

Welcome to Boarshaw Community Primary School



Foundation Stage Booklet

Reception 2024-2025

A warm welcome to Boarshaw Community Primary School Foundation Stage. This booklet introduces you to the Foundation Stage. We hope it will answer most of your queries but if you have any more questions please don't hesitate to ask any of our Foundation Stage Team.

Staff



Nursery Sea Turtles



Miss Dawson
(Sea Turtles Class Teacher)



Reception Clownfish



Mrs Dunn
(Reception Clownfish Teacher and Foundation Stage Leader)

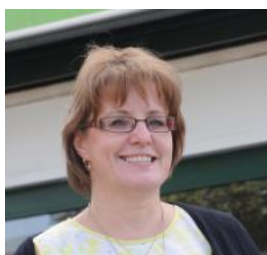


Reception Blue Tang



Mrs Greenhalgh
(Reception Blue Tang Class Teacher)

Important adults in school



Ms Harland
(Headteacher)



Mrs Facchin
(Deputy Headteacher/SENDCO)



Mrs Evans
(Early Help Lead)



Mrs Parr
(School Business Manager)



Mrs Meehan
(Senior administrator)

The School Day



Our doors open at 8:40 and the school day starts promptly at 8.45am. Reception children will enter school through the reception ramp entrance. Nursery children will enter through the nursery door under the shelter. We ask that parents drop children at the door and school staff will support them to settle. We appreciate that this may be difficult at first but staff will be here to support children and they quickly calm once in the classroom.



The school day ends at 3.15pm. When collecting, reception parents are asked to wait at the bottom of the ramp and nursery on the playground outside the shelter. Please arrive on time to collect your child as children can become upset if there is no one to collect them on time. If for any reason you are going to be late collecting your child please telephone the school office on 01616539536. Children can only be collected by those named on the collect sheet so please ensure this is kept up to date.

Lunchtimes:

The school kitchen offers a range of hot meals, sandwiches, paninis, jacket potatoes and a salad bar. School dinners for all Reception children are free. Nursery children who are not entitled to free school meals will be charged for school meals. Please visit our school website for the current school menus.



Snacks:

As part of the Healthy Schools Scheme your child will be provided with a healthy snack of a piece of fruit or a vegetable every day. Water will also be available to them at all times. Children are also entitled to free milk daily. Please ensure school is aware of any allergies.

Breakfast club:

Breakfast club starts at 8.00am and the last admission is 8:25am. Children get toast, cereal and a drink. Breakfast club is £1 a day and this must be booked and paid for via Parent Pay.

After School Club

We offer an afterschool club. Children must be collected by 5:25pm. This is £5 per day and must be booked, and paid for via Parent Pay.

Curriculum



Learning through play and exploration is the key to successful learning in the early years and this is what is provided at Boarshaw Primary. Here at Boarshaw Primary we understand the importance of your child being happy and settled and enjoying their learning.

Your child will learn primarily through self-chosen play and a mix of whole class and small group taught sessions. All of these take place both indoors and outdoors, whatever the weather so it is important your child has suitable footwear and coat for the weather. In the winter please ensure your child has a coat with a hood and a hat, scarf and gloves. In the summer we ask that sun hats and sun cream are left in school, clearly named, to protect the children when they play outdoors.

Activities are set up to reflect the topic we are focusing on for the half term and are changed and adapted regularly to extend learning and reflect the children's developing interests.



Parents as Partners

We encourage parents to take an active part in their child's education. We hope to offer many opportunities throughout the year for parents to come into the foundation stage to take part in their child's learning, for example 'Stay and Play' days, parent craft events and story sessions. We also encourage the children to share their learning with their parents through reading each night at home and completing a small piece of homework each week.



To keep you informed about your child's progress each child will have their own learning journey showing activities they have taken part in and achievements they have made within each area of the curriculum. The majority of our learning journal evidence is now recorded online using

Tapestry. When your child begins school, you will be given a login to access your child's personal page where you will be able to see what they have done in school and you can also add your own pictures to create a record of your child's year at school. We view parents as partners and encourage you to add to your child's learning journey showing achievements they have made at home. Please ensure you complete the consent form and return to your child's class teacher.

School Uniform



At school every child is expected to wear school uniform. Uniform with the school logo is available to buy from the Icon uniform shop in Middleton, although your child can wear plain garments in the school colours. Our uniform consists of:

- ◆ A white polo shirt
 - ◆ A grey sweatshirt or cardigan.
 - ◆ Black skirt or trousers.
 - ◆ In the summer girls may wear a purple checked/striped summer dress and boys may wear shorts.
- ◆ Black school shoes (with Velcro fastenings)
 - ◆ Suitable coat with a hood
 - ◆ Every child should have a book bag in school every day; these will be given to every child once all paperwork has been completed.



All clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name so we can return them to you promptly.

Children with pierced ears are allowed to wear small stud type earrings but no other jewellery is allowed. Children must also be able to remove these themselves for P.E. lessons- if your child can not remove them by themselves, they should not be worn on PE days.

Reception children will take part in a weekly PE lesson children will need the following kit:

white t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging suit and black pumps or trainers.



Throughout the year the children will have the opportunity to be outside everyday so please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with a hood and hat, scarf and gloves on very cold days. **All children must have a pair of wellies** that are named clearly and left in school at all times.

In the spring/summer months we ask that sun hats are left in school and clearly named, to protect the children when they play outdoors.



Please do not send children to school in expensive/precious coats/clothing as due to the nature of foundation stage learning children **will** get dirty!

Some important things for parents and carers to remember

- ✚ Are my clothes, shoes and coats easy to manage?
- ✚ Please don't mind if I get paint, mud, food, pen or chalk on my clothes as it is quite messy in the Foundation Stage.
- ✚ Please let my teacher know if I am upset about something at home. It will help them understand me at school.
- ✚ If I am irritable and attention seeking in my first few weeks at school, it is because I am adjusting to my new life and working very hard during the day.
- ✚ Please make sure I have had breakfast in the morning as my brain finds it difficult to work when I am hungry.
- ✚ Please make sure that I can go to the toilet and dress/undress by myself.
- ✚ Please remember to pick me up on time as I hate being the last one left at school. If you are going to be late for me, please try and ring the school to let them know. That way they will make sure I have something nice to do whilst waiting.
- ✚ Please remember to tell me how good my paintings and drawings are when I bring them home. They may not look quite how you would think they should, but I have tried very, very hard!
- ✚ I might not bring home paintings and drawings every day but that doesn't mean I haven't been working hard.
- ✚ Please remember to tell my teacher all about me especially if there are changes at home such as a new baby/house move as this will help them to understand me a bit more.
- ✚ Please help me to remember my book bag every day.
- ✚ Please try and spend time with me each day doing a fun activity such as reading, counting, helping me to learn my letter sounds and even just talking and listening about my day.

Before starting school it would help if your child can:

- ◆ Dress and undress themselves
- ◆ Put on and fasten their shoes independently. Velcro fasteners please!
- ◆ Independently feed themselves using knives and forks
- ◆ Recognise and attempt to write their own name
- ◆ Listen to and join in with stories and rhymes
- ◆ Share books with an adult and join the local library
- ◆ Wash their hands and blow their nose independently
- ◆ Use the toilet properly and flush it
- ◆ Tidy away toys

We are committed to working closely with parents and hope to build a good relationship so that together we can best support your child's development.

Here are some of the ways in which we hope to keep in touch:

- ◆ Regular posts on Class Dojo
- ◆ Half termly newsletters specific to the foundation stage
- ◆ Twitter @BoarshawP
- ◆ Website: www.boarshawprimary.co.uk
- ◆ [Facebook Boarshaw Primary](#)

Keeping in Touch

You can contact us by telephoning the school office on 01616539536 or emailing: office@boarshawprimary.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read the booklet. We hope that you have found the information useful and informative. Please let us know if there is something missing. We would welcome your feedback.

We look forward to meeting you!

