

EYFS Newsletter

Autumn 1
12th September 2025



Chisenhale
Primary School

Confidence • Curiosity • Kindness

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.



EYFS Meet the Teacher



Thank you for your co-operation and support as we settle your children into their new school year.

Now we have settled your children you will have your first opportunity to **'Meet the Teacher'**.

For **Reception** parents that will be from **9am on Monday 22nd September**. For Nursery parents this will be on **Tuesday 23rd September**, also at **9am**.

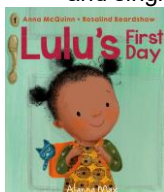
The meetings will be held in the school library.

These sessions will inform you about the teaching and learning which your child will be experiencing during the school day. Teachers will share how we teach phonics and numeracy and other curriculum areas and there will be opportunities for you to ask questions and share information informally. Refreshments will be provided.

This Week in the EYFS

We have now admitted all the Reception cohort and our Sun Nursery class is nearly complete. We have been delighted how well your children have settled. We have spent time establishing routines and expectations and we are now all ready to learn!

In Nursery we have enjoyed playing circle games to learn the names of all our new friends including **'Sandy Girl'**. We have shared the story book **'Lulu's First Day'** by Anna McQuinn and talked about our own experience of starting school. We even made a character study of Lulu! We have been counting frogs and singing **'Five Little Speckled Frogs'**.



This week Reception classes have joined the whole school in focusing on the book **"What We'll Build"** by **Oliver Jeffers**. They have created artwork for display on the school staircase. They have also painted their self-portraits. They have established their discussion guidelines for oracy, and begun learning about the rights of the child as Chisenhale is a Unicef Rights Respecting School.

Tracy (Sun), Jill (Crossbill) and April (Capercaillie) will be at the gate on alternate afternoons so you can begin to get to know our child's teacher – and we can begin to get to know you!

Please be aware that it is not possible for us to have an extended conversation whilst we are making sure that children are admitted or leave safely - especially in these early weeks of the term when we are getting to know our cohorts.

Trips & Celebrations

The first trip of the year for the EYFS will be to Victoria Park to look at the environment and to experience **Autumn** through our senses.



Capercaillie and Crossbill Reception classes are planning to go in the afternoon of **Monday 29th September**.

Sun Nursery Class are planning to go in the morning of **Wednesday 1st October**.

Both trips will be dependent on good weather.

We welcome parents to accompany us on this, our first trip of the year.

Book Bags & Reading

Your child **needs to bring their book bag into school every day**. Please check their book bag daily for important letters or information. Initially we will be inviting your child to choose a book to take home and share with you every **Friday**.



How you can help

You can help by reading to and with your child every day.

Bikes & Scooters

We are able to accommodate bikes and scooters in the Early Years playground if your child chooses to scoot or cycle to school, provided you arrive before the gates close in the morning.

How can I prepare my child to read?

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

Play with water, mud, paint and sand are essential experiences for children in the Early Years which have important developmental learning outcomes. We encourage this exploration, **but it can get messy!**

Therefore, please ensure that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their changing bag at school in case they get wet or dirty. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag for you to return the next day.

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure it is named.

All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!

It will help us to help your child to learn to look after their property.
Friday is non-uniform day at Chisenhale Primary School

Half Term Holiday

The half-term holiday will be from **Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October**.