



Welcome to Reception

Teachers



Mrs Dinsdale
Bees



Mrs Earle
Bees



Miss Mylan
Ladybirds

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Bateman



Mrs Kamal



Mrs Bowers



Mrs Morgan



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Welcome

Welcome to Newbridge Primary School Ladybird and Bee Class! Your children are settling into school life and we are excited about the learning journey which lies ahead. Please do contact the school via telephone or email if you have something you wish to discuss with your class teacher.

Meet the team

Ladybird Class is taught by Miss Mylan.

Bee Class is taught by Mrs Dinsdale and Mrs Earle.

Our teaching assistants in Reception are Mrs Bowers, Mrs Bateman, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Kamal.

Learning

In Term 1, our enquiry is 'Who am I?'. This means we will be learning about ourselves. You may like to talk about your family at home and memories of special family times.

Planning, Preparation and Assessment

All teachers are entitled to 10% Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA).

PPA time for Reception teachers is on a Wednesday afternoon. During these sessions, Ladybird Class will be taught by Mrs Hansard. Bee Class will be taught by Mrs Dinsdale for the first half of the year and Mrs Earle for the second half of the year.

Overview of a typical day in Reception

8:40 Morning welcome, handwriting and register

9:00 English

9:20 Continuous and Enhanced Provision

10:00 Snack time

10:20 Playtime

10:35 Maths

11:05 Continuous and Enhanced Provision

11:45 Lunch

12:45 Phonics

1:05 P.E./Forest School/Music/Art/PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)/R.E./Enquiry Time

1:50 Continuous and Enhanced Provision

2:15 Playtime

2:30 Circle Time – A time in which children gather in a circle to participate in guided discussion.

2:45 Story Time

3:05 Home Time

Continuous and Enhanced Provision is the resources and area that have been laid out for your child to explore and learn freely. The adults will play alongside the children and will observe their learning during this time.

Show and Tell

Unfortunately, we are unable to have Show and Tell in school at present. Please do not bring any toys or personal items to school. If your child has something they would really like to show us, please send a photo through email to the school.

Drinks and snacks

Please send the children with a water bottle every day. Snacks are now provided every day in the morning by the school. Your child can also have a free carton of milk at snack time until they are 5.

Behaviour and Rewards

In line with our behaviour policy, the traffic lights will continue to be used. This is a whole school system which encourages positive behaviour. If you would like any more information on this, please see the Behaviour Policy document on the school website or ask any member of our team. We will use house points across the school (Windsor Green, Clevedon Blue, Pulteney Yellow and Churchill Red) & Star of the Week certificates will be given out on Fridays. If we need to contact you about a behaviour issue we will phone you as it is not possible to speak in person at this time.

Toilets

The children can use the toilets in the classroom at any time during the school day.

Supporting your child

Reading at home – Please read at least 3 times a week with your child. It is also valuable to share books for enjoyment and encourage children to choose and look at books independently. We would love to learn more about your favourite books. Due to the current situation and government safety guidelines we have reviewed our book change system in school. We remain committed to maintaining the high profile of reading and want to ensure that every child always has a book to read or share at home on every day of the week.

From Monday 14th September we will introduce the following system for changing books in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Children in Reception will begin bringing books home from 5th October when all children are attending school full time. Please see Newbridge 'Must Reads' over the page.

Monday – Your child will be allocated a phonics based reading book. This must be returned on the Thursday of the same week.

Thursday – your child will choose a levelled reading book from the class and a library book to share at home. These must be returned on the following Monday.

This system ensures that we can quarantine books between uses and enable us to have sufficient books for your children to choose from.

We still ask that you continue to write a short, positive comment in the reading record book so that we know that books have been read and are ready to be changed.

Phonics – When we begin phonics, we will send home the sounds and tricky words that we have learned during the week. Please revisit these at home and practise reading and writing them. We encourage any writing at home. (e.g.: names, shopping lists, stories)

What to bring

Water bottles, waterproof coats and book bags should be brought to school every day.

Please ensure all items of clothing and belongings are named.

Forest School

Reception will use the Forest School on a **Monday** afternoon. Please come to school in Forest School clothes and trainers or shoes. We go out in all weathers so the children may get muddy and wet!

Clothing to wear:

- Long sleeve top and trousers/leggings/joggers
- Trainers/Shoes

Clothing to bring in a named large bag:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Wellies with a plastic bag to carry them home

P.E.

Our P.E. day is **Thursday**. Children should come to school in P.E. kit on this day.

Children can currently wear trainers for P.E. and can wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms on cold days.

Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered with tape provided from home.

Inhalers

If your child needs an inhaler please check they have an in date one in school and that you have filled out an indemnity form. This can be found on the school website via the following link

<https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/useful-forms>

Website

Please write to the school office if you do not want your child's photograph to be used on the website.

Contacting us

If you wish to speak to us about any worries or concerns, however small, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on

newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk

'Must Reads'

Again this year, we are working on fostering a love of reading throughout the school. To this end we have chosen six books that we would like every child to read or have read to them over the year. These books have been carefully chosen by their class teachers and it is hoped that every child will, by July, have read every one.

Thank you very much for your anticipated support!
The English team

The list of the books chosen for Reception is as follows



FOUNDATION STAGE

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Jack and the Flumflum Tree
by Julia Donaldson

Oi Frog by Kes Gray

Owl Babies by Martin Waddel

Penguin Problems by Jory John and Lane Smith

The Gigantic Turnip
by Aleksei Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey