

Expectations

We appreciate that there may be lots that feels new as your child starts in Reception.

The following will help ensure that the children (and YOU) feel prepared...

- Talk to your child about their new class, new teacher and the school day.
- Practice with a knife and fork, particularly if they will be staying for a school dinner. Make sure they can open their own yoghurt or peel their own orange/banana.
- Practice taking on and off their coats and fastening their zips and buttons.
- Help them to learn to love books by sharing a book with them every day, talking about the pictures and the people in the story.
- Ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time - good habits start early!

Learning at Home

It is expected that all Reception children read with their parent/carer at least x5 a week. They will be given a picture book to share with a grown up and when ready they will take home a book with phonemes (sounds) and sets of phonemes to practice at home too. We follow the 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' approach to phonics.

Learning logs & reading books

All children will have a Learning Log. You and the teacher can use this as a message book and it is used by the children as a learning diary. Children need this in school (and their reading book) every day.

Working Together

We value close home-school links and believe that we are a team. By working together, we can help your child achieve their potential.

If you have any queries, worries or suggestions for improvement, please talk to us and we will always do our best to help you in any way we can. We are available via email (though staff will only respond between 8am – 5pm)

Keeping in touch

We will use Tapestry, Arbor, Text messages and emails to keep in touch with you. If you need to contact the teacher directly, their addresses are:

- n.clayton@robinhood.nottingham.sch.uk
- senco@robinhood.nottingham.sch.uk (Miss Crawford)
- b.streets@robinhood.nottingham.sch.uk
- k.stevenson@robinhood.nottingham.sch.uk



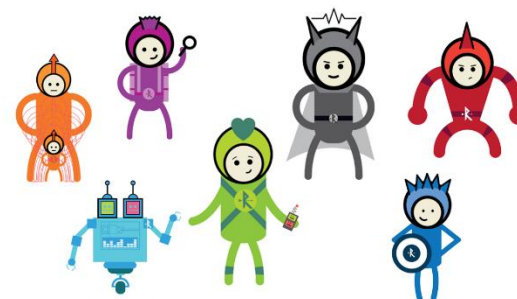
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**What To Expect In
Reception (F2)**



Welcome!

Reception is the next step in your child's learning journey. We have a structured curriculum around the Development Matters Framework which is engaging and challenging for all. The children will be part of the whole school and will join in with assemblies, playtimes and other whole school opportunities, such as themed days and enrichment.

Classes

We have two reception classes, Castle and Oak, with up to 30 children in each. In these classes they will register and have formal learning opportunities e.g. Phonics, Literacy and Math's. Throughout the day, children will spend much of their time learning through continuous play across the two classrooms and outside.

Drop off and pick up

Please drop your child at the ramp on the Key Stage 1 (KS1)/ Lower School playground. To encourage and build independence we would ask your child carries their belongings up the ramp and into class.

Pick up will be from the same playground. It is important to let us know if someone else is picking up your child.

We expect families to be punctual when dropping off and picking up children, if you are running late please inform the school office.

Morning routine

Your child will self-register, hang up their coat and sit on the carpet for formal registration.

Playtime

Reception have their own playtime in the morning, with staff supporting them to learn about the play park, trim trail and other areas on the lower school playground safely.

Reception Teachers



Miss Clayton
Class Castle (M – Th)



Miss Crawford
Class Castle (F)



Mrs Stevenson
Class Oak (M – W)
Returning from
maternity in Oct '24



Mrs Streets
Class Oak (W – F)

Lunch time

Lunch time begins at 11.45am in the Autumn term.

Your child will be able to have either a packed lunch from home or a hot dinner provided by school. Packed lunches are put on their class trolley as they go into the classroom (the trolleys will be taken to the lower hall where children eat at lunchtime)

All children in Reception (F2), Year 1 & Year 2 are entitled to FREE school meals. Parents can choose on a daily basis if they would like their child to have a school dinner or bring a packed lunch. All dinners are booked and paid for through Arbor.

Children will play outside at lunchtime on the lower school playground.

School times

- The classrooms are accessed by the terrace doors which children can get to via a ramp from the lower school playground.
- Children need to be at school by **8:55am**, when learning begins. The school gates are open from 8:35am and children will be allowed in to the classroom from 8.45am.
- Classroom doors are closed at 8.55am and any child who arrives after this time will need to be signed in at the office and then taken to their classroom door.
- School finishes at **3.20pm**. You collect your child from the same terrace doors. The children are dismissed one at a time.

Reading folders

All pupils must have a Robin Hood reading folder, this will be the way they carry home their reading books and any work to do at home.

Meeting your child's needs

During the first term some pupils may continue to access nursery for a part of the day. This is particularly the younger children who have only had one year in nursery and children who have any additional needs.

Toilets

Toilets are located in the classroom and children can use them when they need to without asking for permission.

Uniform and PE kits

Uniform is purchased via just-schoolwear.co.uk. PE kits will be worn to school on PE days.