



Deepdale Community Primary School



Reception Induction Meeting
June 2026



Welcome

We are proud to welcome you to Deepdale Community Primary School



- ❖ We are a happy, vibrant and successful school offering Early Years and Primary education to children ages 3-11 years.
- ❖ The school is at the heart of the local community.
- ❖ We are proud of our cultural diversity – it enhances and enriches our school.
- ❖ Our school is a special place to learn where children are happy, friendly and they achieve well.

Meet the Teachers

Mrs. Pollard
Deputy Headteacher
& EYFS leader

Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants

Ladybirds Class	Butterflies Class	Bumblebees Class
Mrs Baker Mrs Atkinson	Miss Lewis Miss Lorgat	Mrs Mirza/Mrs Briggs Mrs Islam

Meet the Extended Team



Sports Coaches



Mr. Mac

Mr. Catlow

Pastoral Support



Mrs.
Musa

Mrs.
Fearn

Mr.
Ozy

Mr.
Modashia

School Business
Manager

Mr. Scott

SEND Teacher

Mrs Bromby

Please let Mrs Bromby know if your child has any additional needs prior to your child starting, so we can ensure required provision is in place.



The Curriculum

Our Early Years Curriculum is based on the principles of child development and the Early Years Framework. The Early Years Framework is organised into seven areas of learning. The children are assessed against all areas during the year.

Prime Areas

Communication and
Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and
Emotional Development

Specific Areas

Expressive Arts and
Design

Mathematics

Literacy

Understanding the
World



Areas of Learning

	Areas of Learning and Development	Aspects
Prime Areas	Communication and Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding
		Speaking
	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self-Regulation
		Managing Self
		Building Relationships
	Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills
		Fine Motor Skills
Specific Areas	Literacy	Comprehension
		Word Reading
		Writing
	Mathematics	Number
		Numerical Patterns
	Understanding the World	Past and Present
		People, Cultures and Communities
		The Natural World
	Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials
		Being Imaginative and Expressive



The Characteristics of Effective Learning

The Characteristics of Effective Learning describe behaviours children use in order to learn.

All children are born with a desire to explore the world around them and learn new skills. Adults can support children to use these skills to extend their learning and develop a zest for, and life-long love of, learning.

Playing and Exploring ENGAGEMENT

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go'

Active Learning MOTIVATION

- Being involved and concentrating
 - Keep trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creative and Critical Thinking THINKING

- Having their own ideas
 - Making links
- Working with ideas

School Readiness



As a school we have produced a leaflet to help parents ensure that their children are ready for school.

Below are the main points...

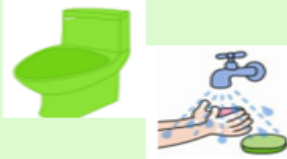
School Readiness



Deepdale Readiness

Going to the toilet

I can go to the toilet on my own, and flush.



I can wash and dry my hands without any help.

Eating

I can sit at a table.

I can use a knife and fork.

I can open my packed lunch on my own.



Maths

I can join in with number rhymes and songs.

I enjoy practising counting objects.



Getting dressed and undressed

I can button and unbutton my clothes.

I can put my own shoes and socks on.

I can put my own coat on and use a zip.



Literacy

I can recognise my own name.

I can hold a book and show an interest in stories.



Starting School

Timetable of events

Event	Date
Reception Induction Meeting	Thursday 25 th June 2026 at 9:15am <u>or</u> 1:30pm
Open Day	Wednesday 1 st July 2026 at 10:00-11:00am <u>or</u> 1:30-2:30pm
'Meet the Teacher – Home Visit' Appointment Letters given out	Wednesday 1 st July 2026
Home Visits	Tuesday 1 st September to Friday 4 th September 2026
Reception Start Date 1	Monday 7th September 2026 — Children who have been to Deepdale Nursery. Children will stay ALL day, including lunch
Reception Start Date 2	Tuesday 8th September 2026 - Children will stay ALL day, including lunch
Reception Start Date 3	Wednesday 9th September 2026 - Children will stay ALL day, including lunch
Reception Start Date 4	Thursday 10th September 2026 - Children will stay ALL day, including lunch
Reception Start Date 5	Friday 11th September 2026 - Children will stay ALL day, including lunch



Starting School

Important Information



- ❖ All parents will receive a school Induction Pack which includes
 - the new class name
 - the teacher's names
 - the date your child starts school
 - the School Brochure
 - Information regarding the school Open Day
- ❖ Home visits will take place between **Tuesday 1st September and Friday 4th September**. Appointment letters for Home visits will be given out during the Open Day on **Wednesday 1st July**. This will be either an **AM** or **PM** time slot.
- ❖ When your child starts school, they will stay from **8:35am** until **3:15pm**. This includes lunch.



School Uniforms

School uniforms are compulsory and an important part of belonging to the Deepdale community.



Cardigan



Polo Shirt



Grey Trousers



Grey skirt



PE Joggers



PE Polo Shirt



Grey Socks



Black PE Pumps



Black School Shoes

Embroidered uniforms can be purchased from the two stores below and plain uniforms can be purchased from other retailers.

Smart Schoolwear
54 Lancaster Road
Preston
PR1 1DD

Bang Bang School Uniform
91 Lancaster Rd
Preston
PR1 2QJ

The School Day

Below is an example of a Reception timetable.

- ❖ Doors open at 8:35am.
- ❖ Learning starts at 8:45am
- ❖ Lunchtime is between 12:00 – 1:00pm
- ❖ School finishes at 3:15pm

Mornings
Learning in the mornings will always be focused on:

Phonics


Reading


Writing


Maths


Afternoons
Learning in the afternoons will focus on other areas of learning such as:

Expressive Arts


Knowledge and Understanding of the World


Continuous Provision:
Children have access to all areas of learning, both indoors and outdoors, throughout the day.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor provision is vital for babies, toddlers and young children.



Outdoor Learning

A rich outdoor play space will offer your child:

Space to
be noisy,
active and
boisterous

Fresh air –
allows more
oxygen in
the brain

Experience
of different
weathers
and seasons

Direct
contact with
the natural
world

Multi-
sensory
experiences

Risk and
challenge
and
awareness
of safety

Emotional
and
physical
well-being

Natural
light –
essential
for learning

Real
experiences
such as growing,
digging,
sweeping

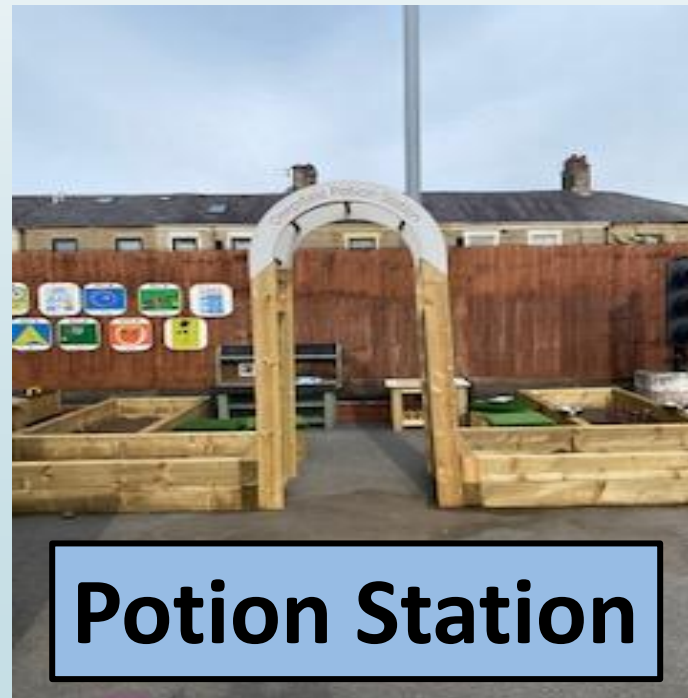
Freedom to explore in ways that are not possible indoors

Our Outdoor Area

In June 2024, we were very lucky as a school to be able to revamp our outside area.

At the Open Day, you will be able to have a closer look.

Water Station



Potion Station

Construction Area



Our Outdoor Area





**AND AT THE END OF THE DAY,
YOUR FEET SHOULD BE DIRTY,
YOUR HAIR MESSY AND YOUR
EYES SPARKLING.**

: Shanti



Equipment for the Outdoors

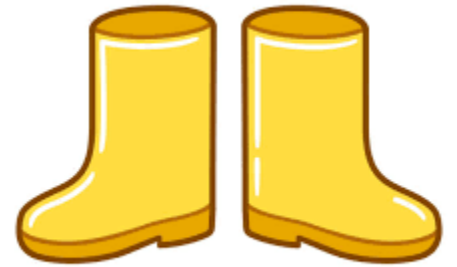
To be able to use the outdoors effectively, all children will require...

**A warm,
waterproof coat**



Suitable footwear

Wellington Boots



Hat and Gloves



Entrances and Exits

At Deepdale, each year group enter and exit the school playground through a numbered gate.

Morning



Children in Reception will enter school via Entrance 2 – red door

Home Time



Children in Reception will exit school via Entrance 1 – playground in Butterflies and Bumblebees and Entrance 2 in Ladybirds

If your child arrives at school after 8:45am, Entrance 2 will be closed. Parents are then required to take them to the Main Office to sign in.



Entrances and Exits

- ❖ Every morning and afternoon the teachers will be on the door/playground to meet all of the children.
- ❖ The EYFS playground is set up every day for outdoor learning - with this in mind please could we ask that any younger children do not play with the equipment whilst waiting.
- ❖ **Named Adults:** All children must be collected by the adult identified on the children's induction records. We will not let the children go with any adult unless their name is on our records. This ensure your children are safe at all times.



Lunchtime Arrangements

Lunchtime is an important part of the school day where children have the opportunity to further develop their independence.

School Dinners



- All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meals.
- Parents can select a meal with their child at the beginning of every half-term.

Packed Lunch



- A healthy lunch to be placed in a named bag or box.
- No glass bottles or fizzy drinks.



Milk and Fruit

Having a carton of milk and a piece of fruit daily is a good source of energy which will support your child's ability to learn.

- ❖ A variety of fruit is provided throughout the week. There is **no cost**.
- ❖ Milk costs **£19.35 per term** which is paid in advance. Milk is free until the term of the children's 5th birthday or if they are entitled to free school meals.
- ❖ All children will also require a water bottle which is clearly named. Water is available all day.



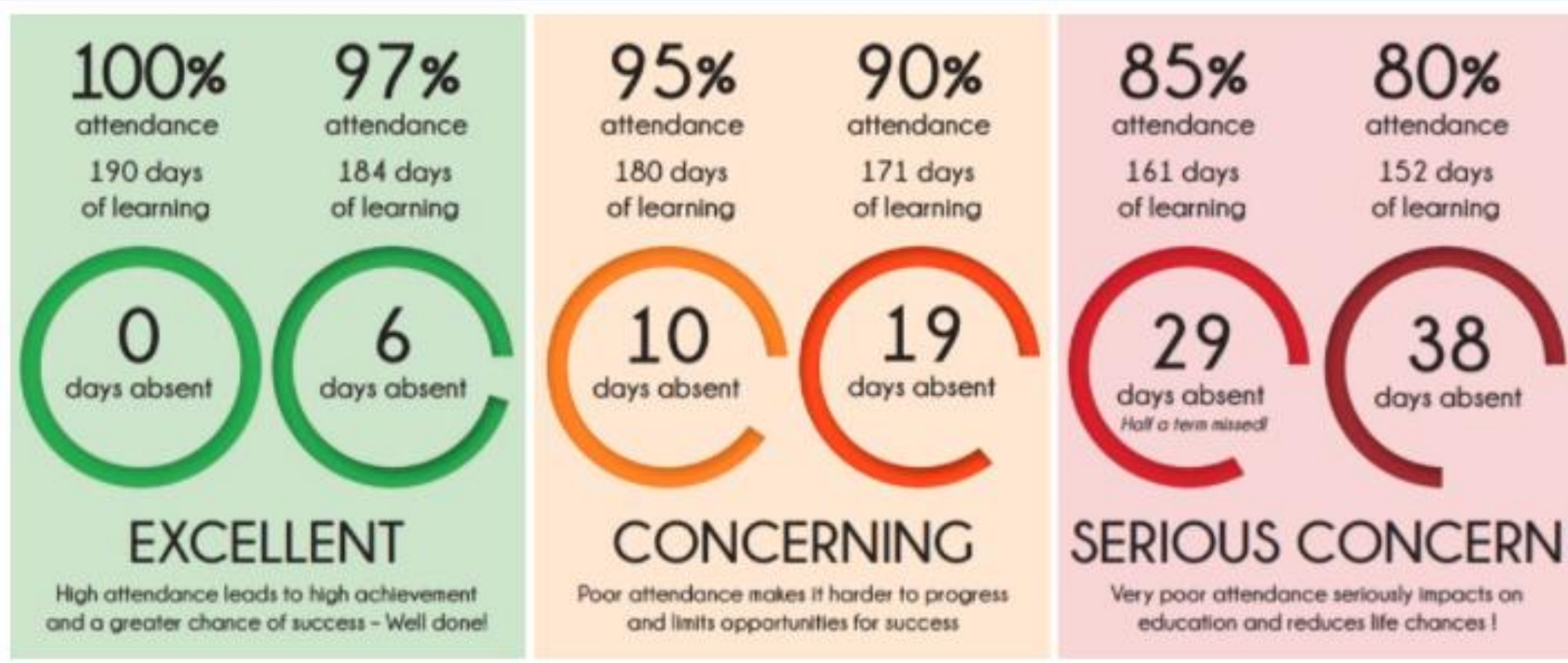
Keeping your child safe

- ❖ Please ensure that school has the most up-to-date contact details – phone number, address and e-mail.
- ❖ Keep school informed of any changes to your child's health.
- ❖ If your child needs any medication in school, it must be prescribed from the doctors and parents must take it to the office and sign a permission form.



Attendance

Coming to school and being on time helps every child to make progress in their learning.





Communication

There are lots of ways that school keep in touch with parents on a daily/weekly basis.

All Apps are available to download.
Please bring your mobile to the Open Day and we will be on hand to help.

Communication



**Class
Dojo**



**PA
Connect**



**Parent
Pay**



School Website

During the year, please visit our fantastic school website where you will find out further information linked to the learning and events happening in Reception.

Click on
'Curriculum' and
then 'Reception'.



Click on the
'Information for
Parents' tab to find
out about year group
meetings, useful
information and
parents courses.

How can you help your child?

4 & 5-year-olds: how you can help me with my learning

Communication & Language

- Play games with me where I have to listen to your instructions such as a treasure hunt.
- Share a wide range of books and stories with me, including non-fiction and poetry.
- Talk out aloud, commenting on your actions and mine. This helps me hear clear, well-formed sentences.
- Encourage me to have lots of back and forth conversations with other children and adults.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Listen carefully to me. Encourage me to express my feelings using words.
- Help me solve problems by talking them through with me. This will help me keep going even when I find it really hard.



Physical Development

- Give me time and space to be highly active and get out of breath every day.
- Encourage me to crawl on all fours, climb, pull myself up on a rope and hang on monkey bars. These activities will help me develop the strength I need for writing.
- Let me use one-handed tools like peelers and knives.

How can you help your child?

4 & 5-year-olds: how you can help me with my learning

Mathematics

- [Name small groups of things, this helps me to 'subitise'](#) (instantly seeing how many without counting) e.g. "There are 3 slices of pizza left."
- Ask me to count out a number of things from a group, e.g. "Could you get me 6 eggs?"
- Make number snap or bingo with numerals and pictures. Match the numerals with the right amount.
- Make patterns with objects, e.g. buttons or shells. Such as 'big, small, big...' Make a mistake and talk with me about how to fix it.

Understanding the World

- Share photos and tell stories about my family, both past and present.
- Take me to places of worship and places of local importance in my community.
- Let me help you cook. Talk about changes such as 'melting' or 'boiling'

Literacy

- Keep reading with me everyday. Share books that let me see people of different races, cultures, gender and religion.
- Play games where you give me an instruction like "Can you h-o-p?" I have to put the sounds of the word together.
- Let me make up stories – you could write them down for me and we could act them out.
- Make a photo book of our family or when we went to the park and let me write my own words in it.



Expressive Arts & Design

- Sing and dance with me when we hear our favourite songs. Encourage me to make up my own routine.
- Give me string, scissors, glue, sticky tape and boxes to make a model.



Open Day

**Please bring your child
to our Open Day on
Wednesday 1st July
and spend some time
getting to know
everybody.**



NEW TO EARLY YEARS

STAY AND PLAY

Come and join us to explore our Early Years area and meet the team.

Stay for as short or as long a time as you want.

Wednesday 1st July 2026

10:00am-11:00am & 1:30pm-2:30pm

The First Day



The First Day We gave you a little wink and smile,
As you entered our school today.
For we know how hard it is to leave
And know your child must stay.
You've been with him for years now
And have been a loving guide.
But now the time has come
To leave him by our side.
Just know that as you walk away
And tears down your cheeks may flow.
We'll love him as we would our own.
And help him learn and grow.
So please put your mind at ease
And cry those tears no more.
For we will love him and take him in.
When you leave him at our door.



**We are all looking forward to
meeting your children very
soon.**

**As a parent you will all have lots of questions that you
wish to ask us about our school and information to tell
us about your children.**

**Please feel free to contact myself through the school
office or during Open Day.**

We will always be happy to help.