This will be staggered with the other children starting in Reception.
- We have all children on the very first day of school.
- This allows us to get each group of children settled, find their peg and start taking part in school life comfortably.
- You will be receiving some further information over the coming weeks.



How is your child feeling about school?

They may be nervous, anxious, excited or haven't contemplated the thought yet. All these feelings are natural.

To help prepare your children we have:

- Stay and play days
 - 27th June
 - 4th July
 - 13th Julyat 2.30-3.00pm
- Home visits
- Booklet with pictures of their learning environment



Am I ready for school?

- Some tips to help you over the summer.
- When your child starts school there are a number of things that will help them with their transition.



School Readiness



Things to do with your child to help give them the skills they need to settle in and get the most from school – nursery or reception.



Importance of self-care skills, making sure your child is starting to master – toileting, dressing (practise with lots of fastenings – zips, buttons etc), sitting at a table and eating with cutlery.



Importance of sharing stories and rhymes.

If you don't have time to read a bedtime story, audio tapes are better than a video.



Plenty of mark making opportunities, of any kind.

Importance of physical skills – plenty of outdoor play helps all area's of development.



Importance of letting children take risks- walking on walls, learning to ride a bike, jumping etc.

Importance of talking and listening to your Children and developing their imagination.

Less screen time more patience.



Developing a morning routine so children arrive at school on time and not upset – ready to learn.

For more information contact Aireborough Children's Centre on 01943 874925 (Ext 5) or 01943 874100



**All Reception do
is play!**



True because children learn when they are playing but this is carefully planned!

- There 7 areas of learning and development
- Communication & Language
- Personal, Social & Emotional
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

We will go through how the curriculum works and discuss the teaching of phonics and maths in more detail on a later date.

This is all underpinned by the characteristics of learning.



What is a typical
day in Reception?



How is the day broken up?

- The children will spend the majority of their time learning through free play and exploration of the areas. This is called child initiated learning.
- There will be a adult led activities woven in that focus on reading, writing, maths and other areas of learning.
- Staff will spend a lot of time playing with the children, listening to them play and helping to move their learning forward.



- Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal helping staff and families celebrate their children's learning and development.
- Tapestry is a great way to stay connected to your child's learning journey throughout reception. We use this as a regular way to contact parents and keep you up to date with news and observations.
- Tapestry enables staff and parents to build a shared understanding of how every child can reach their potential.
- Tapestry offer a an easy-to-use, secure app- sharing pictures, asking questions and commenting on learning has never been easier!



Welcome to our team!

- We are so excited to welcome you to our school and our amazing reception team!
- We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.
- If you require any more information then please check out our school website and click on the 'New Starters' tab. We have a section called 'Frequently asked Questions'
- If you have anymore questions then please contact the school.
- Many thanks!