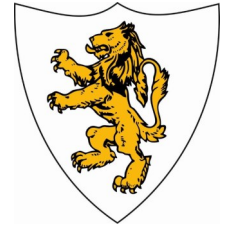


# Welcome to Longleat Class!



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to our Reception Class for the year 2024/2025. This upcoming year will be very exciting and full of enjoyable activities linked to your child's interests. We look forward to building positive relationships with you and your child. Please find some useful information for your reference.



Hello! My name is Leo the Lion and I am Longleat Class' mascot. I like to set you different challenges and help you throughout the day. Below are my top tips for starting school!

## Book Bags

We will use these to send home letters, reading diaries and books. We would like these to come into school each day. Please don't bring a big backpack as they don't fit on our pegs!

**Handy Tip:** Attach a small key ring so your child can easily recognise their book bag.

## Uniform

A full list of the school uniform is in your welcome pack. Please make sure all uniform is named, especially jumpers! We would also ask that if your child is unable to tie shoelaces, please can they only wear shoes with Velcro or a buckle.

## Snack

We will provide your child with a piece of fruit. Children receive milk until they are 5. This can continue but you will need to register with Cool Milk and pay for this through the website.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

## Water Bottles

Please can your child bring a named water bottle each day. If possible this should be an additional one to the one they bring at lunchtime if they are a packed lunch. It must be water.

## Outside Provision and Forest School

We like to go outside in all types of weather. It is really helpful to have a spare pair of clothes that can be kept in school. For Forest School we recommend a puddle suit or a waterproof all-in-one. We would ask that your child is suitably dressed according to the weather so they can enjoy the outside area at all times. On our Forest School day, children will need to come to school wearing their Forest School Hoodie with their PE kit.

## Phonics

We follow the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. Once we start learning the first sounds we will send home useful video links and flashcards to support your learning at home. Please support us by practicing or reading at least 3x a week.