



Welcome to Reception!

We would like to welcome all our reception children and parents to Burscough Village Primary School (BVPS)

The reception staff are Mrs Beevers (Monday & Tuesday), Mrs Logie (Wednesday-Friday), Mrs O'Toole and Miss Rawsthorne.

Mrs Beevers is a member of the senior leadership team at the school, serves as the Special Education Needs Leader, and leads the Early Years Provision at Burscough Village. She holds a Masters degree in Special Educational Needs and also acts as the Mental Health Lead for the community. Although, she will teach Reception on Monday and Tuesday, she will be in school every day.

Mrs Logie is an experienced teacher with a passion for Physical Education. She leads everything sporty in our school, clubs, trips and opportunities to be active. She is looking forward to getting the children moving this year.

Mrs O'Toole has a wealth of early years' experience and works in Kids' club. She loves being part of Stay and Play and has a real passion for the great outdoors.

Miss Rawsthorne is the newest member of reception but is very familiar with the nursery children having spent time with them in nursery and her role as a lunchtime teacher. She is currently undertaking her Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship.

Important Information for Reception

Showbie

Showbie is an app we use to share class-specific information. You'll receive instructions on accessing Showbie separately. We may send some updates or homework through the app, so please check it regularly. Photos are usually posted on our Facebook page.

Toileting

We understand that every child is on their own journey when it comes to using the toilet independently, and we're here to support you and your child along the way. At school, our focus is on teaching and learning, so it's really important that toileting skills are being developed as a priority at home too. Working together on this will help your child gain confidence and independence quickly. If your child is still learning, we'll partner with you on an Intimate Care Plan to support progress. Please remember that accidents can happen—just send in spare clothes for your child, and return any Reception spares after washing. Thank you for your cooperation and encouragement at home; it makes a big difference!

Clothing, Bags and Wellies

Please send your child to Reception each day with a labelled water bottle. Label all clothing, coats, shoes, and spare clothes. Bring labelled wellies to leave in Reception until the year ends. Make sure your child wears an appropriate coat for outdoor learning in any weather. No other equipment is needed the Reception provides everything else.

Snack

We offer snack, which is available during the morning and afternoon sessions. Please do not bring in own food from home.

Key Person

Your child will be allocated a 'Key Person' in school. We will send home a communication to share this information after a couple of weeks. This is to help develop a close relationship with an adult in school. This person will offer comfort and support to your child and get to know individual personalities and sensitivities to understand their needs a little better. However, we are all here to work as a team to support all the children in the class.

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school. This information is shared with the DFE. We also conduct our own 'on entry' teacher assessments to gain a starting profile of your child. It allows us to plan to meet their needs and interests.

Reading Books

Your child will be sent home with two reading books and one library book each week. Books will be changed on a Friday. Monster Phonics books will link with phonics sessions and will be given out following our assessments. They will also have their own Reading Record Book, and we ask that you record when you have read with your child. Homework will be given out on a Friday, and this will link with phonics and maths. This will be checked on a Friday, please leave in bags.

PE/FMS

We practise Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) every day in Reception, along with PE on Wednesday and a Friday. PE kits will stay in school for the half term. Earrings must not be worn on these days. As children will be participating in regular physical activity, it is required that they have a pair of black trainers in their PE bags to change into during active sessions.

Helping Your Child

Key Skills to Support at Home:



Independence with Bags & Belongings

- Encourage your child to carry their own bag
- Practise opening and closing zips or lunchboxes
- Encourage your child to put their bags away in lockers on their own.



Getting Dressed & Undressed

- Practise dressing and undressing in uniform when at home
- Use clothes with easy fastenings (Velcro, elastic)
- Celebrate small successes to build confidence

Toileting

- Support your child to use the toilet independently
- Teach proper handwashing routines

Saying Goodbye to Dummies

- Dummies can really affect speech development
- Offer comfort alternatives like a cuddly toy

Walking independently

- Encourage your child to walk independently into the classroom each morning.
- Resist the urge to carry your child or bring them in a buggy; instead, cheer them on as they walk beside you towards the door.
- Celebrate small milestones, like walking from the school gate to the classroom unaided.
- Model enthusiasm and positivity about your child's growing independence.

Online Safety

Online safety is a priority this year as technology becomes more common—even for young children using tablets or watching videos. Help protect them by:

- Using child-friendly apps and websites
- Setting screen time limits
- Talking about what they see online
- Keeping devices in shared family spaces

Tip: Use parental controls and supervise screen use.

We are so happy to welcome you and your child to our class as we kick off this new term together. We are really looking forward to getting to know your family and supporting your child as they settle in, learn new things, and have lots of fun with us. If you ever have any questions or just want to chat, come and see us. We are looking forward to wonderful, memorable term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Beevers, Mrs Logie, Mrs O'Toole and Miss Rawsthorne